
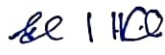


Seminar Report for the Year 2023-2024

NAME OF THE EVENT: An Interactive Lecture Demonstration on "Tribes of North Bengal".			
Date	Department	Convener	Organizing Team
19 th April, 2024, Friday.	Department of Sociology.	Dr. Aratrika Bhattacharya (HoD, Sociology).	Dr. Rahul Singh (Faculty, Sociology) Mr. Diptangshu Nag (Faculty, Sociology) Ms. Sukanya Saha (Faculty, Sociology) Ms. Kaushiki Banerjee (Faculty, Sociology) Ms. Ahana Mandal (Faculty, Sociology)
Time Duration	Mode of Conducting the Event	Number of Participants	Name and Designation of the Resource Person
11 am to 12:30 pm (1 hour 30 minutes)	Offline	Organizer/s: 1 Faculty: 12 Students: 61 Others: 01	Dr. Aparna Chatterjee, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, North Bengal, St. Xavier's College, Rajganj.
Support/ Financial Assistance	From Collaborating Institute: NA Registration fees: NA Other Sponsorships: NA		
National/ State/ International/ Inter- University Level	Intra-College Event		


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SKILLS ENHANCED: Awareness, Problem-solving, Public Speaking, Research-based Learning.

Outcome of the Activity: This event gave immense space to the students to be aware, reflect and speak out about the tribal population of North Bengal. It helped them in:


- Understanding issues concerning the tribal population of North Bengal and explore alternatives for their empowerment.
- Critiquing the existing models of tribal development and make suggestions to the formulation of liberal and more inclusive policies for their development.
- Understanding the patterns of the political participation of the Dhimals tribe of North Bengal.
- Reviewing the different perspectives about the indigenous groups living in North Bengal.
- Building interactive communication skills amongst themselves.

PROOFS REQUIRED TO BE INCLUDED WITH THE REPORT:

- Poster / Permission Note sheet / Permission through email: YES
- Participants List / Attendance List : YES
- Geo-tagged Photographs / Video / YouTube Link with caption: YES
- Feedback Form: YES
- Analysis of Feedback Report (from BEAMS or otherwise): NA
- Two Certificates issued to the participants: NA



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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
 PRESENTS
 AN INTERACTIVE LECTURE
 DEMONSTRATION
 ON
"TRIBES OF NORTH BENGAL"



 **DATE**
 19 April

 **TIME**
 11 AM


DR. APARNA CHATTERJEE
 FORMER VICE PRINCIPAL
 (ACADEMICS)
 ASST. PROF. DEPARTMENT
 OF SOCIOLOGY
 NORTH BENGAL
 ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE,
 RAJGANJ.

 **Venue:** Academic Building
 Seminar Hall,
 St. Xavier's College Burdwan.

REPORT OF ACADEMIC SEMINAR ON "TRIBES OF NORTH BENGAL":

The state of West Bengal in India has a multi-cultural and multi-lingual population including about 40 tribes. However, due to economic pressures, the original cultural heritage of the tribal groups is eroding. Most of the knowledge is also not available in written form as it was traditionally handed down orally. So preserving and sharing the traditional knowledge and culture of these tribes is important to foster understanding and harmony. West Bengal is a state of India with a population of 87 million. The scheduled tribe population is 5.5% of the total population of West Bengal. North Bengal consists of Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri, Cooch Behar, Dinajpur, and Malda districts and the Lepcha, Bhutia, and Sherpa are local inhabitants of North Bengal. The Terai area tea estates of North Bengal consist of tribal immigrants like Munda, Oraon, Santal, Nagasia, Asur, Birjia, Kisan, and Ho from Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Orissa. Other tribes like Rabha, Mech, Toto, and Garo are also found in North Bengal. We have witnessed through a previous perspective initiative 'Lost for Words' by Rajaditya Banerjee where he distinctly reflected on the extinction of the North Bengal Toto tribes. There is a huge history, and cultural aspect that is there to know and our esteemed guest in the session enlightened us with her best knowledge about the tribes in North Bengal.

