



Department of English
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Santiniketan

National Seminar

Remembering Mahasweta Devi: Her Life, Literature & Afterlife

17th February, 2026

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

10.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. — Inauguration and Keynote Address

Speaker: Samik Bandyopadhyay

Chair: Prof. Mrinal Kanti Mandal, Principal, Bhasha Bhavana

11.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. — Academic Session I

Sarmistha Dutta Gupta, noted researcher, writer, curator, literary translator

Prof. Swati Ganguly, Department of English, Visva-Bharati

Chair: Prof. Debarati Bandyopadhyay, Head of the Department of English, Visva-Bharati

12.00 p.m. – 1.00 p.m. — Academic Session II

Prof. Madhuja Mukherjee, Department of Film Studies, Jadavpur University

Dr Dheeman Bhattacharyya, Assistant Professor,

Centre for Comparative Literature, Visva-Bharati

Chair: Prof. Sudev Pratim Basu, Department of English, Visva-Bharati

1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m. — Lunch Break

2.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. — Academic Session III

Prof. Ipshita Chanda, English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad

Prof. Manabendra Mukhopadhyay, Department of Bengali, Visva-Bharati

Chair: Prof. Swati Ganguly, Department of English, Visva-Bharati

3.00 – 4.30 p.m. — Academic Session IV

Soumili Das, Research Scholar, Department of English, Visva-Bharati

Srijoni Banerjee, Faculty, Hansraj College, University of Delhi

Sanghamitra Ghatak, Research Scholar, Department of English, Visva-Bharati

Rohit Dey, Research Scholar, Department of English, Visva-Bharati

Nivedita Karmakar, Research Scholar, Department of English, Visva-Bharati

Chair: Shinjini Basu, Department of English, Visva-Bharati

4.30 – 5.00 p.m.

Valedictory Session