

Report on Student's Visit to 4th International Bengalee Conference 2025 organised by Bangla Worldwide on 8th February 2025

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Theme: Student's Corner Discussion as a **part of** 4th International Bengalee Conference 2025 organised by Bangla Worldwide

Date: 08.02.2025

Organiser: Bangla Worldwide

Convenors: Dr. Priyanka Roy and Dr.

Debastuti Dasgupta

Speaker: Students of Semester V of Department of Journalism and Mass Communication

Objectives: The purpose of the visit are as follows:

1. To facilitate experiential learning
2. Exposure with the media personnels from the industry
3. Enhancing their communication skill
4. Building up opinion on pertinent topic.

Brief Report.

On February 8, 2025, students from the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Asutosh College, attended the *Students' Corner Discussion*, organized by Bangla Worldwide as part of the *4th International Bengalee Conference 2025* at the CII-Suresh Neotia Centre of Excellence for Leadership, Kolkata. The event brought together industry experts, students, and academicians to discuss the role of the Press Council of India in regulating and upholding press freedom.

The discussion commenced with an introduction of the guest speakers and panel members, followed by interactive sessions featuring students from various colleges and universities across

Kolkata. Key topics of discussion included the role of regulatory authorities in addressing unethical journalism, misinformation, and fake news. The growing political influence on media, the challenges of sensationalism, and the rise of citizen journalism without proper gatekeeping were also critically examined in the discussion.

Dr. Debjyoti Chanda, Professor at Rabindra Bharati University and a member of Bangla Worldwide, eloquently outlined the contemporary challenges faced by the media and suggested alternative solutions for strengthening journalistic accountability and ethical training. Dr. Debdut Ghosh Thakur, former Chief Reporter at *Anandabazar Patrika*, emphasized the historical significance of press freedom and the necessity of maintaining a balanced approach to regulation. Students actively engaged in the discussion, raising concerns about issues such as paid news and corporate ownership of media houses. While many participants agreed on the need for media reforms, opinions varied on the best approaches to implementation.

Attending this insightful event deepened the student's understanding of the complexities surrounding media regulation in India and highlighted the pressing need for responsible journalism in today's evolving media landscape.

Geo-tagged Photograph:





Attendance:

1. Soumya Mishra
2. Rwishav Sarkar
3. Ayushi Jha
4. Trisa Roy
5. Shreyashree Maity

