



# Centre for Language, Translation and Cultural Studies

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#### Report

Centre for Language, Translation & Cultural Studies (CLTCS), School of Humanities, Netaji Subhas Open University organizes an International Seminar and Workshop on Memories of Partition and the Liberation War: Remembrance and Amnesia during 13th to 14th January 2018. The venue of this conference was in the seminar hall, 1st floor, NSOU, Sector-1, DD-26, Kolkata-700064 at the University main campus. This International Conference is part of a collaborative research project taken up between Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata, India and Khulna University, Khulna, Bangladesh.

The central focal theme of this seminar is to introduce the various perspectives of partition memory across generations and the historical significance of Bengal Partition and the liberation war of Bangladesh. In the debut session, Srideep Mukherjee, Assistant Coordinator, CLTCS, NSOU, welcomed every one of the members, researchers and dignitaries. Dr. Manan Kr Mandal, Coordinator, CLTCS, NSOU and Professor Sabiha Huq, Head, English Discipline, Khulna University discussed the Collaborative Research Project on Partition and the Liberation War of Bangladesh in detail. The conference began with opening remarks by Professor Subha Sankar Sarkar, Honourable Vice-Chancellor of NSOU. Dr. Sumana Bandyopadhyay, Member of CLTCS, extended the vote of thanks. Many Eminent Scholar and Professors like Professor Himadri Lahiri, Formerly Professor of English, University of Burdwan, Professor Ahmed Ahsanuzzaman, Professor of English, Khulna University, Professor Mizanur Rahman, University of Rajshahi, Sadhan Chattopadhyay, and Dr. Sudip Ranjan Hatua, Rabindra Bharati University were presented paper during the seminar. Apart from that, more than twenty paper presentation is done from the selected abstracts around the nation. A special technical session was organized by the researcher group of the project where experiences of migrations from villages and semi-urban areas (District level representation) audio-visual interviews are screened along with discussion. The present conference highlighted issues like the relevance and practicability of preserving memories of the Partition of 1947 and the Independence of India Efforts at preserving partition memory.

The project intended to publish and document those unpublished diaries and letters related to experiences of migration and Liberation War. Lost/forgotten partition memoirs and literature (fictional and non-fictional) were one of the critical issues of this seminar. The main debatable issues of this seminar were the emerging notion of Bengali Nationalism in both East and West Bengal irrespective of the limitation of border margins.

The Valedictory session of this gathering was trailed by dialogue and debate among the participants. The conference secretary circulated certificates to every one of the invited paper presenters.