

REPORT ON THE OBSERVANCE OF THE 200th BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF RAJNARAYAN BASU

Date: 7 September 2026

Time: 2:15 PM onwards

Venue: Seminar Hall, Auditorium, Biswa Bangla Biswabidyalay, Bolpur

As per the directive received from the Higher Education Department, Government of West Bengal, to observe **7 September 2026 as the 200th Birth Anniversary of Rajnarayan Basu**, Biswa Bangla Biswabidyalay organised a commemorative programme dedicated to the life, works and enduring contributions of **Rajnarayan Basu**, the eminent writer, educationist, social reformer and one of the pioneers of the Bengal Renaissance.

The programme was organised with the objective of commemorating the remarkable life and intellectual legacy of Rajnarayan Basu and creating awareness among students and members of the university community about his contribution to Bengali society, education, literature, culture and social reform. The event also provided an opportunity to reflect upon the values and ideals that he championed and their relevance in contemporary society.

Inauguration and Welcome

The programme commenced at **2:15 PM** at the Seminar Hall of the Auditorium of Biswa Bangla Biswabidyalay. The event was attended by the **Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dr. Abu Taleb Khan, Registrar, CMA Ashutosh Das, Special Law Officer, Shri Sudeep Dhara**, faculty members, non-teaching staff and students representing various departments of the University.

The programme began with a formal welcome to the distinguished guests and members of the university community. The dignitaries were invited to the dais, marking the formal commencement of the commemorative programme.

This was followed by the singing of "**Vande Mataram**", which set a solemn and patriotic tone for the occasion and reflected the spirit of national consciousness associated with the intellectual and social awakening of nineteenth-century Bengal.

Ceremonial Lighting of the Lamp and Floral Tribute

As a mark of respect and remembrance, a ceremonial lamp was lit in front of the portrait of **Rajnarayan Basu**. The lighting of the lamp symbolised the illumination of knowledge, education and social consciousness—values that were central to his life and intellectual contributions.

Following the lighting of the lamp, the dignitaries, faculty members, staff and students present at the programme paid their **floral tribute to Rajnarayan Basu**. The tribute represented the collective respect of the university community towards one of the significant figures associated with the Bengal Renaissance.

Address by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor

The gathering was subsequently addressed by the **Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Biswa Bangla Biswabidyalay, Professor Dr. Abu Taleb Khan**.

In his address, the Vice-Chancellor highlighted the life, philosophy and contributions of Rajnarayan Basu. He discussed various aspects of Basu's intellectual and social engagement and elaborated upon his contributions as a writer, educationist and social reformer.

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The Vice-Chancellor emphasised the importance of understanding Rajnarayan Basu not merely as a historical personality but also as an influential thinker whose ideas contributed significantly to the intellectual awakening and social transformation of Bengal. He spoke about the values reflected in Basu's life and works and encouraged the students and members of the university community to draw inspiration from his commitment to education, social awareness and intellectual development.

The address also provided the audience with an opportunity to appreciate the broader historical significance of Rajnarayan Basu and the role played by pioneering thinkers of the Bengal Renaissance in shaping the cultural and intellectual landscape of Bengal.

Address by the Registrar

Following the Vice-Chancellor's address, the **Registrar of the University, CMA Ashutosh Das**, addressed the gathering.

In his speech, the Registrar highlighted the significance of Rajnarayan Basu's contribution to the history and cultural development of Bengal. He spoke about his role in the intellectual and social transformation of nineteenth-century Bengal and emphasised the importance of remembering such personalities and their contributions.

The Registrar also underlined the relevance of commemorative programmes of this nature in enabling younger generations to become familiar with the rich intellectual and cultural heritage of Bengal. He emphasised that understanding the contributions of historical figures such as Rajnarayan Basu can help students develop a deeper appreciation of the social, cultural and educational developments that shaped modern Bengal.

Special Lecture on the Life and Works of Rajnarayan Basu

The programme was followed by a **special lecture delivered by Dr. Harichand Das, Guest Faculty, Department of Bengali**.

Dr. Das provided an academic exposition of the life, works and intellectual contributions of Rajnarayan Basu. His lecture offered the audience a more detailed understanding of Basu's personality and his position within the intellectual history of Bengal.

