



A REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

OBSERVED ON 21ST FEBRUARY, 2024.



**DR. B. C. ROY COLLEGE OF PHARMACY & AHS
DURGAPUR**



Organizes



International Mother Language Day

Theme

Multilingual education is a pillar of intergenerational learning

21st February '24

Time: 1:30-2:30 pm



Venue :APC ROY Seminar Hall



“Amar Bhaier Rokte Rangano 21 February, Ami ki Bhulte Pari?” To translate “ How can I forget my martyr brothers those who have sacrificed their life on 21st February, just to uphold the integrity and respect of their language?” The idea to celebrate International Mother Language Day was the initiative of Bangladesh. It was approved at the 1999 UNESCO General Conference and has been observed throughout the world since 2000.

Even though the majority of people in both East Pakistan and West Pakistan spoke Bengali or Bangla, the Pakistani government designated Urdu to be the only official language of the country in 1948. Since most individuals were from East Pakistan and spoke Bangla as their first language, the people there revolted. Together with Urdu, they insisted that Bangla be included as one of the official languages. On February 23, 1948, Dhirendranath Datta of East Pakistan made the initial demand in the Pakistan Constituent Assembly. To put an end to the demonstration, the Pakistani government banned public gatherings and demonstrations. The public helped the University of Dhaka students organize large-scale demonstrations and gatherings. On February 21, 1952, protesters were shot at by police. Along with hundreds of injuries, the deaths of Abdus Salam, Abul Barkat, Rafiq Uddin Ahmed, Abdul Jabbar, and





Shafiqur Rahman occurred. This was one of the rare occasions in history when someone gave their life in defence of their mother tongue.

On 16 May 2007 the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution called upon Member States "to promote the preservation and protection of all languages used by peoples of the world". By the same resolution, the General Assembly proclaimed 2008 as the International Year of Languages, to promote unity in diversity and international understanding, through multilingualism and multiculturalism and named the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to serve as the lead agency for the Year.

BCRCP fraternity also observed International Mother Language Day on 21st February, 2024 at APC Roy Seminar Hall. The program began with a welcoming address by Prof. (Dr.) Subhabrata Ray, Professor-in-charge PG Studies and Research who spoke about the importance of the day and why this day is celebrated worldwide. He also addressed the audience about why multilingualism is not only an asset but also a necessity. He spoke about how multilingualism enhances our learning and cognitive abilities and that learning more than one language can improve our memory, creativity, problem solving and critical thinking skills. He also added that multilingual education which is based on the use of mother tongue as well as additional languages can foster these benefits.

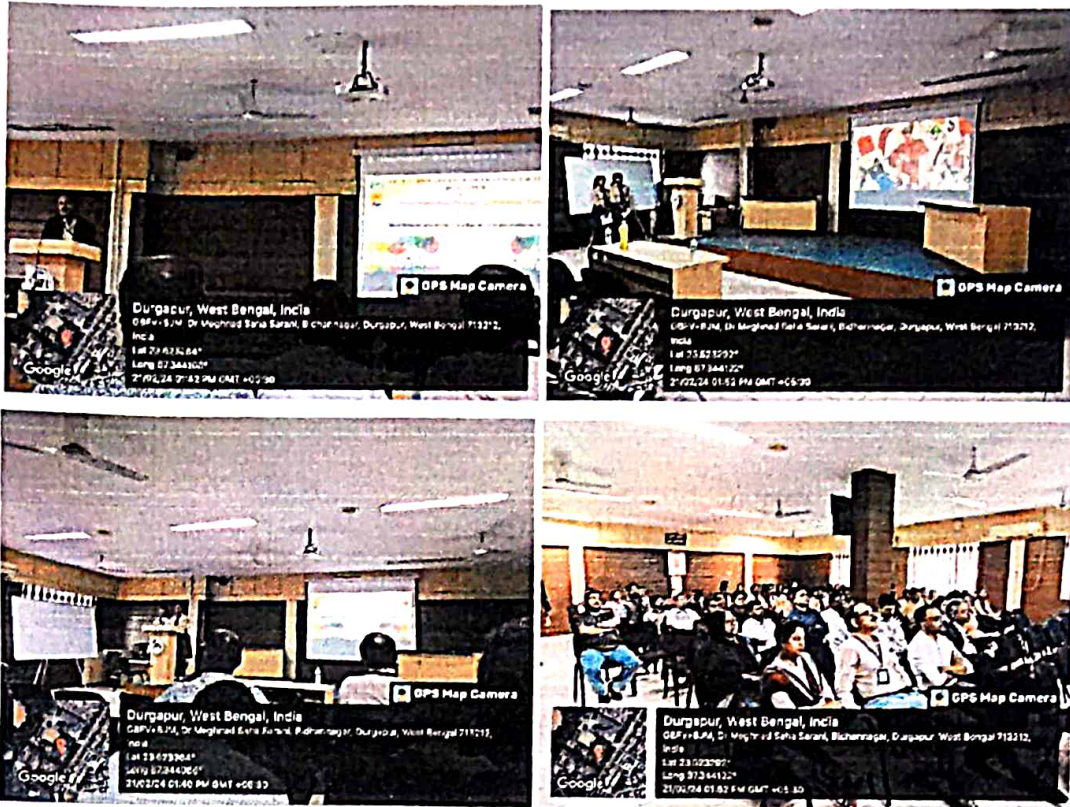
As International Mother Language Day binds in itself all different languages, a small multilingual cultural session was organized after the speech of Prof. (Dr.) S. Ray in which the teachers and the students took part with great enthusiasm and zeal. A video documentary that was prepared on the significance of 21st February by the students was telecasted on the occasion. A speech in Hindi was delivered by students. Mrs. Sushruta Chakraborty, Assistant Professor, BCRCP presented a Bengali song to glorify her mother tongue. Mr. Aniruddha Lahiri, Assistant Professor, BCRCP recited a poetry in Punjabi to uphold the integrity of his mother tongue. He translated it for the better understanding of the audience. This was followed by a song of Tagore sung by him to show his respect towards Bengali language. Dr. Sagarika Deepthy T., Assistant Professor, BCRCP, recited a poem in Telegu. The session ended with a performance by Mr. Sagar Sengupta, Registrar, BCRCP and the vote of thanks delivered by him.



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Name of the Event: International Mother Language Day.

Date: 21st February, 2024.

Venue: APC Roy Seminar Hall.

No. of Participants: 79.


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