

Report on the Memorial Lecture

The History Department, (Morning & Day) of Victoria Institution (College), organised a memorial lecture in honour of **Prof. Narendranath Bhattacharyya**, an eminent historian of Ancient India, on **18.09.2025** at Suniti Sabhaghar. The lecture was delivered by his distinguished student, **Prof. Ranabir Chakravarti**, himself a renowned scholar of Ancient Indian history. The session was inaugurated by the principal Dr. Maitreyi Ray Kanjilal. The speaker was welcomed and felicitated by the principal. Prof. Dipanjana Sinha, Convenor of the programme introduced the distinguished speaker. In his address, the speaker fondly recalled his teacher's profound scholarship, simplicity, and dedication to historical research. He highlighted the unique approaches adopted by his mentor in interpreting ancient sources and his invaluable contribution to the study of India's early past. The speaker also shared his thoughts on the art of writing history, emphasising the importance of evidence-based interpretation. He pointed out some common mistakes historians often make, stressing the need for objectivity and critical analysis in historical writing.

His lecture was followed by question-answer session. Dr. Parnasabari Bhattacharyya, senior most faculty and daughter of Prof. Narendranath Bhattacharyya paid tribute to her father and thanked the department for arranging the programme. The entire programme was compered by professor Aditya Sarkar. The session was insightful and inspiring for students and faculty alike. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks from the Head of the Department Dr. Suchandra Guha.



Principal inaugurating the session



Speaker delivering the lecture



A section of audience



Faculty members with the speaker