The lecture particularly helped the audience understand the various dimensions of Rajnarayan Basu's contributions as a writer, educationist and social reformer. It also placed his life and works within the wider historical context of the Bengal Renaissance and the social and cultural changes taking place during the nineteenth century.

The special lecture was particularly significant for the students as it provided them with an academic perspective on the subject and encouraged them to engage with the literary, historical and cultural legacy of Rajnarayan Basu.

Screening of Documentary

Following the special lecture, a **documentary on the life of Rajnarayan Basu** was screened for the audience.

The documentary presented different aspects of his life and contributions in a visual and engaging manner. The screening complemented the academic discussions delivered during the programme and enabled the audience to gain a more comprehensive understanding of Rajnarayan Basu's life, works and historical significance.

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The visual presentation also helped the students and other members of the audience connect the historical narrative with the personality and achievements of Rajnarayan Basu in a more accessible and engaging manner.

Vote of Thanks

At the conclusion of the academic and cultural proceedings, **Dr. Keka Ghosh, Faculty Member, Department of Bengali**, who also served as the host of the programme, delivered the **vote of thanks**.

She expressed gratitude to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, Special Law Officer, faculty members, non-teaching staff, students and all others who contributed to the successful organisation of the commemorative programme. She also acknowledged the participation and cooperation of everyone present and expressed appreciation for their contribution towards making the occasion meaningful and memorable.

The commemorative programme organised by **Biswa Bangla Biswabidyalay** on **7 September 2026** successfully observed the **200th Birth Anniversary of Rajnarayan Basu** in accordance with the directive of the Higher Education Department, Government of West Bengal.

The programme combined ceremonial observance, academic discussion and audio-visual presentation to provide a meaningful reflection on the life and legacy of Rajnarayan Basu. The addresses by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and Registrar, the special lecture by Dr. Harichand Das and the screening of the documentary collectively enabled the participants to understand the historical, literary, educational and social significance of his contributions.

The programme was particularly valuable for the students, as it provided an opportunity to engage with an important chapter in the intellectual and cultural history of Bengal and to reflect upon the ideals of education, social reform, intellectual inquiry and cultural consciousness.

The event concluded with the **National Anthem**, bringing the commemorative programme to a formal close in an atmosphere of respect, remembrance and national pride.

Overall, the programme served as a fitting tribute to **Rajnarayan Basu on the occasion of his 200th Birth Anniversary** and reaffirmed the commitment of Biswa Bangla Biswabidyalay towards preserving, studying and promoting the intellectual and cultural heritage of Bengal. The programme was organised by the **Cultural Committee** of the University.

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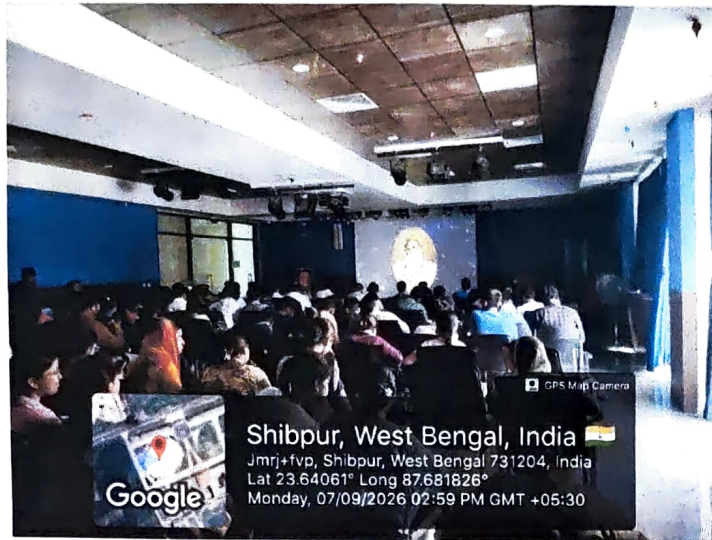


