





Baithakkhana

A Bengali Literary Meet An **ɛmami** csr initiative

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Theme:

হেরো (THE DEFEATED)



We may admire the victors, but our deepest sympathies lie with the vanquished. The image of Karna struggling to free his chariot wheel from the ground remains far more powerful than countless victories by Arjuna.

In this edition of KCC Baithakkhana, we celebrate the stories of the defeated. We explore the craft and magic behind how we come to identify with and empathise with the unfortunate and the doomed. We delve into different spheres of life, highlight Greek tragedies, and reflect on iconic Bengali poems, novels, and songs. We poke fun at our tear ducts, all while paying respect to the martyrs immortalised in the pages of timeless literature.







DAY 111 April 2025

কেসিসি বাংলা সাহিত্যের আড্ডা দ্বিতীয় অধ্যায়

06:30 - 07:00 pm

Inaugural Ceremony

Opening Note: Ms Richa Agarwal, Chairperson, KCC

Curatorial Address: Chandril Bhattacharya & Sanchari Mookherjee

Inauguration: Shirshendu Mukhopadhyay, Swapnamoy Chakraborty & Joy Goswami

07:00 - 07:45 pm

Discussion

কলম পরাজিতের পক্ষে

(The Pen Stands by the Losing Side)

Speakers: Shirshendu Mukhopadhyay, Swapnamoy Chakraborty & Joy Goswami

Moderator: Indranil Sanyal







DAY 212 April 2025

কৈসিসি বৈঠকখানা বাংলা সাহিত্যের আড্ডা দ্বিতীয় অধ্যায়

02:00 - 02:45 pm

Discussion

পরাজিত ভাষা ও ভূমি: বাংলা

(Bengal(i): Defeated Language, Defeated Land)

Speakers: Pabitra Sarkar & Semanti Ghosh

Moderator: Sovan Tarafdar

02:45 - 03:25 pm

Discussion

হেরো মানুষের নাটক: জগন্নাথ ও বাঘারুরা

(Theatre of the Vanquished: The Jagannaths and the Bagharus)

Speakers: **Debshankar Halder** & **Chandan Sen**

Moderator: Avik Bhattacharya

03:25 - 05:00 pm

Debate

বাঙালির কাছে হেরোরাই হিরো

(Loser-worship: A Bengali Tendency)

Speakers: Somak Ghosh, Anindya Chattopadhyay, Srijato,

Swati Bhattacharya, Indranil Sanyal

& Yashodhara Ray Chaudhuri Moderator: Dr Kunal Sarkar





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05:00 - 05:40 pm

Letter-reading
লিখিনু যে লিপিখানি: হার-মানা চিঠি
(Letters, Faded into Oblivion)
by Anirban Bhattacharya & Swastika Mukherjee

05:40 - 06:20 pm

Discussion

দ্রৌপদী: পরাজিতা সম্রাজ্ঞী

(Draupadi: The Defeated Empress)

Speakers: Jaya Mitra, Swati Bhattacharya & Semanti Ghosh

Moderator: Sanchari Mookherjee

06:30 - 07:30 pm

Poetry & Songs

অংশত মেঘলা (Partly Overcast)

Srijato's poetry and songs by Upal Sengupta







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02:00 - 02:30 pm

Speech

কয়েকটা হেরো চরিত্র

(Defeated Figures in Fiction)

by Chandril Bhattacharya

02:30 - 03:10 pm

Discussion

মাইকেল ও মেঘনাদ: দুই পরাজিত নায়ক

(Michael and Meghnad: The Fallen Heroes)

Speakers: Aveek Majumdar & Nrisingha Prasad Bhaduri

Moderator: Prithwi Bose

03:10 - 03:50 pm

Discussion

ক্যাসেট, চিঠি, নরম প্রেম: ডোডোপাখির ঝাঁক

(Cassettes, Letters, and Gentle Love: The Extinct Trio)

Speakers: Anindya Chattopadhyay, Saswati Guha Thakurta

& Tanmoy Bose

Moderator: Debanjan Chakrabarti







DAY 313 April 2025

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কৈসানা
বাংলা সাহিত্যের আড্ডা
দ্বিতীয় অধ্যায়

03:50 - 04:30 pm

Story-reading

অশ্বমেধের ঘোড়া: দীপেন্দ্রনাথ বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়

(Ashwamedher Ghora, a story by Dipendranath Bandyopadhyay)

A dramatic reading by Rajatava Dutta

04:30 - 05:10 pm

Discussion

হেরে গেলে ক্ষতি কী? (What's the Harm in Losing?)

Speakers: Ranjan Bandyopadhyay & Joyranjan Ram

Moderator: Debnita Chakraborty

05:10 - 05:50 pm

Discussion

দেবদাস থেকে দিওয়ার: হেরোর বক্স অফিস

(From Devdas to Deewar: The Box Office Losers)

Speakers: Srijit Mukherjee, Kamaleshwar Mukhopadhyay

& Jagori Bandhyopadhyay Moderator: Priyak Mitra

CLOSING NOTE: TAUSIF RAHMAN - CURATOR, PERFORMING ARTS

06:20 - 07:20 pm

Musical Performance

পরাজিতের গান (Songs of the Defeated)

by Kabir Suman









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