

Maharani Kasiswari College
Department of English
Workshop Report

Name of the Event: **Workshop on the importance of oral history and narrative collection**

Organised by: Department of English, MKC in collaboration with The 1947 Partition Archives.

Convenor: Dr.Chandrima Karmakar (Assistant Professor, Department of English).

Date of the event: 07th January 2019.

Report:

Maharani Kasiswari College in collaboration with the 1947 Partition Archives organized a one-day interactive session workshop on the importance of oral history and narrative collection. The event took place at the college premises on the 7th of January 2019. The purpose of the workshop was to introduce the students to one of the biggest catastrophes of South Asia – the 1947 Partition of India. Students were introduced to the trauma of the event and its implications. The **1947 Partition Archive** (www.1947partitionarchive.org) is an organisation dedicated to documenting, collecting life stories of individuals born before 1947 alongside sharing eye-witness accounts of people who have witnessed Colonial regime, Independence & Partition in 1947 and in the subsequent trajectory the important historical junctures till date.

The 1947 Partition Archive started its journey in 2010 from UC Berkeley and since then we have collected over 7000 oral historical narratives of individuals who were witness to the aforementioned events. The workshop highlighted the importance of oral history in understanding historical events, such as the partition of India. Students were introduced to the various internship opportunities at the Archive where they would be taught to document narratives and in turn play a significant role in archiving the ‘everyday lived’ reality stories of partition survivors.

Program schedule:

1. Dr. Chandrima Karmakar, Assistant Professor (Dept. of English): Introduction (10 mins).
2. Mr. Ritriban Chakraborty, Field Officer: Importance of Oral History and Narrative Collection (30 mins).
3. Mr. Debraj Banerjee, Program Developer: Introduction to Fellowships offered by the Archive (30 mins).

4. Mr. Lokesh Chakma, Field Officer: Experience of collecting oral-narratives as a Story (30 mins).
5. Interactive Session (15 mins).
6. Dr. Sima Chakrabarti, Principal: Concluding Remarks (15 mins).
7. Prof. Rita Chatterjee, Associate Professor: Vote of Thanks (10 mins).

Partition Archive Event Schedule Agreement

Archive Regional Staff:	Debraj	School Name:	Maharani Kasiswari College
Field Officer:	Ritriban Chakraborty	City/State/Country:	Kolkata
Story Scholar:	Lokesh Chakma	School representative:	Chandrima Karmakar
Story Scholar:		Representative's Phone:	8337060515
Citizen Historian:	Rituparna Rana	Representative's Email:	chandrima87.karmakar@gmail.com
Partition Witness:		Event's Date:	7th Jan 2019
Partition Witness:		Type of Event:	Talk on SSP
Length of Event:	2 to 2.5hrs	Start Time:	9.30am

Speaking Time	Speaker's Name	Subject
10 mins approx	Chandrima Karmakar	Introduction
30 mins approx	Ritriban Chakraborty	Importance of Oral History and Narrative Collection
30 mins approx	Debraj	Talk on SSP
30 mins approx	Lokesh Chakma	Experience of collecting narratives as SS
30 mins approx	Rituparna Rana	Experiences as CH and thoughts on Partition
10 mins approx	Interactive Session	Time depending upon Question
5 mins approx	Faculty Member	Concluding Note

Total time 2h 25m

The 1947 Partition Archive's Regional Staff member, Debraj Banerjee, proposes this Schedule of Event to Chandrima Karmakar, of Maharani Kasiswari College. By signing this document, Chandrima Karmakar and Maharani Kasiswari College approve of this schedule, and agree that this event be organized by the 1947 Partition Archive at its premises on 7th January, starting at 9.30am, and with the people listed above.

Debraj Banerjee

Archive Regional Staff
Date:

School Representative
Date:

Poster of Internships available for students (offered by the Archive):

