**Name of the Activity:** Actresses As Working Women In Bengali Theatre: Then and Now

**Category:** Seminar/Talk

**Organising Unit:** Gender Resource Centre in collaboration with IQAC

**Date**: March 31, 2023

**Time**: 2 PM

**Venue**: Muktiprana Sabhagriha

**Name of Resource person/s (with designation):**

1. Mrs Suranjana Dasgupta, Thespian, Actor and Director
2. Dr Sunetra Mitra, Assistant Professor, Department of History, RKSM Vivekananda

Vidya bhavan

**Number of Participants:** 100

**Brief Description of Event:** Gender Resource Centre and IQAC, RKSM Vivekananda Vidyabhavan, organised a discussion on Actresses as Working Women in Bengali Theatre: Then and Now to commemorate International Women’s Day( belatedly).The discussants were Mrs Suranjana Dasgupta, noted theatre actor, director and writer and Prof. Sunetra Mitra. It was a lively discussion on looking at the actresses as the first independent working women, their battles and their legacy. The discussion went back and forth in time looking critically and hopefully at the lives of the actresses. The highlight of the programme was an enactment from Madhab Malanchya Kainya- the legendary play directed by Bibhas Chakrabarti in which Suranjana played the role of Malancha.

**Programme Outcome:** Students were delighted to hear about the first generation of actresses and their struggle for recognition. They felt encouraged to learn theatre from the

resource person Suranjana Dasgupta.





