

**GOVERNMENT GENERAL DEGREE COLLEGE,
MANGALKOTE**

IN COLLABORATION WITH

**KANDRA RADHAKANTA KUNDU
MAHAVIDYALAYA**

REPORT

ON

**'Understanding the iconography and
its place in Cultural History of the
Country'**


**ORGANISED BY: KANDRA RADHAKANTA KUNDU
MAHAVIDYALAYA**

DATE: 23.02.2023

TIME: 12.00 noon – 1.30 pm

VENUE: Seminar Hall, KANDRA RADHAKANTA KUNDU MAHAVIDYALAYA




Dr. Pradipta Kumar Basu
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OBJECTIVE OF THE PROGRAMME:

Iconography or Symbolism as potential markers of Indian history and culture, have not been discussed much at the undergraduate level. Hence, the primary objective of the seminar was to make the students aware of how pictorial and sculptural representations in different periods of Indian history depict the characteristics, faith, beliefs, nature of livelihood, customs and duties of that particular era.

SPEAKER: Mr. Khokan Saikh, Assistant Professor, Department of History, GGDC, Mangalkote.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PROGRAMME:

The seminar was held at Kandra Radhakanta Kundu Mahavidyalaya on 23/02/2023. At the outset, the speaker, Mr Khokan Saikh, Assistant Professor of History, elaborated the basic concept of iconography or symbolism as the study of the science of visual arts, wherein symbols, icons, images, paintings, sculptures, signs and emblems serve as the units of identification. Thus, at the very outset the speaker was able to grasp the attention and interest of the students.

The lecture then was skillfully geared towards the relationship between icons and the cultural history of India. The speaker elaborated how icons or symbols have represented popular cultures in a particular era. He substantiated the point with the example of how specific Hindu symbols like the *Om*, *Swastika*, the *Lotus* and the *Sankha (conch)*, all have different meanings to convey. The *Om* represents the sound that was there before the creation of the universe and thus it symbolizes peace, tranquility and any human effort at balancing himself with the energy of the universe. It can also be found in all cultural references made in the Hindu scriptures. Likewise, the *Swastika* which means well-being in Sanskrit, represents prosperity and thus has been a part of all cultural traditions. The speaker also highlighted the fact that all these symbols are inter-cultural and have found their place in Jain and Buddhist scriptures apart from Hinduism. In some cases, as the speaker pointed out, these symbols have also been found in foreign cultures like the *swastika* in the native population of North America and in Nazi Germany. This is precisely due to the fact that over thousands of years intermingling of races have resulted in the intermingling of symbols. Throughout the seminar, the speaker illustrated different concepts and ideas so that students get enriched about a branch of study that is comparatively new to them but nevertheless provides an important area of research. The programme concluded with a feedback session from the students, where they enthusiastically conveyed their opinions and asked questions.

PARTICIPANT DETAILS:

NO. OF STUDENTS ATTENDING THE PROGRAMME: 28

OUTCOME OF THE PROGRAMME:



This particular seminar was a huge success among the students keeping in view its topic, that was something not only relatively new but one which inspired them to study history in newer and more interesting ways. It also encouraged them to think about history as a research option in future, as was evident from the feedback session. The expertise of the speaker was instrumental in bringing about queries and ideas from the young generation about our culture and history.



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GLIMPSES FROM THE PROGRAMME



PIC.: THE SPEAKER WITH HIS PRESENTATION



PIC.: THE SPEAKER DELIVERING HIS LECTURE





**PIC.: THE SPEAKER WITH THE FACULTY
MEMBER OF KANDRA COLLEGE**



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Topic: 'Understanding the iconography and its place in Cultural History of the Country'

Speaker: Mr. Khokan Saikh, Asst. Professor of History
Government General Degree College, Mangalkote

Sl. No.	Signature of the Student/ Faculty	Dept.	Sem.
1	Arijit Singha, Asst. Prad	Hist.	
2	Swapan Ghosh (SACT)	History	
3	Arishekh Mondal (SACT)	History	
4	Monihara Khadun	History	
5	Sabitri Majhi	History	4
6	Sunita Ghosh	History	4
7	Saraswati Pramanik	History	A
8	Sumi Ghosh	History	4th
9	Sangita Majhi	History	4th
10	Banya Pal	History	4th
11	Soutra Pradhan	History	4th
12	Mousumi Achariya	History	4th
13	Helina Yasmin	History	4th
14	Silpi Dutta	History	4th
15	Swapnam Sultana	History	4th
16	Sahira Sultana	History	4th
17	Rowsonara Khadun	History	4th
18	Rani Khadun	History	4th
19	Sirin	History	4th
20	Mehernunnesa Khadun	History	4th

