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BANWARILAL BHALOTIA COLLEGE ASANSOL-713303

Brief Report on “Funding Opportunities in Humanities and Social Science Research”

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The Research and Development Cell, in association with Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Banwarilal Bhalotia College, Asansol-713303, organised a Seminar on “Funding Opportunities in Humanities and Social Science Research” on 12th July, 2023 from 11.00 AM.

We invited Dr. Tridib Santapa Kundu, Assistant Professor, an eminent historian and Principal, Deshabandhu Mahavidyalaya, Chittaranjan to speak on various funding opportunities and funding bodies in social sciences and humanities. He did his Ph.D. on the impact of Partition on West Bengal and conducted several research projects funded by UGC and British Library, U.K. During the last few years, Dr. Kundu has been working on developing digital archives in collaboration with the Endangered Archives Programme of the British Library, U.K and Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Kolkata. One such archive entitled “Private records of the leading business families of early colonial Bengal (EAP1104)” is now open for consultation. His ongoing project entitles “Digitization of archival material and rare books preserved at the Sadharan Brahma Samaj, Kolkata 1878-1950 (EAP1475)” is at the final stage. Currently, he has been developing a Digital Humanities Project entitled “Digitization of Heritage Text to Distribution of Accessible Machine-Readable Text: A Complete Solution” jointly with Dr Arjun Ghosh, Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, New Delhi. This project is designed to have two interlinked goals.

A summary of the events in chronological order as they happened on the day of the seminar: There was one technical session in this Seminar followed by an interactive session. The seminar opened with the inaugural session with a welcome note from the anchor who also introduced the speaker. The speaker delivered his lecture and next the moderator as well as the convenor of the seminar made a few comments and raised a couple of questions. Next, we had a very lively interactive session between the audience and the speaker. Thereafter, one of our joint secretaries presented the vote of thanks and formally concluded the seminar.

Around 55 people attended the seminar. The seminar was conducted with active and unconditional efforts of all our esteemed committee members. The response of the audience was encouraging as they raised several pertinent questions and came up with interesting comments. The respected speaker responded to all the questions and queries with elegance. The eminent speaker wisely advised us to look beyond the national funding bodies and explore more funding opportunities from abroad.



