

## International Mother Language Day 2023



On 24th of February, 2023, the Bengali Department of Deshbandhu College for Girls, organised a special lecture/seminar in celebration of International Mother Language day.

The principal lecture was delivered by eminent author and educationist, former Hon'ble Vice-chancellor of Gourbanga University and Professor at Jadavpur University, Smt. Gopa Dutta Bhowmik. In her own flamboyance and information-rich delivery, Smt. Bhowmik raised a

rather inciting point, that,- is this mandate of celebrating the international mother language day reducing the sanctity of the hour into a mere formality? Is the significance of our language and culture only limited to theory and hypothesis?

Yet we have consistently kept our own language on the fringe of everyday life under the pretext of lack of practical usage. In contemporary times, not only our mother language, but many others in our country itself, are facing threats of extinction in the near future, which is deplorable. Smt. Bhowmik appealed to the collective erudite consciousness to ponder upon the issue with much emphasis and priority.

The second phase of the convention was even more intriguing. Students of the Bengali Department presented an astounding rendition of \_Kabor\_ (Grave) a play authored by revolutionary-scholar Munir Chowdhury, on the backdrop of \_maatri bhasha andolan\_ (Bangladesh's struggle for independence, revolution for conservation of the mother language) which also happens to be a part of their syllabus.