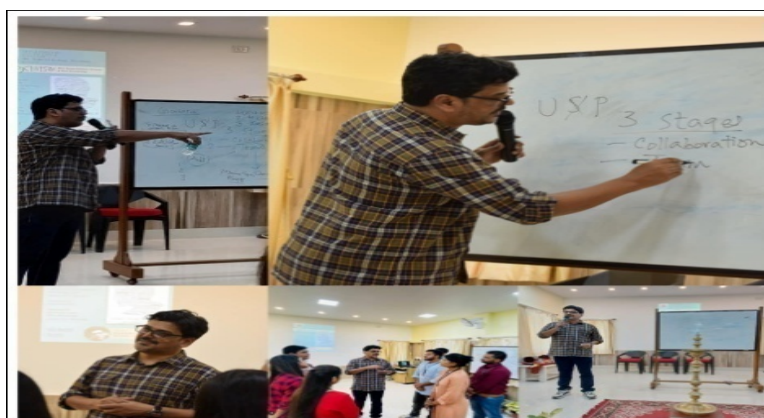


REPORT

‘PERSPECTIVES’: FILM APPRECIATION LECTURE DEMONSTRATION AND FILM SCREENING

2022-2023

The Department of Sociology and English jointly inaugurated “Perspectives”, a course on Film Appreciation and Film Screening. The film “Lost for Words”, directed by Rajaditya Banerjee was screened on 26th August 2022 under the banner of “Perspectives” in the auspicious presence of the director himself. “*Lost for Words*” was an excellent documentary on the many untold stories of the *Toto* people and on their *Toto* language, which has become a fading language in the era of Globalization. The event started at 11:30 am in the Administrative Seminar Hall with the auspicious presence of Father Principal and the faculties of the different departments of St. Xavier’s College, Burdwan.



The documentation was filmed over three and a half years and during that time it was realized that India is losing its diverse range of languages at a rapid rate. The Totos are Tibetan migrants who were eventually snatched off their land, lifestyle as well as language due to the established dominance of Nepali, Bengali, Hindi, and English in this region over time. UNESCO has declared the Toto language as critically endangered with only a thousand to thirteen hundred speakers left. The language is unique as it does not have any pictorial representation of alphabets to call its own. His documentary ‘Lost for Words’ has also garnered quite a lot of praise after it was screened at the 20th Dhaka International Film Festival.

The film made the students aware of the struggles of the *Toto* people to save their language, which is generally ignored by the mainstream filmmaking society. The event was also

covered by many news media and it was up on the news channel *Zee 24 Ghanta*. The news was also published by the *Anandabazar Patrika*, an esteemed daily newspaper.





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PERSPECTIVES

Film Appreciation Course
& Film Screening

Session I:

11:30 am-01:15 pm

Inauguration
Felicitation Ceremony
Academic Talk
Interactive Session

Lunch Break:

01:15-02:00 pm

Session II:

02:00-03:30 pm

Film Screening:
Lost for Words



**26 AUGUST
2022**



Speaker

RAJADITYA BANERJEE
Director, *Lost for Words*