

A Report on International Mother Language Day (IMLD) Programme

International Mother Language Day (IMLD) is a worldwide annual observance held on 21 February to promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and promote multilingualism. First announced by UNESCO on 17 November 1999, it was formally recognized by the United Nations General Assembly in a resolution establishing 2008 as the International Year of Languages. International Mother Language Day has been observed annually since 2000 to promote peace and multilingualism around the world and to protect all mother languages. It is observed on February 21 to recognize the 1952 Bengali Language Movement in Bangladesh.

It states "to promote the preservation and protection of all languages used by people of the world" on 16 May 2009. In the resolution, the General Assembly proclaimed 2008 as the International Year of Languages to promote unity in diversity and international understanding through multilingualism and multiculturalism. The resolution was suggested by Rafiqul Islam, a Bengali living in Vancouver, Canada. He wrote a letter to Kofi Annan on 9 January 1998 asking him to take a step to saving the world's languages from extinction by declaring an International Mother Language Day. Rafiq proposed the date as 21 February to commemorate the 1952 killings in Dhaka, Bangladesh during the Language Movement.

On this very auspicious day, the College organized a programme to celebrate this event in a very respectful heart and graceful mood in the college. It started with garlanding the martyrdom set at the college campus by the teachers and students led by Prof. Manjari Chatterjee and observe silence for a minute to commemorate and to mark the respect to the language-martyrs. After that an Wall Magazine is published on this eve named as 'Amar Ekushey' and it is unfurled by Dr Kartick Ch. Samanta (Principal) and Prof. Ashoke Saha Roy(HoD, English Deptt.) organized and ventured by the students of the English Deptt. Then the cultural function held in the College Seminar Hall.The Principal, Prof. Harimohan Chatterjee and Prof. Saha Roy extended their meaningful lecture and deliberation about the importance, significance of this day and focus especially on our duties in the present days situation before a huge gathering of the students, teachers and non-teaching staff. Relevant Songs, dance, recitation and a Quiz contest led by Prof. Anurag Mondal is also presented in the said function.

Photographs of the Event





