



### **Partition Lecture Series -1 Report**

In continuation with the activities of the Center on Partition Literature, a lecture on partition was organized on **23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018** at the Conference Room of the University. **Dr Sharmistha Chatterjee (Sriwastav)**, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of English, Aliah University, Kolkata delivered a lecture on “Listening to unknown voices from the past: Women and their engagement with Partition.” Professor Himadri Lahiri was the Chairperson for the occasion. The Lecture was attended by the researcher group of the People’s Project.

The lecture was on the oral narratives of numerous unknown women who were survivors of partition. These published and recorded narratives of the past were in form of memoirs, diaries, and interviews. According to the speaker, it is evident from some interviews that women from very educated families and elite groups could ward off the seeming and real threats of partition, women from middle and lower class adopted different strategies. Dr Sriwastav argued that memoirs and memories of women reveal that the impact of Partition on the Bengali migrant women has proved to be far from being homogenous and has been an extremely complex and complicated phenomenon on different groups of women.

The video on the lecture will be uploaded on the Centers’ Website.