

Valedictory Function of 3-Days Writers' Workshop – 'Her Story' held at AMU Murshidabad Centre

Three-day Writers' Workshop – 'Her Story' concluded at AMU Murshidabad Centre with the valedictory function on December 18th, 2016. The workshop was attended by more than 60 women participants including writers, columnists, social workers, research scholars, budding writers and the students from different corners of West Bengal. Many intellectuals, renowned writers and social activists such as Mrs. Miratun Nahar, Mrs. Jaya Mitra, Mr. Bhabesh Das, Mr. Kumar Rana, Ms. Dayabati Ray, Mr. Sabir Ahmed and Ms. Pia Sen motivated and guided the participants. The participants expressed that they got an excellent opportunity to shape their thoughts, feelings, and experiences.

Dr. Badaruddoza, Director, AMU Murshidabad Centre thanked all the organizers and hearty welcomed them for bringing such kind of valuable and practice based program. He called Mr. Amirul Alam, Mr. Sabir Ahamed and Ms. Dayabati Roy as gems of Pratichi Institute for their selfless hard work to make workshop great success from beginning to end. In his speech he pointed out that women are as valuable as a diamond of whatever shape and size as they have their own beauty - the natural beauty. Emphasizing on the inner beauty of women instead of outer appearance, Dr Badaruddoza said that it is the most precious and valued thing in this whole world. Through many interesting examples he proved women are superior to men in many cases such as analyzing ability, choosing capacity, balancing, judging, organizing, designing, writing and controlling emotions. Later on, he recited a self-composed poem, 'Nistabdhata' (Soundless) which was well appreciated by the audience for its lucid language and social message.

During the workshop woman participants got opportunities to understand and realize writers' life style, struggles and sacrifice for writing. Movies were screened to install real picture in their mind so that they can weave writing by wandering in the imagination world and self-making place where they can freely express or describe their feelings. Participants also visited nearby villages, to get a first-hand account of real rural life situation that helped them in understanding and writing about lives in rural India. It really proved as an innovative workshop for those women who were waiting for such platform to reveal their talents and writing skills, to come out of the chains of patriarchy society.

Ms. Dayabati Roy, on behalf of Pratichi Institute, expressed thanks to the Director for the kind hospitality and cooperation received from faculty members and the students. Mrs. Jaya Mitra stated that she was very happy after reading many rich writing pieces of the participants who are very soon going to establish themselves as good writers in the society.

To conclude the valedictory function, a cultural event was organized that charmed the participants. Certificates were distributed by AMU Murshidabad Centre in association with Pratichi, SNAP Association, and Action Aid to finally ring the closing bell of valedictory session.