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### **Partition Lecture Series (Third Lecture): Report**

In continuation with the activities of the Centre for Language, Translation and Cultural Studies, a lecture on partition was organized on 1st September 2018 at the Conference Room of the University, NSOU City Campus, Salt Lake, Kolkata. Professor Pabitra Sarkar, formerly Vice-Chancellor of Rabindra Bharati University, delivered the special lecture on “*Deshbhag: Porichiti Sotta o Bangla Sanskritir Nana Sankot*”. Prof. Manan Kumar Mandal, Professor in Bengali & Director, School of Humanities, was the Chairperson for the occasion. The Lecture was attended by lots of scholars and the researcher group of the People’s Project.

The main argument of the lecture is the identity of politics and its various facets of crisis in Bengali Society. He claimed that Gender Identity, Tribal Ethnic identity and linguistic identity came into the limelight, which was not forefronted earlier. He looked at partition from the perspective of identity politics. The present lecture analyses the shifting journey of Prof. Pabitra Sarkar from East Bengal to West Bengal. The description is a vivid and visual one. He has suggested that the reason for partition is not only identity politics but also the economical one. The confrontation of language in terms of various dialectical variations is critical components of his lecture.

At the end of his lecture he has suggested us the ways of archiving Bengal Partition Projects and the components of inclusion into it. According to him we need to go back to the history and look into the changes that happened all through the years from the perspective of socio-economical background. Each lecture of our partition lecture sequence is uploaded on the website for the world audience. This audio-video lecture is uploaded shortly on our web site.