

Celebration of the 198th Birth Anniversary of Lev Nikolaevich Tolstoy

The Centre for Modern European Languages, Literatures and Culture Studies (CMELLCS), Bhasha-Bhavana, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, organised a programme on 9th September 2026 to commemorate the 198th birth anniversary of the legendary Russian writer Leo Tolstoy.

The programme, held at the Bhasha-Bhavana, Visva-Bharati brought together students and faculty to celebrate Tolstoy's enduring literary and philosophical legacy. The event featured a series of engaging presentations and cultural performances, including a song, a presentation on Tolstoy's life and works, two solo and one group dance, and a theatrical performance of "After the Ball" (После бала)

The programme provided students with an opportunity to explore Tolstoy's contribution to Russian and world literature while expressing their understanding through creative and performing arts. The theatrical presentation particularly highlighted Tolstoy's concerns with *morality, social injustice, compassion and human values*.

The celebration aimed to promote literary appreciation, creative expression and academic engagement with Tolstoy's ideas and their continued relevance in contemporary society.

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