

Department of English

Event Report

Name of the Event- Extension Lecture on Dalit Literature

Category – Extension Lecture

Organizing Unit – Department of English

Date – 22.08.2025

Time- 11:00 am

Venue- Room no. 08

Resource Person- Dr. Sipra Mukherjee, Professor, Department of English, West Bengal State University

Number of Participants – 9

Brief Description of the Event- The Department of English at RKSMVV organized a lecture on *Dalit Literature* on 22nd August, 2025. The lecture provided an introductory overview of the history and evolution of Dalit literature, highlighting its rudimentary aspects and defining



features in literature. Dr. Mukherjee began by situating Dalit Literature within the broader framework of Indian literary traditions, explaining how it emerged as a powerful form of resistance and self-expression from the oppressed Dalit communities, historically marginalized under the caste system. Drawing analogy from Dalit Literature, the discussion conferred a special focus on the text *The Adivasi Will Not Dance* by Hansda Sowvendra Shekhar. The speaker also discussed how Dalit Literature intersects with issues of

gender, class, and regional identity.

Dr. Mukherjee emphasized that Dalit Literature is not just a literary movement but a socio-political act of assertion and reclamation. It challenges dominant narratives and demands a restructuring of the literary canon to include voices from the margins. She also highlighted the growing academic and global interest in Dalit writings, urging students to engage critically with these texts not just as stories of suffering, but as manifestos of resistance and resilience.

Outcome – The lecture concluded with a Question and Answer session. The lecture greatly facilitated the students since it provided an all-encompassing discussion regarding Dalit Literature.