February 1st, 2019 - Deadline extended



Mohit Srivastava interviews Kamala Pathak

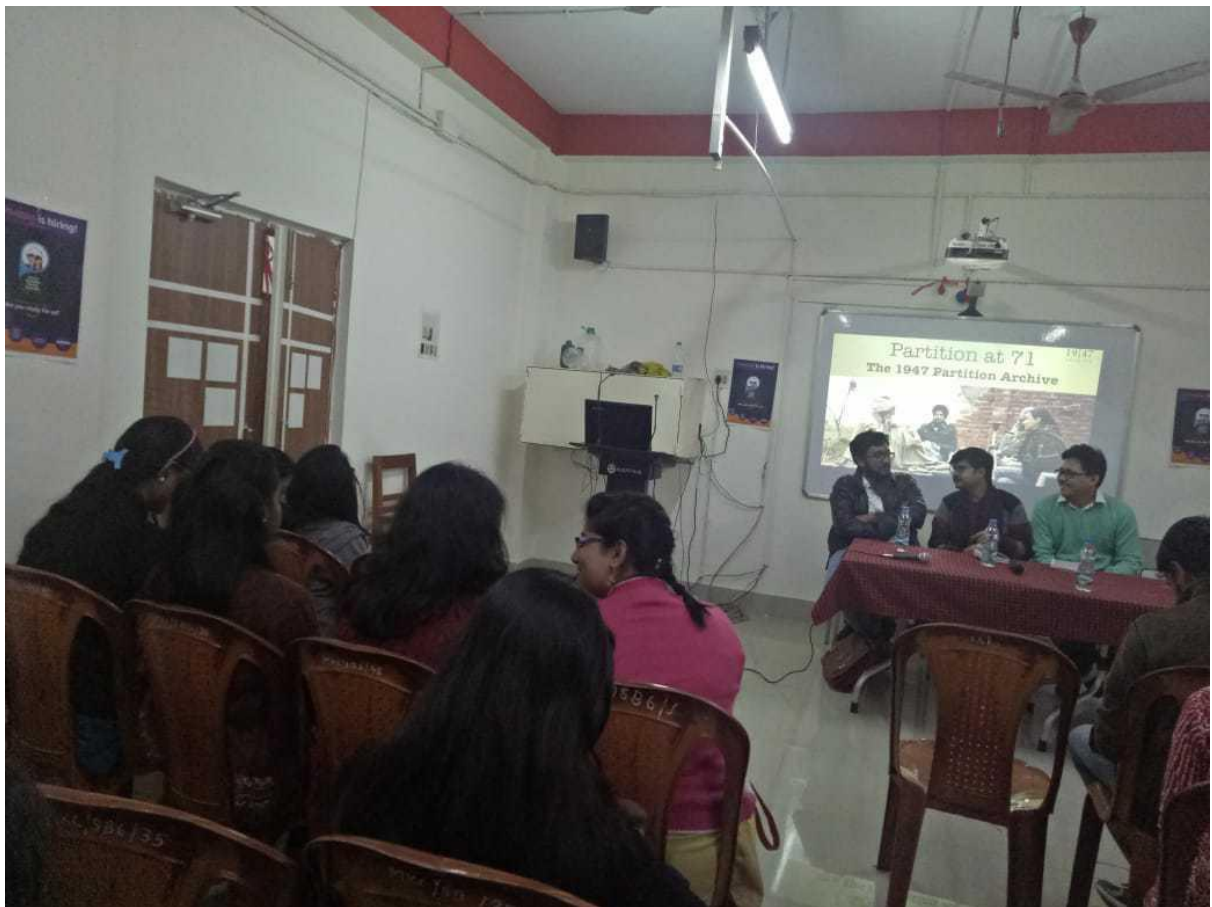
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Photographs from the event:



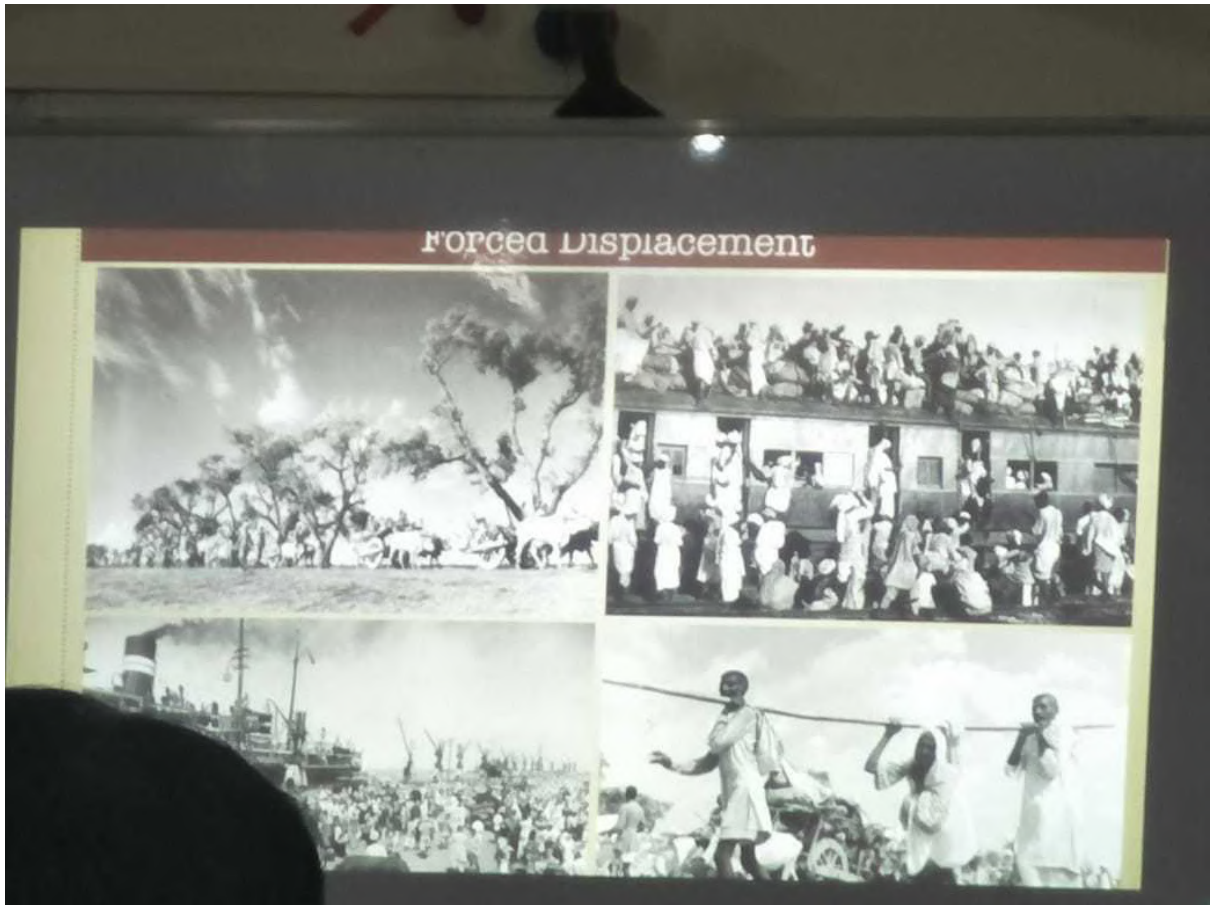


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Partition at 71
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