

Report
Seminar
On
Nazrul: Poet to Public Intellectual

5 June 2023 7 PM (IST) Onwards
Organised by
Ambedkar Centre for Social and Cultural Studies, Gour College

Concept Note & Objective

Nazrul Islam, the renowned Bengali poet was also a journalist, a musician, a lyricist and a commentator on public events. While dominant writing on Nazrul focused on his poetic personae and his rebellious spirit, his journalistic writings went unnoticed. This seminar proposes to discuss Nazrul's journalistic writings. Nazrul did not shy away from commenting on the atrocities of the colonial rule as well as on the Hindu-Muslim divide. This seminar, therefore, highlights Nazrul as a public intellectual- someone commenting on the public issues affecting the society and culture of the then India. This seminar also seeks to understand the relevance of Nazrul's views today.

Speaker:

Arka Deb, Journalist and editor of *Kazi nazrul Islam's Journalism: A critique*.

Outcome of the Seminar

The seminar achieved its stated objective of focussing on Nazrul as a public intellectual. Nazrul's writing on the Hindu-Muslim question was elaborately discussed and his scathing critique of communalism in India was brought into discussion. All these point out Nazrul's ability and willingness to effectively comment on the prevailing public issues of the country. This, Arka Deb pointed out, established Nazrul as a public intellectual.

It was inspiring for us to see the renowned contemporary Bengali poet Sri Jay Goswami joined the discussion and expressed his views regarding the topic.

Brochure of the Seminar



The brochure features a portrait of Kazi Nazrul Islam on the left, the logo of Gour Mahavidyalaya in the center, and abstract orange and green shapes on the right. The text is centered and reads: 'Ambedkar Centre for Social & Cultural Studies', 'SEMINAR ON NAZRUL: POET TO PUBLIC INTELLECTUAL', 'SPEAKER ARKA DEB', '5 JUNE, 2023 7 PM (IST) ONWARDS', 'G-Meet Link: https://meet.google.com/igh-caud-abx', 'Organized by Ambedkar Centre for Social & Cultural Studies, Critical Dialogue Forum, Department of English, Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Gour Mahavidyalaya', and 'Contact: ambedkarcentregourcollege@gmail.com'.

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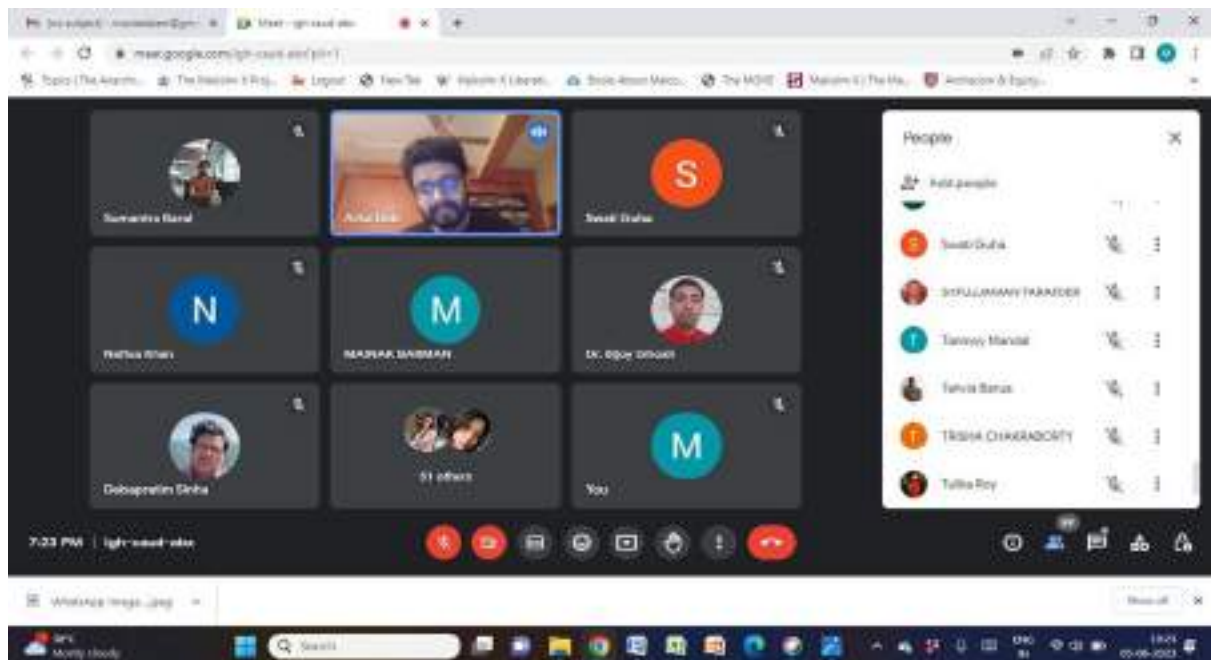
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Seminar Photo



A screenshot of a Zoom meeting interface. The main window shows a grid of video thumbnails for participants: Sumantika Bandyopadhyay, Arka Deb (the speaker), Swati Ghata, Ritika Ghata, MADHUKAR BANERJEE, Dr. Ejoy Choudhury, Debapratim Debta, 01 others, and You. A 'People' list on the right shows 10 participants. The meeting title is 'igh-caud-abx' and the time is 7:23 PM. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the date as 05-06-2023.

Renowned Poet Jay Goswami Participating in the Discussion

