

The Dept of English, West Bengal State University organized a two-day national seminar, titled **“Mapping Language, Ecology and Cultural Diversity in India: An Ecolinguistic Approach”**. The seminar was sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science Research, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India under ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’ celebration.

The seminar witnessed, besides scores of students attending the seminar from different departments of the university, a congregation of more than 30 registered participants from 9 different states representing more than 20 different institutions including IITs and central universities.

The seminar provided a much needed platform for the scholars, academics and researchers to discuss and deliberate on the issues relating to ecology and how it could be protected and sustained by preserving the linguistic diversity of the land. The papers were both theoretical and empirical in nature insightfully exploring and critically examining the significance of acknowledging the close connection between ecological sustainability and mankind’s survival and protecting ecological diversity to conserve the pluralism of Indian oral tradition of literatures and cultures and the indigenous knowledge system based on them.

Some glimpses of the seminar



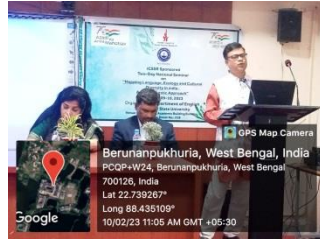
Prof. Mahua Das the honorable Vice Chancellor, WBSU delivering the ‘Presidential address’



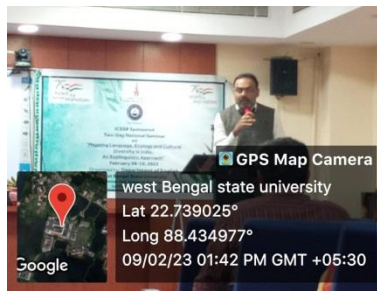
Prof. Sipra Mukherjee, HoD, Dept. of English delivering the ‘Inaugural speech’



Keynote speaker: Prof. Niladri Sekhar Dash, ISI, Kolkata



Plenary Speaker: Dr. Ujjwal Jana, Pondicherry University



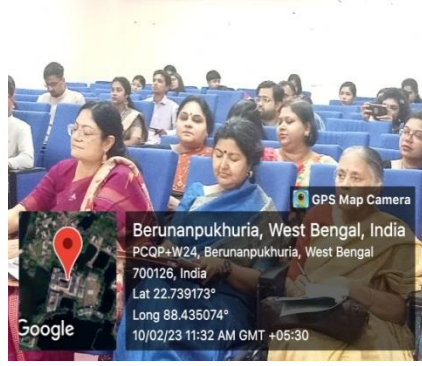
Plenary speaker: Dr. C. Ramamuni Reddy, EFL University, Telangana



Plenary speaker: Dr. Sweta Sinha, IIT, Patna



Plenary speaker: Prof. Shruti Das, Berhampur University, Odisha



The august audience