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Sl. No.	Signature of the Student/ Faculty	Dept.	Sem.
21	Sayani Ghosh	History	2nd
22	Repsa Saha	Bengali	2nd
23	Rima Das	Political science	2nd
24	Riya Das	Pol. Science	2nd
25	Brishti Ghosh	Pol. Science	2nd
26	Sayan Das	B.A General	4th
27	Debasish Thandar	B.A General	4th
28	Rajibul Islam	B.A. General	4th
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

GOVERNMENT GENERAL DEGREE COLLEGE, MANGALKOTE, a reputed higher education institution, located at Panchanantala, Khudrun Dighi, P.O: Majhigram, Block - Mangalkote, Dist: Purba Bardhaman (W.B.) INDIA, PIN-713132 as the **FIRST PARTY**;

AND

KANDRA RADHAKANTA KUNDU MAHAVIDYALAYA, P.O. Kandra, P.S. Ketugram, Dist - Purba Bardhaman (W.B.) INDIA, PIN-713129, as the **SECOND PARTY**.

Both the parties herein have noted the importance of the value of cooperation and have agreed to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) regarding academic collaboration. The purpose of this non-binding MoU is to make possible academic and cultural exchange between both the parties based on the principles of mutual equality and the reciprocity of benefits. NOW THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is agreed by and between both the colleges hereto as follows:

1. Objectives, Scope and Major Activities:

Both institutions agree to encourage the development of the following types of activities:

- Formal exchange of faculty members in specific mutually agreed upon areas of education, research and outreach.
- Cooperate in under-graduate education and training through library as well as laboratory resources.
- Organize joint conferences, seminar, webinar, symposia, or other meetings on subjects of mutual interest.
- Exchange of academic information and materials.
- Pursue avenues for student exchange during the academic year.
- Explore the possibilities for developing joint research programs and collaborations.

2. Responsibilities of the Institutions

The two institutions identify that the execution of any agreed upon activity will depend upon the interests and expertise of the individuals involved and the availability of financial resources, space and other resources. Accordingly, the functioning of any exchanges or collaborative programs based on this MoU shall be conferred and determined between the two institutions. It is further expected that both the institutions will be compliant with all applicable legislations of Government of India and State and University policies.

3. Duration and Option to Amend, Extend or Terminate

This MoU will become effective when signed by authorities of both institutions. The agreement will remain in effect for five years from the date of signature given below, and

may be renewed or amended by mutual agreement of the institutions. The institutions should agree to periodically review the activities undertaken and the progress made and to consult concerning amendments, renewal or termination of this MoU. Either authority may terminate this MoU at any time by providing written notice prior to three months before such termination to the other authority.

4. General Terms

This MoU is not intended to, and does not create any right, benefit, or trust responsibility, substantive or procedural, enforceable by law or equity, by either party, its officers, employees, or agents against the other party, its officers, employees, or agents. Nothing in this MoU obligates either party to commit or transfer any funds, assets, or other resources in support of projects or activities between the two parties. Neither party will use the name of the other, either expressly or by implication, in any publicity, solicitation or advertisement without the express written approval of the other party to this MoU.

5. Signatures

This MoU is valid for 5 years and shall enter into force on the date of the signing by qualified representatives of both institutions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the duly authorized signatories have set their hands and affix their signatures and seals on this the **08th day of September, 2022.**

Signed by 1st Party

Signed by 2nd Party

(Dr. Pradipta Kumar Basu)
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Signature of Witness:

Name: KHOKAN SAIKH

Designation: ASSISTANT PROFESSOR (WBES)

Address: Government General Degree College, Mangalkote

Khokan Saikh
Assistant Professor in History (W.B.E.S.)
Govt. Gen. Deg. College at Mangalkote
Khudrun Dighi, Purba Bardhaman, -713132

Signature of Witness:

Name: MINAKSHI PAUL

Designation: ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

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Date – 13.02.2023

Mr. Khokan Saikh

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Sub: Invitation for attending special lecture on 'Understanding the Iconography and its place in cultural History of the Country'.

Dear Sir,

We are pleased to inform you that Department of History of our college is going to organize a special Lecture on ' Understanding the Iconography and its place in cultural History of the Country' on 23.02.2023. We cordially invite you to grace the programme by your august presence as the invited speaker. Many thanks in advance! Warm regards.

Mhahyally 13/02/2023.

Dr. Mrinal Kanti Chattopadhyay.

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To whom it may be concern

This to certify that Mr. Khokan Saikh , department of History , at Government Degree College at Mongolkote has delivered a special lecture on ' Understanding the Iconography and its place in cultural History of the Country' to the student of History of this college on 23.02.2023 as a progrmme under faculty exchange of MOU signed between these two Institutions.

I wish every success in his life.

M. Chattopadhyay 23/02/2023

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