



দ্বি-দিবসীয় জাতীয় আলোচনাচক্র

TWO-DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR ON

মহাশ্বেতা দেবী : শতবর্ষে ফিরে দেখা

REVISITING MAHASWETA DEVI ON HER
BIRTH CENTENARY

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বাংলা বিভাগ, ত্রিপুরা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

Organised by Department of Bengali Tripura University
(A Central University) Suryamaninagar, West Tripura, 799022

Date: 12 & 13 January 2026

language: Bengali, English, Hindi, Assamese, Kokbarak
Mode of Presentation: online offline both

Call for Papers

Papers are invited from faculty members, scholars, students and other interested persons on the topic - মহাশ্বেতা দেবী : শতবর্ষে ফিরে দেখা - REVISITING MAHASWETA DEVI ON HER BIRTH CENTENARY. The details of the seminar are as follows:

Concept Note

Among those who envisioned literature as a living instrument of human struggle, Mahasweta Devi emerges as a singular and compelling voice. Her writing rises from the pulse of lived realities, where words become acts of resistance and compassion.

In the second half of the twentieth century—a time marked by the intensification of economic, social, political, and cultural crises, and by a growing disillusionment with institutional structures that drove people to seek new paths—Mahasweta Devi began her literary journey. She made the struggle for survival of marginalized communities the central concern of her writing. Consequently, her novels and short stories bring together a multitude of voices belonging to the neglected and the oppressed.

In the modern world, women's life struggles constituted another crucial area of her thought. Rather than maintaining a distance from public life, she devoted a substantial part of her life to living and working among marginalized communities, with the objective of creating literature in the truest sense of people's literature and of defending the social rights of those left behind.

On the occasion of the centenary of such a distinguished writer, we seek to revisit her life and literary contributions. To mark this occasion, the Department of Bengali, Tripura University, is organizing a two-day National Seminar on 12th and 13th January, 2026.

Sub-Themes

1. Mahasweta Devi and the Literature of Resistance
2. Marginal Voices in Mahasweta Devi's Fiction
3. Tribal Life and Indigenous Consciousness in Mahasweta Devi's Writings
4. Gender, Power, and Women's Resistance in Mahasweta Devi's writings
5. Class, Caste, and Subaltern Politics in Her Works
6. Activism and Authorship: Mahasweta Devi Beyond Literature
7. Human Rights and Social Justice in Mahasweta Devi's Narrative World
8. Rewriting History from Below: Subaltern Historiography in Mahasweta Devi
9. Mahasweta Devi as a Public Intellectual
10. Ecology, Land, and Displacement in Mahasweta Devi's Writings
11. State, Violence, and Counter-Narratives
12. Feminist Interventions and Ethical Responsibility
13. Mahasweta Devi in Translation: Global Reception and Challenges
14. Contemporary Relevance of Mahasweta Devi's Thought
15. Mahasweta Devi's literature and Post Colonial reading
16. Language, Narrative Technique, and Aesthetic Strategies

Important Dates

A. Date of the Seminar: 12-13 January 2026

B. Last Date of Abstract Submission: 6 January 2026. The abstract must be within 150 words including 5 keywords in MS Word and pdf Format. It can be written in Bengali, Kokborok, Assamese, Hindi or English. Participants are requested to provide their designation, WhatsApp no, Email ID and mode of presentation.

C. Confirmation will be declared within 7 January, 2026.

D. Selected candidates will complete their registration within 10 January, 2026. Registration link will be provided through WhatsApp group after confirmation.

E. Abstracts may be sent to tubengalidepartment@gmail.com

The registration fee is as follows: Teachers: Rs 1000/- (One Thousand Rupees only) Research Scholars: Rs 600/- (Six Hundred Rupees Only)

The details of payment process will be given to the selected candidates after selection.
No TA, DA and accommodation will be provided by the organization.

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