

Staffroom Talk

Sir Asutosh Mukherjee Charcha Kendra

Report of Talk 1 of session 2

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- **TITLE OF EVENT:** Staffroom Talk organized by Sir Asutosh Mukherjee Charcha Kendra
- **THEME OF THE EVENT/ PROGRAMME:** Staffroom Talk
- **ACADEMIC SESSION:** 2023-2024
- **DATE:** 19.09.2024
- **TIME:** 2:45 PM
- **VENUE:** Professor's room, Main Building, Asutosh College
- **OBJECTIVE/ PURPOSE:** These staffroom talks aim to enrich the faculties on several topics
- **SPEAKER:** Dr. Sankar Basu, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Microbiology
- **TARGET AUDIENCE:** All the faculty members
- **ATTENDANCE SHEET:**

Talk 1 (Session-2)

Topic: The hard problem of consciousness

Speaker: Dr. Sankar Basu
Faculty, dept. of microbiology

Date: 19/09/24
Time: 2:45 pm

Signature of speaker:

Attendance:

1. Smitama Chawdhury
2. Nima Kumar
3. Sanchita Das Mondal
4. Saranya Das
5. Swadhin Sengupta
6. Mausumi Ray
7. Tapati Das (History)
8. Subhasree Ghosh (History)
9. Anupama Das (Chemistry)
10. Sanjay Saha (Hindi)
11. Anu S (Sociology)
12. Samanta Ray
13. Vinodhya Chakrabarty
14. Aditya Sengupta
15. Anjali Das
16. Manaswini Chatterjee (Physics)
17. Anupama Mondal (Microbiology)
18. Pranab Kumar Das (Microbiology)
19. Dr. Dipa Banerjee (Sanskrit)
20. Aditi Das
21. Bappa Mondal (Math)
22. Ganga Ghosh (Chemistry)

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23	Ashim Sarkar (Mathematics)
24	Arpita Paul (Zoology)
25	Deepchandan Chakraborty (Zoology)
26	Srujya Sarathi Bhattacharyya (Physics)
27	Uttara Basu (Bengali)
28	Arpita Paul (Physics)
29	Sanchita Basu (Bengali)
30	Pratibha Mukherjee (Biochemistry)
31	Chandranali Sengupta (Bengali)
32	Indira Mallick Sen (IFF & B.Voc.)

➤ BRIEF REPORT ABOUT THE EVENT:

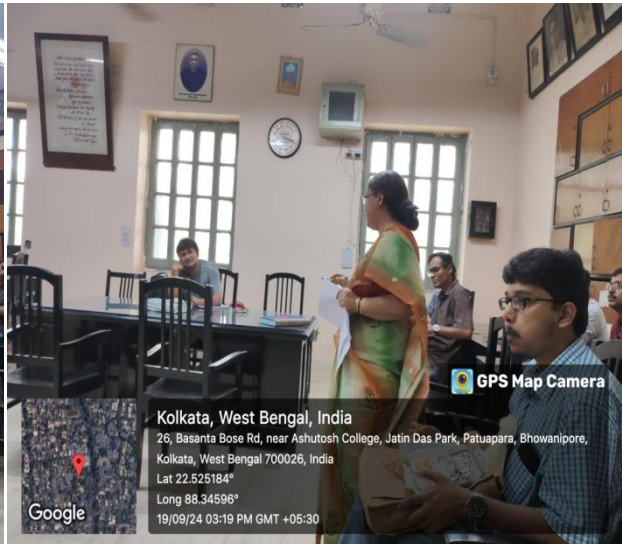
The first lecture of the interdisciplinary lecture series of session-2 titled 'Staffroom Talk' was organized on 19th September, 2024 in the staffroom at around 2:45 PM. The convener of Sir Asutosh Mukherjee Charcha Kendra Dr. Sanchita Sanyal introduced and welcomed the speaker Dr. Sankar Basu, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Microbiology cordially to deliver his lecture. The entire event took place in the presence of the teachers of the institution from various departments and the conveners of Sir Asutosh Mukherjee Charcha Kendra.

Dr. Sankar Basu delivered his lecture titled "The hard problem of consciousness". Unlike robots (even with the advent and aid of Artificial Intelligence), we are all conscious. There is an undeniable "subjective feel" associated with all our experiences. A multi-track inner-movie is always being played and experienced within our head, enriched with sound, taste, odor, emotions, characters, narratives, ideas and ideologies, facts and fiction. Yet, in spite of, arduous efforts of neuroscience and psychiatry over the past three decades, it appears that the "subject" with the "subjective feel" associated with all our experiences, cannot be reduced to the level of the Human Brain, or any object – coarse or subtle—for that matter. Ancient Indian school of philosophy, Advaita Vedanta, with similar claims, has recently found great relevance in modern consciousness studies. Scientists and philosophers from a wide array of specialized branches have delved into solving this "Hard Problem of Consciousness" (term coined by David Chalmers) with great humility, curiosity, and enthusiasm in recent times, presenting perhaps an unique opportunity to come up with a scientific theory of consciousness that works. The talk would try to hover around the interface and cross-sections of science and philosophy, and that of Eastern and Western ideas related to our current understanding of consciousness. The talk would also touch upon "reality plus" in this 'virtual reality and AI' era in relation to consciousness. It was a very interesting and mind boggling lecture to all the audience. In the end of the lecture Dr. Arpita Paul, convener of Sir Asutosh Mukherjee Charcha Kendra expressed thanks to everyone present in the event including the speaker.

➤ EXPECTED OUTCOME:

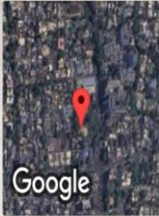
1. To help the faculties on be aware about different interdisciplinary topics.
2. To encourage faculties take part in knowledge exchange programs.

➤ GEO-TAGGED PHOTOGRAPHS:





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