

## Event Report of Department of English

### 1. Name of the Event: Lecture Series on “Marxism”

**Category:** Extension Lecture Series

**Date of the Event:** 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2025

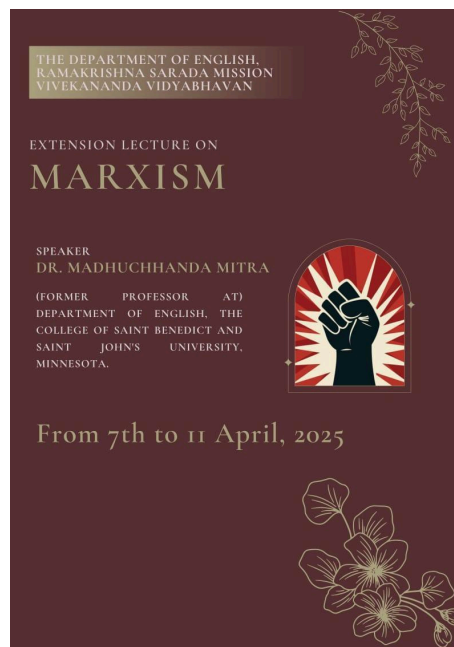
**Time:** 12:00 p.m.– 2:00 p.m.

**Venue:** Room no.16

**Resource Person:** Dr. Madhuchhanda Mitra,  
Professor Emeritus, College of Saint Benedict &  
Saint John's University, Minnesota, USA

**Participants:** 7 (UG Sem VI)

**Brief Description of the Event:** Dr. Mitra introduced the foundations of Marxist literary theory and its relevance as a critical lens. She familiarized the students with core concepts of the theory and its key theorists and demonstrated the application of Marxist criticism to literary texts in a clear, accessible manner. She also engaged students through guided questions, encouraging them to identify Marxist themes in familiar texts and to articulate how a materialist critique alters interpretation. Throughout, Dr. Mitra maintained a lucid, step-by-step approach, ensuring that even those encountering Marxist criticism for the first time could grasp its terminology and analytical value.



**Outcome:** Participants developed a solid grounding in Marxist theory's vocabulary and framework. Students practiced applying the Marxist lens to literary passages, gaining confidence in critical analysis. The session stimulated interest

in further research on socio-economic readings of literature and prepared students for advanced theoretical coursework.