



MAULANA AZAD COLLEGE

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WEST BENGAL, INDIA



One Day International Seminar

on

INTERROGATING SOCIETY, ECONOMY & CULTURE OF BENGAL: A PRE COLONIAL SCENARIO

Organised by-

**Dept. of Islamic History & Culture & IQAC
Maulana Azad College, Kolkata**

Date: 20th March, 2023

Venue: Seminar Hall, Maulana Azad College



Keynote Address by: **Prof. Ranjit Sen**

Retd. Prof., Dept. of Islamic History & Culture, CU

Speakers:



Prof. S.N. Rahman

Prof. of History, NEHU, Shillong, Meghalaya



Dr. Anwarul Haque

Prof. of History, Chittagong University, Bangladesh



Prof. Anil Kumar Sarkar

Babu Jagjivanram Chair Professor, CU

Registration:

On Spot

**on 20th Mar-23, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.,
Seminar Hall, Maulana Azad College**



Exploring the Theme

It has been seventy-five eventful years that India has emerged as an independent nation state. In order to commemorate the glorious occasion The *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav* is being celebrated throughout the country. As we stand at the crossroads of history we think, it is the responsibility of the historians to look into the history of India in a critical manner. This is more so in the case of Medieval Indian history as it has generated a lot of controversy of late. In the present seminar we seek to interrogate the History of Medieval Bengal in all its aspects-Society, Economy and Culture. Meanwhile the focus of history writing has changed drastically. Primarily the historians were concerned with the political history. Now the historians are more concerned about the social and cultural history of the common people. Basically everyman's history has become the historian's craft. The Medieval Age in Bengal began with the advent of the Turks under the Md. Bakhtiar Khalji in the beginning of the thirteenth century. However, five to six hundred years before that the Arab Muslims traders had come to the coastal belt in Southeast Bengal. Thus, gradually a Muslim social structure developed in Bengal. The Hindus and the Muslims lived side by side all over Bengal at the time and as a result, a sort of syncretic culture evolved which may be called the 'Bengali' culture. The Sufis and the Saints who came to Bengal to preach Islam from the eleventh century also helped in the evolution of this composite culture. The Sultans of Bengal patronized the growth and expansion of the Bengali language and literature. Muslim architecture became quite developed in the medieval period. The proposed seminar wants to explore this multi-dimensional theme in a critical way which is the need of the hour.



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Call for Presentation of a Paper

Interested participants are requested to send original, authentic, scholarly, unpublished research paper on the theme of the Seminar in English or Bengali. Participants needs to send only abstract of the paper by 15/03/23.

Presented paper will be published in the proceeding volume of the Seminar with ISBN.

Participants have to submit the full paper within 3000 words in between one month after their paper presentation in the Seminar.

Last date for Abstract submission: 15/03/23

E-Mail abstract to:

*islamichistoryculture@maulanaazadcollegekolka
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Acceptance letter will be issued by: 16/03/23

On Spot Registration : 20/03/23

(9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.)

Registration Fee:

Faculty: Rs. 600/-

Student: Rs. 300/-

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