

Call of papers

The seminar will have a paper reading session. Interested academicians, researchers and activists are requested to send the abstract of their papers within 12th January, 2012. The abstract should be typed in MS Word and sent via email to aparnitab@yahoo.com or in soft copy in CD to the persons of contact. Full paper should reach via email or in soft copy on and before 19th January, 2012.

Contact Persons :

Dr. Madhabi Maity

Organizing Secretary, Associate Professor of Bengali,

+ (91) 9475326614

Aparnita Bhattacharjee

Convener, Assistant Professor of History,

+ (91) 9434691231, + (91) 9734969379.

Email: aparnitab@yahoo.com

Invited Speakers :

- Prof. Ravinder Kaur,
Department of Humanities and Social Sciences,
IIT Delhi
- Prof. Samita Sen,
Director, School of Women's Studies, J.U.
- Ms. Madhurima Mukherjee,
Research Assistant, School of Women's Studies,
J.U.
- Prof. Sanjoy Mukhopadhyay,
Department of Film Studies, J.U.
- Dr. Aishika Chakraborty,
Associate Prof. of History, BRC College
- Ms. Indrani Sinha,
Director, *Sanlaap*, NGO

Advisory Committee :

- Prof. Ishita Mukherjee,
Director, Women's Studies Research Centre, C.U.
- Prof. Samita Sen,
Director, School of Women's Studies, J.U.
- Prof. Sanjoy Mukhopadhyay,
Deptt. of Film Studies, J.U.
- Dr. Sujata Maity,
Director, Women's Studies Centre, V.U.
- Dr. Bani Ranjan Dey
Head, Deptt. of Bengali, V.U.
- Prof. Ujjwayan Bhattacharya,
Head, Deptt. of History, V.U.

Organizing Committee :

- Dr. P.K. Chakraborty,
Principal (President)
- Mr. Sudhindranath Bag,
Teacher-in-Charge, Morning Section (Vice-President)
- Dr. Madhabi Maity, Secretary
- Ms. Aparnita Bhattacharjee, Convener
- Ms. Indrani Sinha, *Sanlaap*, Member
- Mr. Saptadip Samanta, Treasurer
- Mr. Dilip Bhattacharyya, Member
- Mr. S. R. Ghosh, Member
- Dr. Susnata Jana, Member
- Dr. Saleha Khatun, Member
- Ms. Debjani Banerjee, Member
- Mr. Amar Saha, Member
- Mr. Shakti Prasad De, Member

UGC Sponsored Two-Day National Seminar On Education, Marriage & Bridal Industry

19th and 20th January, 2012

Organized by :

**Deptt. of Bengali & Deptt. of History
Midnapore College**

ESTD. : 1873

"Colleges with Potential for Excellence"

(CPE) status bestowed by UGC (2010)

Paschim Medinipur ★ West Bengal-721101

Phone :(03222) 275847

Website : www.midnaporecollege.org



In Collaboration with *Sanlaap*

38B, Mahanirban Road

Kolkata-700029

Phone: (033) 2464-9596/2466-2977/2465-3429

Website: www.sanlaap.org

Registration Form

UGC Sponsored Two-Day National Seminar On Education, Marriage and Bridal Industry

19th and 20th January, 2012

Name

.....

.....

.....

Designation

Institution

.....

Address

.....

.....

Phone (institution).....

Mobile/Phone

Email :

Veg./Non-Veg

Mode of Payment (Cash or Demand Draft*)

Title of the Paper (if paper presenter)

.....

.....

Registration Fee :

Rs 400/- for Teachers / Researchers
and others. Rs.200/- for students

*Draft should be drawn in favour of Principal,
Midnapore College payable at Midnapore

Location of the College : Midnapore College is about 12 Km away from Kharagpur Rly Jn., S.E.Rly. Two Super Fast Express trains "Rupasi Bangla"(12883-Up, 12884-Down) and "Aranyak"(12885-Up, 12886-Down) running from Howrah & Shalimar halt at Midnapore Rly. Stn.

The Seminar has essentially an inter-disciplinary approach. It is an attempt to discuss and analyze present-day socio-economic scenario at the backdrop of marriage customs & ceremonies, matrimonial advertisement, media activities & commercial enterprises, girl trafficking related to fake marriages dowry deaths – all interconnected elements of this sort. There is subtle nexus between 'sacred' customs of marriage and marriage related commercial activities. Actually, latter is riding over the popular & cultural sentiment related to marriage to expand its own periphery. Consumerism thus has totally absorbed the idea of marriage to serve its own interest. Media plays a great role in this connection. The seminar is an attempt to explore the real picture behind the curtain.

Themes of the Seminar

I. Bridal Industry

- i) Marriage vis-à-vis Growing economy
- ii) Late capitalism riding over traditional sentiment of Marriage
- iii) Marriage ceremony and Consumerism

II. History of Marriage

- i) Marriage as reflected from traditions, mythology, literature
- ii) Evolution of the concept of marriage in Indian context

III. Media and Marriage

- i) Popular electronic media-its obsession with marriage
- ii) Creation of an ivory tower like consumer aspirations among the middle class and aspiring middle class

IV. Violence against women

Female foeticide, girl trafficking, domestic violence, dowry deaths, other crude forms of violence and harassment frequently directed against women



Midnapore College, established in 1873, is a Govt. sponsored college, affiliated to Vidyasagar University. Up to 1984 it was affiliated to University of Calcutta. The College has great history of meritorious service to all walks of life during its affiliation with University of Calcutta. The College had notable contribution to the Freedom Movement of India. The present affiliation with Vidyasagar University is an impelling efflorescence in variegated academic, cultural and social activities. It is now one of the best colleges in West Bengal. The College offers Under-graduate Honours in 20 subjects and Post Graduate in Physics and Chemistry. The College was accredited A+ in 2004 by NAAC and bestowed 'Colleges with Potential for Excellence' status in 2010 by the UGC.

Collaborating NGO Sanlaap was formed in 1987 and registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860. Sanlaap is developmental organization working towards correction of social imbalances which manifests in gender injustice and violence against women and children. This organization is working against trafficking of women and children for commercial sexual exploitation, sexual abuse and prostitution.

Department of Bengali :

The Department of Bengali started its illustrious journey in 1940 when University of Calcutta approved the inclusion of Bengali as pass subject. The Department started teaching Bengali as Honours subject since 1963. Renowned teacher Dr. Manmohan Dutta, D. Lit. from University of Calcutta graced the Department. Late Bishnu Basu, eminent playwright, Dr. Animesh Pal, an expert in folk literature and well-known writer and Ashok Bhattacharya (aka Beetashok Bhattacharya) renowned poet and literary critic profoundly contributed to the rich academic heritage of the Department. Alumni of the Department have excelled in their career.

Department of History :

The Department of History started its journey with the approval from the University of Calcutta to teach the subject of History as a pass subject in 1940 and it was upgraded to Honours Department in 1958. It is a great pride for the department that two eminent historians Prof. Narendra Krishna Sinha (formerly Ashutosh Professor of Medieval and Modern Indian History, University of Calcutta) and Prof. S.B. Chaudhuri (formerly Vice chancellor, University of Burdwan) started their illustrious academic career from this college. Dedicated teachers like late Nirmalendu Dasgupta, late Amiya Sen, late Dr. Korak Kumar Chaudhuri (formerly Professor, C.U.) and Binod Shankar Das graced the Department in the past. Alumni of the Department have made the College proud through their academic endeavour.