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Two-Days International Seminar

on

“Echoes of the Past: Exploring the Regional History and Cultural Legacy of Bankura”

Jointly Organized by:

Department of History, Government General Degree College, Ranibandh, in collaboration with the Department of History, Birsha Munda Memorial College, under the aegis of IQAC, Government General Degree College, Ranibandh.

Venue: Seminar Hall (Room No. 214)

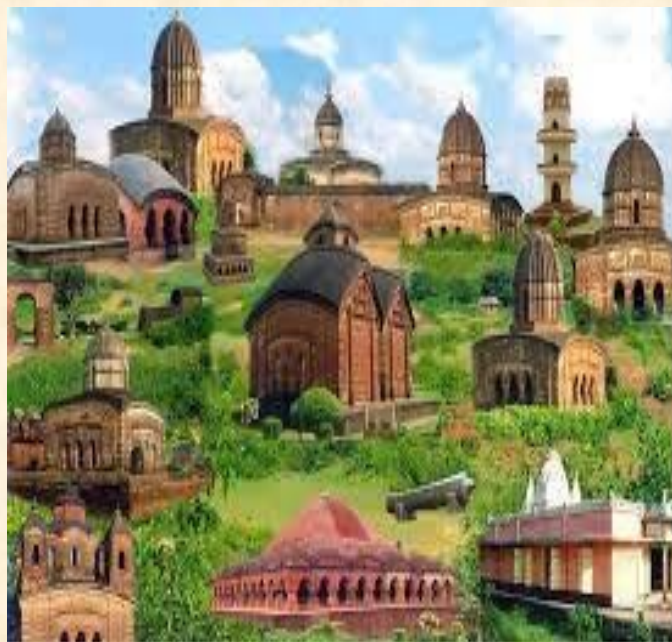
Dates: 18th and 19th June (Wednesday and Thursday), 2025.

Mode of conference: Hybrid Mode (Offline & Online)

Concept Note

The district of Bankura, located in the heart of West Bengal, is a repository of rich cultural heritage and historical significance. From the terracotta temples of Bishnupur to the indigenous traditions of local tribes, Bankura represents a vibrant confluence of art, history, folklore, and spirituality. The seminar titled “**Echoes of the Past: Exploring the Regional History and Cultural Legacy of Bankura**” aims to delve into the multifaceted layers of this region’s past, exploring how its unique historical narratives and cultural expressions continue to shape contemporary identity and consciousness.

This national-level academic platform invites scholars, researchers, educators, and students to engage in critical dialogue on themes that include but are not limited to the architectural marvels of the Malla dynasty, the evolution of folk art forms like the Dokra and Terracotta, oral histories, temple iconography, regional scripts and



manuscripts, and the socio-cultural roles of fairs and festivals. Special attention will be paid to indigenous knowledge systems, environmental history, and the role of Bankura in nationalist movements.

The seminar also seeks to encourage interdisciplinary perspectives, blending history with archaeology, literature, anthropology, religious studies, and performance traditions. In doing so, it hopes to contribute to the broader discourse on regional histories as essential components of national heritage.



We welcome abstracts on empirical research, theoretical papers, historical analyses, and case studies that address intersectional issues in India's regional history. The papers can be presented both in physical and virtual modes. We encourage contributions from scholars working in history, sociology, gender studies, political science, anthropology, and related disciplines. Selected papers will be published in a peer-reviewed volume after the conference.

Objectives of the Seminar:



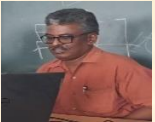

- To document and analyze the rich historical and cultural narratives of Bankura.
- To explore the intersections of folk and classical traditions in the region.
- To encourage preservation and revitalization of intangible cultural heritage.
- To foster scholarly exchange and build collaborative research networks around regional studies.



