

**REPORT on**

**Munshi Premchand: Hayat-o-Khidmat**

**July 31, 2019**

One-day State Level Seminar, on "MUNSHI PREM CHAND: HAYAT-O-KHIDMAT" (Life and Works)" was organised by Department of Urdu, Government Girls' General Degree College, Kolkata on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 from 11 am to 5 pm.

Munshi Premchand, a famous writer of the early 20th century, was born on July 31, 1880 at Lamhi Village, near Varanasi. He died on October 8, 1936. He was born as Dhanpat Rai Srivastav, and used the pen name, Nawab Rai. He later came to be known as Munshi Premchand, the honorary prefix "Munshi" given by his people appreciating his writings. He wrote approximately dozen novels, 250 short stories, numerous essays, and translations, writing in both Urdu and Hindi. He also translated several foreign literary works into the Hindi.

The seminar was divided into three sessions. Inaugural session started with a welcome address of Dr. Shabnam Parveen, Head, Department of Urdu, Government Girls' General Degree College, Kolkata. Dr. Syeda Shariqatul Moula Alquadri, Officer-in-Charge of the college, delivered inaugural lecture. Dr. Debaprasad Banerjee, Head, Department. of English and Dr. Sampa Sen, Teachers Council Secretary of the college spoke on Munshi Premchand's writings.

The speakers in the First session were Prof. (Dr.) Sheonath Pandey, former Professor and Head, Department of Hindi, Hooghly Mohsin College, Chinsurah, Prof. Anis Akhtar, Head, P.G Department. of Urdu, Hooghly Mohsin College. They delivered their lectures on Munshi Premchand and his style of writing, socio-economic problems of 20th century.

Prof. Anis Akhtar presided over the second session of the seminar. The speakers in this session were Dr. Farzana Shaheen, Head, Department of Urdu, Serampore Girls' College, Raza Mazhar Ansari, Senior Research Fellow (UGC), University of Burdwan and Aftab Alam, research scholar, University of Burdwan.

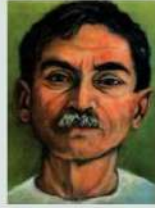
The seminar was compered by Zahida Parween, Department. of Urdu, Bidhan Chandra College, Asansol. Nakhat Parween, special lecturer, Department of Urdu, Government Girls' General Degree College, Kolkata delivered the vote of thanks.



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