Dr. Aparna Chatterjee is currently an Assistant Professor in Sociology at St. Xavier's College, Rajganj, and an Invitee Faculty at North Bengal University. As a sociologist, she is


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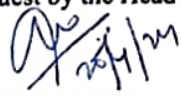
particularly interested in the areas of Community Studies, culture studies, and minority problems.

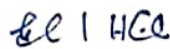
Dr. Aparna Chatterjee completed her B. A in Sociology from Malda Women's College, and she was awarded by the University of North Bengal for achieving 1st class 1st position in M.A. She completed her M.Phil from Centre for Himalayan Studies which is an interdisciplinary research unit of NBU. For her doctoral work, she focused on the Theravadi Buddhists of Siliguri where she tried to understand the socio-cultural distinctiveness and exchange amongst the Theravadi Buddhists. She completed her PhD in 2021 and completed a course on Prejudice, Discrimination, and Diversity Challenges Course from the University of Geneva in June 2023.

She has attended and presented her papers at various National and International Seminars. She has her publications in various well-known journals, books, and magazines. Her latest works include-" The Barua Buddhists: Lineage and Cultural Interface" and " Anxiety and Anchorage: The Chinese of North Bengal" both published in the year 2022. In 2019, she wrote the article named" Following the Migration Trajectory: Exploring the Ambivalent Origin of Theravadi Buddhists of North Bengal, published by Serial Publications, New Delhi.

Dr. Chatterjee is also a member of various prestigious Associations namely the Indian Sociological Association, and the International Sociological Society. She is a member of the Board of Studies of NBU and a governing body member of AC College, Jalpaguri, and NBSXC, Siliguri and Jalpaguri. She has worked and is working in different roles in different eminent institutes in her academic career. She was a lecturer at Gour Maha Vidyalaya, Malda, and at the Directorate of Distance Education, NBU. She worked as a Counselor at Netaji Subhas Open University, Siliguri, and presently working as well as a Counselor at Indira Gandhi Open University. She was also a Vice Principal at North Bengal St.Xavier's College, Rajganj.

The program started at 11:15 am in the Academic Seminar Hall with the auspicious presence of the faculties of the different departments of St. Xavier's College, Burdwan. The second-semester, fourth-semester, and sixth-semester students of the Department of Sociology participated in the seminar. Also, the graceful presence of the students of other departments added immense value to the event. The speaker was welcomed and felicitated by the Head of the Sociology Department, Dr. Aratrika Bhattacharya. Also, some small tokens were handed over to the guest by the Head of the Sociology Department.

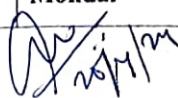

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Dr. Chatterjee explained various unknown facts about the Dhimals tribes of North Bengal since very little is known about this tribal group of West Bengal. She presented her various research work to the students and enlightened them about the social life of the vanishing Dhimals of North Bengal. The students came to know about the topic in a way that got them directly involved in the presentation. The various narratives about the tribal group caught the attention of the students as well. The session ended at 12:30 pm after a group discussion with the students and the faculties and after taking a group photograph. The day was concluded with a vote of thanks to the esteemed guest by Mr. Diptangshu Nag, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, St. Xavier's College, Burdwan. The session was extremely enriching, informative, insightful, and meaningful for the students and we hope that the lecture increased the knowledge of the students about the tribal population.

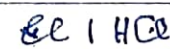
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1.	Dr. Aratrika Bhattacharya	HOD and Assistant Professor	Sociology
2.	Dr. Rahul Singh	Assistant Professor	Sociology
3.	Mr. Diptangshu Nag	Assistant Professor	Sociology
4.	Ms. Sukanya Saha	Assistant Professor	Sociology
5.	Ms. Kaushiki Banerjee	Guest Lecturer	Sociology
6.	Ms. Ahana Mondal	Guest Lecturer	Sociology
7.	Ms. Sweta Chand	Guest Lecturer	Sociology
8.	Ms. Sayoni Mondal	Assistant Professor	Geography



