

TITLE OF EVENT/ PROGRAMME (SEMINAR/ WEBINAR/ WORKSHOP/ EXTENSION LECTURE/ EXTENSION ACTIVITY/ ANY OTHER ACTIVITY):

Experiential Learning

THEME OF THE EVENT/ PROGRAMME: Correctional Home: An Ethical Overview

ACADEMIC SESSION: 2024-2025

DATE: 06/05/2025

VENUE: Alipore Museum, Kolkata

COLLABORATION: IQAC, Asutosh College

OBJECTIVE: Learning through experience

PURPOSE: To generate awareness

SPEAKER/S / RESOURCE PERSON/S: All Faculty of the Philosophy Department

TARGET AUDIENCE: All students of the Department

PARTICIPANTS: Students and teaching staff

BRIEF REPORT ABOUT THE EVENT/ PROGRAMME:

Alipore jail museum tells moving stories of the Indian freedom fighters. The buildings of Alipore Jail have been restored to their pristine glory with 116-year-old records what overwhelmed our students. Students understood the history of India which they had gone through their text books.

Within the premises one can spot the Alipore Jail Press Building, the central watchtower, over a dozen buildings which served as prison cells and wards, and the Alipore Jail Hospital building. Students were amazed by the architecture of the building.

Notable freedom fighters who were incarcerated here include Jawaharlal Nehru, Subhash Chandra Bose, Chittaranjan Das, Dinesh Gupta, Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy to name a few. Students realized the philosophy of life of our freedom fighters.

It served as a correctional home till 2019 when the inmates were shifted to Baruipur, the outskirts of Kolkata. The building is a silent witness of the brutalities inflicted on the freedom fighters of the country. They questioned whether this brutality can be considered morally, right?

The Alipore Central Correctional Home is now transformed as a memorial and museum to honour the sacrifice of those who fought for the independence of India. It is not just a museum; it is a shrine.

