

**Name of the event** – Marxism: Some Basic Concepts

**Category** – Extension Lecture

**Organizing Unit** – Department of English, RKSMVV

**Resource Person** – Dr. Saheli Roy Chowdhury, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, RKSMVV

**Date**- 29.05.2024

**Time** – 12:15-1:15 PM

**Venue** – Room no. 8

**Number of Participants** – 18

**Brief Description of the event** – On 29<sup>th</sup> May, the Department of English organized an extension lecture for the undergraduate students of semesters IV and VI. Dr. Saheli Roy Chowdhury, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, RKSMVV began her lecture by introducing the students to the fundamentals of Marxist theory, such as “base and superstructure” and the dynamics between the “haves and have-nots”. Her discussion included various forms of Marxist criticisms such as: “Leninist Marxism”, “Vulgar Marxism” and “Engelsian Marxism”. Dr. Roy Chowdhury extensively elaborated on the topic of Russian formalism focusing on some influential figures like Jakobson, Bakhtin, Gramsci, and Althusser. Additionally, she explained the ideals of the aforementioned figures and enlightened the students about the concepts of “Rule versus Hegemony”, “Defamiliarization”, “Interpellation” and the two kinds of “Apparatuses”.

**Outcome**- The students are grateful since the lecture enabled them to obtain a critical perspective, learn the intricate details of the theoretical concepts and improve their overall comprehension and preparation for the upcoming end-semester examination.