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15.	Anurag Banerjee	Student	English
16.	Sunabha Dutta	Student	English
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21.	Nita Singh	Student	Geography
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32.	Aishwarya Ghosh	Student	English
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34.	Abriti Dewang	Student	English
35.	Abida Khatun	Student	Geography
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37.	Monalisa Yadav	Student	Sociology
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39.	Adrika Chakrabarty	Student	Sociology
40.	Ankita Karkamar	Student	Sociology
41.	Tanisha Seal	Student	Sociology
42.	Anuska Mukherjee	Student	Sociology
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56.	Shaikh Zainab Shahrudin	Student	Geography
57.	Tithi Ghosh	Student	Geography
58.	Khushi Rajak	Student	Geography
59.	Manisha Rajak	Student	Sociology
60.	Jenifa Ahmad	Student	Geography
61.	Arko Jyoti Sen	Student	Geography
62.	Nitish Khalko	Student	Geography
63.	Ramit Chatterjee	Student	Geography
64.	Sk. Aftab Ali	Student	Geography
65.	Sushanta Chandra Barman	Student	Sociology
66.	Kunal Jaiswal	Student	Geography
67.	Sourav Lakra	Student	Sociology
68.	Archisman Nandi	Student	Geography
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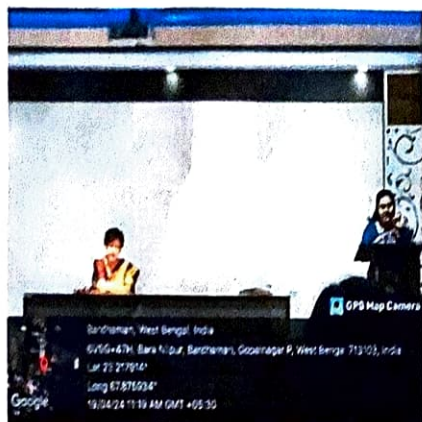


Fig 1: Ms. Sukanya Saha introducing the speaker to the students and the faculties of other departments.



Fig 2: Dr. Aratrika Bhattacharya (HOD of the Department of Sociology) felicitating the guest of honor, Dr. Aparna Chatterjee.

Aratrika Bhattacharya

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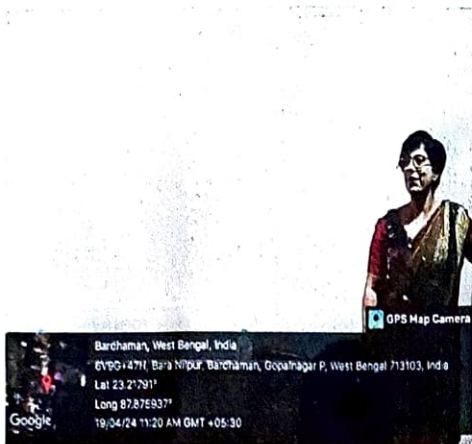


Fig 3: Dr. Aparna Chatterjee during her lecture.



Fig 4: The audience during the lecture.

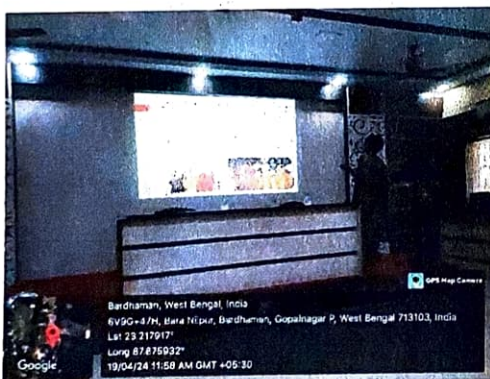


Fig 5: Dr. Chatterjee explaining the slides to the students.

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Fig 6: The students along with Dr. Aparna

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Fig 7: The faculties with Dr. Aparna

Chatterjee.

