## Report on One-Day Seminar: "Michael Madhusudan Dutt's Birth Bicentenary in the Context of International Mother Language Day" Venue: Maheshtala College

A one-day seminar titled "Michael Madhusudan Dutt's Birth Bicentenary in the Context of International Mother Language Day" was organized by the IQAC and Department of Bengali, Maheshtala College, as part of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Maheshtala College and Raidighi College. The event was held to commemorate the bicentenary of the legendary poet Michael Madhusudan Dutt and to highlight his contributions in the context of linguistic and cultural heritage.

The program featured Dr. Sasabindu Jana, Principal of Raidighi College, as the invited speaker. Dr. Jana delivered an enlightening lecture on the topic: "আন্তর্জাতিক মাতৃভাষা দিবস এর প্রেক্ষাপটে মাইকেল মধুসূদন দত্তের জন্ম দ্বিশতবর্ষ" ("Michael Madhusudan Dutt's Birth Bicentenary in the Context of International Mother Language Day").

In his address, Dr. Jana explored the literary genius of Michael Madhusudan Dutt, focusing on his pioneering contributions to Bengali literature, particularly his role in introducing blank verse and blending Western literary influences with Indian themes. Dr. Jana also discussed the poet's deep connection to the Bengali language and its relevance to the celebration of International Mother Language Day, which underscores the importance of linguistic and cultural identity.

The seminar attracted enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members, and literary enthusiasts, who engaged actively in discussions about the significance of preserving and celebrating mother languages in a globalized world.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks, acknowledging the collaboration between Maheshtala College and Raidighi College and emphasizing the importance of such events in fostering academic and cultural exchange. The seminar was a fitting tribute to Michael Madhusudan Dutt and a celebration of linguistic diversity and heritage.



