



IHAR (Indian History Awareness & Research) West Bengal Chapter is all set to begin the New year of 2025 with its annual conference, titled "**Bengal's Cultural Heritage**". The conference would be held on 23rd February 2025 from 10:30 AM onwards at the National Library of India.

A daylong seminar on various aspects of Cultural Heritage, this conference aims to conduct 5 (five) panel discussions with eminent guest speakers who would enlighten the audience with their engaging thoughts on various subjects.

IHAR West Bengal Chapter has thus come up with a bouquet of subjects including Bengal's Rich Economic Heritage & History; Literary Heritage; Tangible, Built and Intangible Heritage; the Art and Mission of Conserving Heritage in Bengal and the Heritage of Bengal's Forgotten Revolutionary Movement for Independence.

15 speakers and 5 panel discussions on such unique topics will bring together academicians, researchers, scholars, heritage conservationists and authors together in one platform. The event targets to enlighten the audience with knowledge, information, joy and pride about Bengal's rich Cultural heritage.

IHAR (Indian History Awareness & Research) West Bengal Chapter is proud to be able to make this conference happen with the support all the people who love and are proud of Bengal's glorious legacy.

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

10:30 AM
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11:00 AM

- **WELCOME ADDRESS**
- **LAMP LIGHTING & MANTRA CHANT**
- **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

11:00 AM
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11:25 AM

**BRIEF ON AGENDA – SHRI. PRASUN ROY
(CONVENOR, WEST BENGAL)**

**MISSION OF IHAR – SHRI. SURYA SARATHI ROY
(DIRECTOR, IHAR)**

11:25 AM
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11:45 AM

- **CHIEF GUEST SPEECH**
- **GUESTS OF HONOUR SPEECHES**

11:45 AM
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12:45 PM

**PANEL: BENGAL'S HERITAGE – DIVERSITY OF LITERATURE,
LANGUAGES & DIALECTS**

- SHRI.DEEP HALDER (JOURNALIST & AUTHOR).
- DR. AVISHEK BISWAS (ASSISTANT PROF. OF ENGLISH VIDYASAGAR COLLEGE, CALCUTTA UNIVERSITY).
- MODERATOR - MS. SOUMYA SIL (CIVIL SERVANT, GOVT WB, HERITAGE TRAVELLER)

12:45 PM
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1:45 PM

LUNCH BREAK



1:45 PM
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2:45 PM

**PANEL: THE ART AND MISSION OF CONSERVING CULTURAL
HERITAGE: A GLIMPSE INTO BENGAL AND INDIA**

- SHRI G.M. KAPUR (EMINENT HERITAGE CONSERVATIONIST AND W.B. CONVENOR INTACH)
- SHRI ANIL DHIR (HERITAGE CONSERVATIONIST, IHAR (DIRECTOR), INTACH - CONVENOR)
- SHRI BIKRAMJIT CHAKRABORTY (EAST ZONE HEAD - ICOMOS)
- MODERATOR MR. PRASUN ROY (EMINENT AUTHOR , RESEARCHER)

2:45 PM
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3:45 PM

**PANEL: BENGAL'S GLORIOUS AND DIVERSE HERITAGE –
TANGIBLE, INTANGIBLE, TRADITIONS & FESTIVALS**

- DR. AMITAVA CHATERJEE (PROFESSOR (HISTORY), KAZI NAZRUL UNIVERSITY)
- PROF. PROBAL ROYCHOUDHURY (DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR NEW INDIA STUDIES, S.N.U)
- DR. SWAPAN THAKUR (FOUNDER-EDITOR - KOULAL, TEACHER, EXPLORER-FIELD SURVEYOR OF RARH BANGLA BY PROPENSITY)
- MODERATOR - MR.SUROPRIYO CHAKRABORTY (PHD SCHOLAR , S.N.U.)

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

3:45 PM

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4:45 PM

PANEL:HERITAGE OF FIREBRAND REVOLUTIONARIES – BENGAL THE SEEDBED OF REVOLUTION

- SHRI SURYA SARATHI ROY (RESEARCHER, IHAR (DIRECTOR), INTACH - NEW DELHI CHAPTER LIFE MEMBER, ASSOCIATE MEMBER - ICOMOS, UNESCO),
- DR.SARUP PRASAD GHOSH (DIR -MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD INSTITUTE OF ASIAN STUDIES),
- SHRI PRASUN ROY (EMINENT AUTHOR, HERITAGE CONSERVATIONIST & ENTREPRENEUR)
- MODERATOR : SMT. REETWIKA BANERJEE (EMINENT AUTHOR , RESEARCHER)

4:45 PM

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5:45 PM

PANEL: BENGAL'S COMMERCIAL & ECONOMIC HERITAGE OVER THE CENTURIES

- SHRI SUDIPTA GUHA (ENGG, C.A. FIN. ANALYST) AND PROJ CONSULTANT - WORLD BANK / ADB)
- DR.RAJA GOPAL DHAR CHAKRABORTI (FORMER DIRECTOR,IISWBM. FORMER DIRECTOR CU),
- SMT.RICHA GAUTAM (AUTHOR, FOUNDER OF CARESGLOBAL AND CASTEFILES AND DATA ANALYST AND RESEARCH FELLOW AT CENTER OF INDIC STUDIES INDUS UNIVERSITY)
- MODERATOR - MR. SAUMAK PODDAR (PHD SCHOLAR, UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA)

5:45 PM

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6:00 PM

VOTE OF THANKS – SHRI ANIL DIR

6:00 PM

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TEA & REFRESHMENTS