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## EDITORIAL

This month has been especially rewarding for the English Department as we highlighted the dynamic initiatives of our specialised academic centres – the Centre for Australian Studies, the Centre for Scottish Studies, and the Centre for Peace and Ethics in the Age of AI. Each centre successfully conducted certificate courses that expanded intellectual horizons and enriched scholarly engagement.

A key highlight was the presence of distinguished scholars who shared their expertise through lectures and interactive sessions. These globally attended events connected our students and faculty with some of the most pressing and evolving conversations in literature, culture, ethics, and technology.

From examining postcolonial and Indigenous voices in Australian literature, to unpacking questions of Scottish identity and language, and grappling with the ethical dilemmas posed by AI in contemporary society – each course provided learners with an invaluable opportunity to immerse themselves in diverse perspectives and critical discourses.

The Centre for Australian Studies continued its lecture series for the certificate program with sessions by distinguished scholars such as Dr. Samrat Sengupta, Dr. Jati Sankar Mondal, and Dr. Anandarup Biswas. Their lectures explored diverse aspects of Australian culture, history, and literature, engaging with philosophy and postcolonial studies through a thoroughly interdisciplinary approach. The series offered students a rich learning experience and broadened their understanding of the field.



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CENTRE FOR AUSTRALIAN STUDIES

Three-month Certificate Course

Topic - Vulnerable Worldings: Australian Aboriginal  
Poetry and the Marginal Subjects

Lecture VII

DR. SAMRAT SENGUPTA

Associate Professor, Department of English  
Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University

DT: 26.08.2025

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As part of the three-month certificate program, the Centre for Scottish Studies organised a series of lectures featuring Prof. (Dr.) Amrit Sen, Professor in the Department of English at Visva Bharati University and Prof. (Dr.) Deb Narayan Bandyopadhyay, Chief Executive Director (Academics) at Swami Vivekananda University and Former Founding Vice Chancellor of Bankura University. The sessions provided enriching perspectives on Scotland's cultural and literary heritage, fostering critical engagement and broadening students' understanding of its global significance. Through these scholarly interactions, the Centre strengthened its commitment to promoting dialogue and reflection on Scotland's diverse literary and cultural traditions.



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The Centre for Peace and Ethics in the Age of AI organised a series of thought-provoking lectures this month, addressing some of the most pressing philosophical and ethical questions arising in today's rapidly evolving technological world. Among the distinguished speakers was Dr. Jayjit Sarkar from Raiganj University, who engaged with critical philosophical perspectives closely aligned with the Centre's core vision. Equally enriching was the lecture by Ms. Gargi Saha Datta, a medical music therapist, researcher, and educator associated with the Rabindrik Psychotherapy Research Institute and AMTA (USA). Drawing on her practical expertise in therapy, she highlighted its implications in the realms of peace and ethics, offering participants an eye-opening and deeply engaging session. Together, these lectures enriched the certificate program and left participants with valuable insights.