



Department of Comparative Indian Language and Literature

University of Calcutta

Organises

A National Seminar

On

*Celebrating Birth Centenary: Kaifi Azmi, Subhash Mukhopadhyay and Amrita Pritam*

On

31<sup>st</sup> January – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019

### *Concept Note*

Kaifi Azmi, Subhash Mukhopadhyay and Amrita Pritam, started writing in three different languages at the conjuncture of modernity in the first half of 20<sup>th</sup> century. During 1930s, remarkable changes in Indian literature were observed with the reception of progressive ideas and with the participation of literary personalities as active members in the Progressive Movement in different languages. Progressive ideologies in Indian writing brought a paradigm shift in the idea of modernity in Indian literature. The women authors too were active participants in this shifting paradigm modern Indian literature. The literature produced through this approach did not only portray multiple layers of domination existed in domestic or socio-economic lives of the people but they also called to break the prison (that) existed in different spheres.

These authors successfully addressed the issues of their times with such a language which can be considered as alternative contributions to the literary convention. These progressive authors brought the issues of the local and the international together and extended the domestic reality into the world. They also popularised the intellectual, represented resistance as aesthetics, and turned the mundane into poetic.

This seminar seeks to celebrate the birth centenary of Azmi, Mukhopadhyay and Pritam by remembering them, and also by re-contextualizing their contributions to the contemporary understanding of Indian Literature as well as Comparative Literature in India. Through the literary contributions of Kaifi Azmi, Subhash Mukhopadhyay and Amrita Pritam, especially the literary themes and elements of literary language, we also would like to comprehend the paradigm shift in literary modernity.

### *Call for Papers*

The Department of Comparative Indian Language and Literature, University of Calcutta invites papers from students, research scholars, independent scholars and faculty members on the sub-themes or any topics relevant to the theme of the seminar mentioned below.

Abstracts (within **300 words**) should be submitted on or before **31th December 2018** to [cillacademic@caluniv.ac.in](mailto:cillacademic@caluniv.ac.in) with subject title "Abstract for Celebrating Centenary". The information regarding selection of the abstract will be intimated by **4<sup>th</sup> January, 2019**.

The selected participants are required to submit their full papers (within **2500-3000 words**) for 15 minutes presentation followed by 5 minutes discussion for circulation by **20<sup>th</sup> January, 2019**.

The papers are to be written either in English or in Bangla. The papers in English should be written in MS word 12 point font in Times New Roman or Garamond font with 1.5 line spacing. The papers must follow MLA 7<sup>th</sup> edition style sheet. The papers written in Bangla must be typed in Avro-Kalpurush font in 12 point with 1.5 line-spacing. Authors writing in Bangla may follow Banga-bidya style sheet or any other standard style sheet. The selected papers are likely to be published.

### **Sub-Themes**

- Modernity and Azmi, Mukhopadhyay and Pritam
- Reception of Azmi, Mukhopadhyay and Pritam in Indian Literature
- Translation
- Poetry and Music
- Progressive Movement and Feminism
- Life Writing
- Elements of Poetic Language
- Domestic as Literary
- Representation of Margin

### **Registration Fees**

Students- Free

MPhil/PhD Scholars- 300 INR

Faculty Members- 500 INR (without accommodation), 1500 INR (if accommodation is required)

Independent Scholars- 400 INR

Participants (Not Presenting Paper) - 400 INR

The Interested participants are also required to register with respective **registration fees by 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2019** through online transaction to the bank account. Account details will be sent to the selected paper presenters through email. **No spot registration is permitted**. Registration fees include entry to all the academic sessions, seminar kits, working lunch, tea and snacks and seminar certificate.

**A limited number of travel bursaries may be available if fund permits. Accommodation will be arranged for the out-station participants (paper presenters only) by the organisers.** Preference will be given to the students, research scholars and independent researchers for the abovementioned opportunities.

**Seminar is rescheduled as the UGC-NET examination has been scheduled on the dates mentioned earlier.**

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