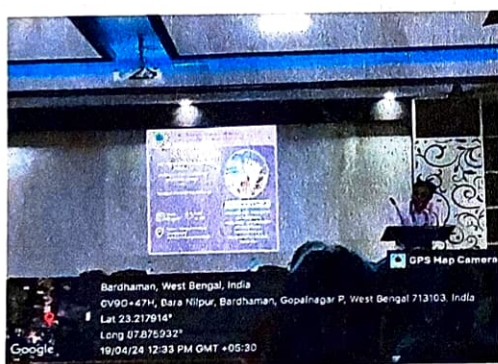


Fig 8: Mr. Diptangshu Nag delivering the

vote of thanks to the speaker.

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Invitation as a Resource Person for the seminar on Tribes of North Bengal on 19.04.2024.

2 messages

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To: Aparna Chatterjee <aparna20c@gmail.com>

Thu, 18 Apr, 2024 at 1:13 pm

To
Dr. Aparna Chatterjee
Former Vice - Principal (ACAD)
Asst. Professor, Sociology,
North Bengal St. Xavier's College, Rajganj.

Respected Ma'am,

I hope my email finds you well. As per our telephonic conversation, I officially invite you to be the resource person for a lecture entitled, "Tribes of North Bengal" organized by the Department of Sociology of St. Xavier's College, Burdwan on 19th April, 2024, at 11am in the Seminar Hall of the Academic building, SXC-B. The participants will be majorly the UG Semester II, IV and VI students of Sociology. We hope our proposal stirs your interest and we look forward to your kind cooperation and positive response.

Thanks and Regards,

Dr. Aratrika Bhattacharya
Asst. Professor and Head,
Department of Sociology,
St. Xavier's College, Burdwan.

Aparna Chatterjee <aparna20c@gmail.com>
To: Hod Sociology SXCB <hod_sociology@sxcb.edu.in>

Thu, 18 Apr, 2024 at 6:18 pm

To
Dr. Aratrika Bhattacharya
Asst. Professor and Head,
Department of Sociology,
St. Xavier's College, Burdwan.


Dear Ma'am,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for extending the invitation to me to serve as a resource person for the upcoming special lecture on 'Tribes of North Bengal'. It is indeed an honour and I am excited to share my insights with the participants.
Once again thank you for entrusting me with this responsibility. I look forward to work closely with the department and the institution to ensure a memorable and impactful experience for everyone involved.

Warm regards

Dr. Aparna Chatterjee
Asst. Professor, Dept. of Sociology
North Bengal St Xavier's College
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Write two of your takeaways from the seminar on "Tribes of India".

We get knowledge about Tribes of North Bengal through seminar. It was informative.

1. I got to know about the life and culture of an almost forgotten tribe of my own state.

2. As a geographer, I study tribal dynamics. This seminar inspired me to research more about these topics.

Learned about the tribal community, Dhimel and their inhabitants, habits and many more.

Got to know about a lot about different tribes in North Bengal. And also mainly about the Dhimel tribe

Treated equally

The government should acknowledge their needs and necessities.

About tribes

Getting to know about the diversity of the tribal people in North Bengal and learning to be enriching while speaking

I have learnt some new tribes which is totally unaware for me.

About the cultural and language

I GOT TO KNOW ABOUT A NEW TRIBE

IT IS ALSO KNOWN AS RED TRIBE

Tribal societies have a significant impact on world's cultural diversity and heritage.

Tribes are situated in North India

Came to know several ideas about tribal community

I got to know about the dhimal tribes of North Bengal and their origin. Also I got to know about the various problems they face in the sphere of education and politics.

I learnt about the Dhimel tribes, their lifestyle and how it originated. Their folk dances, songs, cultural programs were also elaborately told. Another tribe I knew about is the Limbu tribe

And the story of how these two tribes came into existence by two brothers.

I got to learn about the tribal culture in much more details. And also, about their traditional art and culture

Came to know about different tribes their culture.

Learned about different tribes of North Bengal

And also learnt about their lifestyle and culture

The seminar was very informative and we also know about different type of tribal instruments

The history of the tribes/dhimals of north bengal

The present scenario of this tribes, who hold a vital part of the history of the nation and north bengal

Came to know about dhimal tribe and Toto tribe and also their culture and rituals

Gaining some knowledge of Various types of tribes present in north east India


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