

**Report on the Special Lecture Observing International Workers' Day**  
**Organised by the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), Sudhiranjan Lahiri**  
**Mahavidyalaya**  
**Date: May 1, 2025 | Platform: Google Meet**

To commemorate **International Workers' Day**, the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) of Sudhiranjan Lahiri Mahavidyalaya organized a **Special Lecture** titled "*The Making of May Day and Aftermath: A Brief Recapitulation*". The lecture was delivered by **Professor (Retd.) Asoke Prasun Chattopadhyay**, Department of Chemistry, University of Kalyani, via the Google Meet e-platform.

Prof. Chattopadhyay presented an enlightening and thought-provoking session, tracing the historical trajectory of May Day, beginning with the Haymarket affair of 1886. His erudite lecture highlighted the ideological foundations of the global workers' movement and examined the transformation of May Day into a powerful symbol of labour solidarity and social justice. With rich historical insight and scholarly articulation, he explored its contemporary relevance amidst the challenges posed by neoliberal labour reforms.

The lecture received high praise from participants, being described as "*informative and illuminating*". Many remarked on its depth, clarity, and the inspiration it provided in understanding the legacy and ongoing significance of workers' struggles.

The event witnessed a **remarkable turnout**. In addition to the faculty, staff, and students of the host institution, attendees included **research scholars from North Bengal University, faculty members from Sikkim University, Adamas University, Murlidhar Girls' College, Hooghly Women's College, Mekliganj College, RDC Murshidabad, Ranaghat College, and Plassey College**. Also present were **a practising lawyer and former faculty member at the Indian Institute of Legal Studies**, as well as **Mrs. Anisha Rai, teacher at Heritage School, Darjeeling**.

The Institution's Innovation Council extends its heartfelt gratitude to **Prof. Asoke P. Chattopadhyay** for his invaluable contribution and to all participants for their active engagement and support in making the programme a success.




NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 55

OBJECTIVE: To commemorate May Day by enlightening participants on its history, significance, and present-day relevance.



BENEFIT: The lecture deepened understanding of workers' rights, fostered inter-institutional dialogue, and inspired reflection on contemporary labour challenges.

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