

Press Release

Kolkata Centre for Creativity Hosts Inaugural Edition of KCC Baithak Khana: A Celebration of Bengali Literature and Culture

Kolkata, India - April 19, 2024 - Kolkata Centre for Creativity (KCC) proudly announces the launch of KCC Baithak Khana, a unique platform celebrating Bengali literature and culture. Curated by renowned literary figures Mr. Chandril Bhattacharya and Ms. Sanchari Mookherjee, the three-day literary extravaganza promises to delve deep into the rich tapestry of Bengali literature, featuring a diverse array of talks, discussions, masterclasses, debates, poetry and story reading sessions, solo acts and performances, performative discussions, musical performances, and much more.

Scheduled to commence on April 19th, 2024, and culminating on April 21st, 2024, the inaugural edition of KCC Baithak Khana will explore the theme of "The Depiction of the Bengali Middle Class in Bengali Literature and Popular Media." This theme serves as a poignant reflection on the multifaceted nature of the Bengali middle class, capturing its idiosyncrasies, aspirations, and contradictions. The three day event has a vivid line up of luminaries as renowned actor Anirban Bhattacharya will read excerpts from stories written by Sandeepan Chattopadhyay, Poet & Lyricist Sripto will read poems by Bhaskar Chakraborty and many others, National Award Winning actress Sudipta Chakraborty will act a part in the play 'Aparajita'. Poet and translator Sajjad Sharif is coming from Bangladesh to discuss the middle class in Akhtaruzzaman's literature. Sanjay Mukherjee and Abdul Kafi will be in a debate on "When We Say Bengali, We Mean The Bengali Middle Class". Prachet Gupta, Ranjan Bandyopadhyay, Riddhi Sen, and Suman Mukhopadhyay, Kamleswar Mukhopadhyay, Aniruddha Raychoudhury will discuss the middle class in cinema. Band Chandrabindu & Singer Anupam Roy will also be performing on the occasion.

Ms. Richa Agarwal, Chairperson of Kolkata Centre for Creativity, expressed her enthusiasm for the event, stating, "KCC Baithak Khana embodies our commitment to fostering a vibrant cultural landscape in Kolkata. Through this one-of-a-kind literary meet, we aim to celebrate the rich heritage of Bengali literature while providing a platform for insightful discourse on the portrayal of the Bengali middle class. We are expecting everyone to take genuine interest in this and be a part of this festival that celebrates Middle Class through Bengali Literature".

About Kolkata Centre for Creativity:

Kolkata Centre for Creativity (KCC) is a pioneering initiative aimed at promoting creativity and innovation across various artistic disciplines. Situated in the heart of Kolkata, KCC serves as a dynamic hub for cultural exchange, education, and collaboration, offering a wide range of programs and events designed to inspire and engage individuals of all ages and backgrounds.