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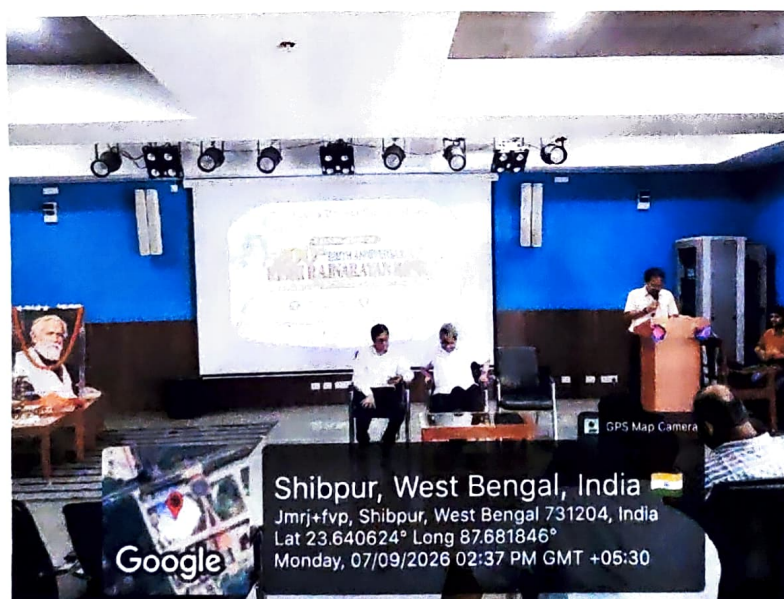


Plate: The Registrar addressing the event

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Plate: Welcoming the Guests



Plate: Dr. Harichand Das delivering a special lecture on Rajnarayan Basu

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Registrar

No.: BBB/Reg/Notification_ Celebration on RNB/2026/ 1233

Date: 31.08.2026

NOTIFICATION

Subject: Celebration of the 200th Birth Anniversary of Rajnarayan Basu – Eminent Writer, Educationist, Social Reformer and Pioneer of Bengal Renaissance.

In pursuance of the communication received from the Department of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal, regarding the commemoration of the 200th Birth Anniversary of Rajnarayan Basu, Biswa Bangla Biswabidyalay is pleased to announce that a commemorative programme will be organised at the University campus to celebrate the life, works and legacy of this eminent writer, educationist, social reformer and pioneer of the Bengal Renaissance.

The programme will be held as per the following schedule:

Date: 07.09.2026

Time: 2: 00 PM

Venue: University Auditorium Hall-2, Biswa Bangla Biswabidyalay

The programme will include academic and cultural activities focusing on the life, contributions, ideas and philosophy of Rajnarayan Basu and his significant role in the Bengal Renaissance.

All Faculty Members, Officers, Non-Teaching Staff and Students of the University are requested to attend the programme and make it a befitting commemoration of the 200th Birth Anniversary of Rajnarayan Basu.

All concerned are requested to extend their cooperation for the successful organization of the programme.

This notice is issued with the approval of the competent authority.

A. Das
Registrar (Acting)
31/08/2026

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Date: 31.07.2026

From: Assistant Secretary to the Government of West Bengal.

To: The Registrar, ... University (All State Aided)

**Subject: Celebration of 200th Birth Anniversary of Rajnarayan Basu, Eminent
Writer, Educationist, Social Reformer & Pioneer of Bengal Renaissance -
regarding**

Madam/ Sir,

In view of the year 2026 marking the 200th Birth Anniversary of Rajnarayan Basu, Eminent Writer, Educationist, Social Reformer & Pioneer of Bengal Renaissance, it has been proposed to commemorate his life, works and legacy through a series of academic, cultural, literary and educational programmes across the State.

I am therefore directed to request you for taking all possible necessary action for celebration of the 200th Birth Anniversary of Rajnarayan Basu in the University campuses, in a befitting manner which will include the following action points:

1. Organization of State/National/International level Seminars and Lectures focusing on the life, works and philosophy of Rajnarayan Basu.
2. Display of rare manuscripts, publications and related historical materials, wherever available.

A brief report of the observation of the Celebration of the Anniversary may be sent through email to wshed.universitybranch@gmail.com along with photographs.

This may be treated as very urgent.

Yours faithfully,

Assistant Secretary

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