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Report on Workshop/Seminar/Webinar

1. **Name of the organizing Department(s):** Bengali Department (Post Graduate), Garhbeta College and Bengali Department Panchala Mahavidyalaya in association with IQAC, Garhbeta College
2. **Title of the Workshop/Seminar/Webinar:** “Raktakarabi: Paprir Arale Shatabarsha Japon”
3. **Date:** 21st December, 2023
4. **Level:** State Level
5. **Number of participants:** 247
6. **Details of Resource Person(s):** 1) Dr. Srutinath Chakraborty, Former Professor in Bengali, Vidyasagar University,
2) Dr. Siddartha Chakraborty, Associate Professor in Drama, Rabindra Bharati University
3) Dr. Tarun Kumar Pradhan, Associate Professor in Drama, Rabindra Bharati University

On the occasion of centenary of Rabindranath Tagore’s play ‘Raktakarabi’ the department of Bengali, Garhbeta College and the Department of Bengali Panchala Mahavidyalaya organized a one-day state level seminar on ‘Raktakarabi: Paprir Arale Shatabarsha Japon’ on 21st December, 2023 at Garhbeta College in association with IQAC of Garhbeta College. The speakers and dignitaries present in the seminar were welcome with the gift of the red karabi tree. The Principal Dr. Hariprasad Sarkar of Garhbeta College gave the welcome note. In his speech, Dr. Sarkar said that a one-day seminar centered on a play had never been organized before. In addition, this arrangement gives an indication of the importance of the play after a hundred years, he said. Dr. Arpita Mondal (Nandi) highlighted the relevance of the play. The special guest of the seminar Dr. Nabanita Chakrabarti, Principal of Heramba Chandra College briefly discusses the secret hidden behind the flower of ‘Raktakarabi’. Dr. Sanghamitra Das gave the introduction of the seminar, HoD department of Bengali, Panchala Mahavidyalaya and Prof. Rabindra Nath Mudi, HoD department of Bengali, Garhbeta College. Dr. Srutinath Chakraborty Former Professor of Bengali, Vidyasagar University gave the keynote speech. He gives a comprehensive discussion of the play ‘Raktakarabi’, the reasons behind its composition, various drafts of the play, manuscripts, different forms of Nandini, Ranjan’s words and various folk elements and symbols used in the play. The other speaker of the seminar Dr. Siddartha Chakraborty, Associate Professor, department of Drama, Rabindrabharati University discussed the political and social significance of the play by highlighting various aspects of the production of the play ‘Raktakarabi’ in the discussion entitled ‘Shaborshe Raktakarabi: Revisited Reading and Production’. Dr. Tarun Kumar Pradhan, Associate Professor, department of Bengali, Rabindrabharati University shed light on the folk elements used in the drama ‘Raktakarabi’. He said, which Ranjan or Nandini will come forward to deliver the message of liberation from the underworld of today’s king, today’s ruler, today’s people? Surely, one day some Nandini-Ranjan will break this modern web-net. It is in this context that he honored Medha Patkar, the leader of the ‘Save Narmada’ movement as the ‘Nandini’ of this time. Dr. Siddartha and Dr.



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Pradhan's words, the theme of the play 'Raktakarabi' comes up repeatedly in the context of various political and social events happening even after a century. They say people of this time are nothing but numbers.

The question and answer session was excellent. At the end of the discussion the students of garhbeta college sang 'Paush toder daak diechhe' song. Dr. Siddartha Chakraborty recited some parts of the play 'Raktakarabi'. The seminar started with Prof. Susanta Kumar Mondal and Dr. Baneswar Jana's song 'bhalobasi bahlobasi'. That tone was set until the end of the seminar. The entire seminar was planned and conducted by Dr. Rita Sil, Associate Professor, department of Bengali, Garhbeta College. Prof. Chandan Nag and Prof. Rabindra Nath Mudi gave vote of thanks as well as the speakers, audience and entrepreneurs.