

## Special Lecture of Bengali Department, 2022



On 8th December 2022, the department of Bengali, Deshbandhu College for Girls, organized a special lecture, the central topic of which was 'Baangla Sahitya: Epaar O Opaar' (The Two Factions of Bengali Literature: India and Bangladesh). It should be mentioned here that, the topic as a whole is a part of the Bengali Honours and General syllabi. The chief speaker was Prof. Dr. Sohini Ghosh, currently engaged with Vidyasagar Women's College. Dr Ghosh, who is an expert and stalwart when it comes to research work, critical analysis and overall knowledge of literature of Bangladesh, presented before the students, in a very easy-to-understand manner, a very significant subject.

Prior to 1947, the expression "Bengali Literature" would connote all that was created by the Bengali scholars and authors of pre-partition united bengal, based on a unitary Pan-bengali cogitation. However,

post partition, the existence of a completely different state organically created a new genre of Bengali literature, which, over the years, evolved in its own way as well; hence at present we have two distinct and rich in their own accord, genres of 'bengali literature', one of epar and the other of opaar, referring to the two politically divided parts of Bengal.

Dr. Ghosh summed up her enlightening session by voicing her hope and belief that even though the instruments of politics could divide the land in two nations, it could never fractionate the readers' populace.