We invite your contributions to this vibrant exchange of ideas and perspectives

Sub-themes:

1. Ancient Roots: Archaeological Discoveries in Bankura.
2. Terracotta Tales: Artistic Heritage and Iconography of Bankura.
3. Bishnupur Gharana: Musical Traditions and Cultural Identity.
4. Tribal Histories and Oral Traditions.
5. Vaishnavism and Religious Movements in Bankura.
6. Folk Performances: Jhumur, Chhau, and Beyond.
7. Colonial Encounters: Bankura under British Rule.
8. Craftsmanship and Handloom Legacy.
9. Ecological History and Sacred Landscapes.
10. Preserving the Past: Museums, Archives, and Heritage Conservation in Bankura.
11. Reviving Indigenous Art and Craft tradition: the Contemporary Relevance of Bankura's Culture and Heritage.

Esteemed Speakers:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Shekhar Bhowmik, Associate Professor, Department of History, Vidyasagar College, Kolkata.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Sudipta Porel, Additional Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sankar Kumar Biswas, Associate Professor & HOD, Department of History, Bankura University.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Abirlal Bandopadhyay, Associate Professor, Department of History, Barjora College, Bankura.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. K.Mavali Rajan, Associate Professor, Department of History, Central University of Tamilnadu.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Md. Shahinur Rashid, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Hazrat Shah Ali Girls College and Jt. Secretary Itihas Academy , Dhaka
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Palash Mandal, Associate Professor, Department of History, SKBU, Purulia.

Organizer Details:

- **Chief Patron:** Shri Madhusudan Garain, Officer-in-Charge, G.G.D.C., Ranibandh
- **Patron:** Dr. Anjali Mondal, Principal, Birsha Munda Memorial College
- **Convener:** Dr. Totan Kumar Das, Assistant Professor & Head, Department of History, G.G.D.C, Ranibandh
- **Jt. Convener:** Md. Jabed Ali, Assistant Professor & Head, Department of History, Birsha Munda Memorial College.
- **Co-Convenor:** Dr. Anirban Chattopadhyay, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, and Mr. Baidyanath Hansda, Assistant Professor, Department of Santali, G.G.D.C, Ranibandh.
- **Secretary of Organizing Committee:** Dr. Ramkrishna Saha, Assistant Professor, Department of History, G.G.D.C, Ranibandh.
- **Jt. Secretary of Organizing Committee:** Dr. Biswajit Patra, Assistant Professor, Department of Bengali, Birsha Munda Memorial College.
- **Members of the Organizing Committee:**
Dr. Atanu Mahata, Assistant Professor & Head, Department of Chemistry.
Dr. Ipsita Rajwar, Assistant Professor & Head, Department of Mathematics.

Requirements for Submission:

- **Length:** Full papers should be between 3,000 and 5,000 words.
- **Presentation time:** Up to 10 minutes.
- **Format:** Manuscripts should be submitted in .docx and .pdf format, using Times New Roman, 12 font size, 1.5 line spacing with Chicago citation style.
- **Abstract:** Submissions must include an abstract (300-500 words) outlining the aims, methods, and conclusions of the paper.
- Please submit your full length paper to: rgchistory2015@gmail.com
- The abstract of the paper should be submitted electronically through the following Google registration form: <https://forms.gle/yNiknmwgMmT3xWKg7>



Conference Fee:

After the acceptance of abstracts, participants are requested to complete their registration by following the instructions outlined below:

Registration Details:

- Faculty Members: ₹800
- Research Scholars: ₹600
- Student Paper Presenters: ₹400
- Student Participants: ₹200

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Please Note: Unfortunately, we are unable to provide TA or accommodation for paper presenters. Once abstracts are selected, participants will be notified of nearby accommodation options.

Inclusions: The fee covers a conference kit, lunch on both days, tea, and a certificate.

Important Dates:

- **Abstract Submission Deadline:** 8th June, 2025.
- **Notification of Acceptance:** 10th June, 2025.
- **Registration:** Till 12th June, 2025.
- **Publication of Final Schedule:** 15th June, 2025.
- **Conference Dates:** 18th-19th June, 2025.

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