

Book Discussion on the book, entitled, '*Khudiram Bose: The Young Martyr of Pre-Independent India*' (22.08.2025)

Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA, Ministry of Culture, Government of India) Regional Centre, Ranchi in collaboration with Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya, Barrackpore organized a Book Discussion programme on the book entitled, '*Khudiram Bose: The Young Martyr of Pre-Independent India*' on 22 August 2025 at the Auditorium of the Sangrahalaya. The discussion focused on the extraordinary sacrifice of Khudiram Bose, one of the youngest revolutionaries of India's freedom struggle and to bring forth the values of courage, patriotism, and selflessness he embodied. By engaging with scholarly perspectives and public discourse, the programme highlighted to rekindle awareness among the present generation about the pivotal role of young revolutionaries in India's independence movement and to inspire deeper reflection on the spirit of freedom and sacrifice.

Dr. Sankar Kumar Sanyal, President of All India Harijan Sevak Sangha was grace the occasion as Chief Guest, Professor Hitendra Kumar Patel, Professor, Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University was present as the main Speaker, Dr. Pragati Bandopadhyay, Assistant Professor, Department of History, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata attended the programme as the Guest of Honour. Dr. Kumar Sanjay Jha, Regional Director, IGNCA, Ranchi introduced the main theme of the discussion and Dr. Kamal Kumar Bose, Former Head of the Department of Hindi, St. Xavier's College, Ranchi compered the programme and mentioned the contributions of Revolutionaries to India's Freedom Struggle. Dr. Pratik Ghosh, Director-Secretary of Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya welcomed all the distinguished Guests and the Audience through his Welcome Address. Professors and students from different colleges and respective departments were attended the programme.

All the Speakers on this event had illuminated the undeniable truth that the Revolutionaries courage, sacrifice, defiance ignited the Nation. Dr. Bandopadhyay critically mentioned that in some of our history books the Revolutionaries depicted as 'Terrorist' and their sacrifices as 'Terrorist Acts', this kind of words is not only deplorable but also diminishes for the Nation. Dr. Patel addressed on the lack of proper recognition for Revolutionaries of Bengal in the history of India's Freedom Struggle. He expressed his view that their contribution should be highlighted more. Dr. Sanyal emphasized that Freedom Struggle's success was a collative effort, driven by the crucial contributions of both Revolutionaries and Non-violent Leaders alike. He also mentioned that Mahatma Gandhi is the first National Leader who united all people irrespective of caste, creed and religion in his movement to make a united India and that mass Non-violent Movement created a great Revolution in the history of Freedom Struggle of India. The discussion concluded on high note, with all participants expressing their hope to hold similar fruitful discussions again.



