

# PROGRAMMES ORGANISED BY THE AIPSO WEST BENGAL STATE COMMITTEE

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## 2017

### **21 December 2017: PALESTINE SOLIDARITY DAY**

The AIPSO, West Bengal State Committee is scheduled to hold a public meeting at Ranu-Chhaya Mancha, in front of the Academy of Fine Arts,rossing, Kolkata on 21 Deember 2017 at 4-30pm to observe the Palestine Solidarity Day in protest against US President Mr. Donald Trump's 6<sup>th</sup> December declaration of Jerusalem as Israeli capital. Prof. Asok Kumar Basu, former Vice Chancellor, Jadavpur University chaired the session. Among the speakers were Ex-MP Mr. Shyamal Chakraborty, Mr. Samar Chakraborty, Mr. Hafij Alam Sairani, former minister and Prof. S N Bera. Mr. Rajat Bandyopadhyay and Mrs. Srabani Sengupta recited poems.

### **29 November 2017: INTERNATIONAL PALESTINE SOLIDARITY DAY**

The AIPSO, West Bengal State Committee is scheduled to hold a public meeting at Moulali crossing, Kolkata on 29 November 2017 at 4-30 pm to observe the International Palestine Solidarity Day. Prof. Asok Kumar Basu, former Vice Chancellor, Jadavpur University presided over the function. Prof. S N Bera delivered welcome address. Among the speakers were Manoj Bhattacharya, Kaninika Ghosh (Bose), Mr. Prabir Deb, and Mr. Arshad Ali. Mr. Kankan Bhattacharya, noted singer, took part in the programme. Mr. Rajat Bandyopadhyay recited poems.

### **14 November 2017: SEMINAR ON THE TAJ MAHAL**

The AIPSO, West Bengal State Committee organized a seminar on 'The Taj Mahal and India's Composite Culture' at Vivekananda Hall, Jadavpur University. Prof. Amit Dey of the Department of History, University of Calcutta was the main speaker. Prof. Asok Kumar Basu, former Vice Chancellor, Jadavpur University presided over the function. Prof. S N Bera delivered welcome address.

### **1 September 2017: RALLY IN KOLKATA**

The AIPSO State Committee joined the massive rally in Kolkata organized by the Left parties on the occasion of the World Anti- Imperialist War Day.

### **21 August 2017: 70<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF INDIA'S INDEPENDENCE**

The AIPSO, West Bengal State Committee organized a public meeting on 21 August 2017 at 5pm at RanuChhaya Mancha to observe the Seventieth Years of India's Independence. The topic of discussion was 'The Seventieth Years of India's Independence and the Question of Secularism'. Dr. Sadananda Bhattacharjya, vice president of the AIPSO State Committee chaired the programme. Among the speakers were Prof. Basudeb Barman, Mr. Manoj Bhattacharya, Mr. Somnath Bhattacharya. Prof. S N Bera delivered welcome address.

### **26 July 2017: MONCADA DAY**

AIPSO, West Bengal State Committee observed the Moncada Day on 26 July 2017. A public meeting was held at Keshub Memorial Hall, Victoria Institution (College), Kolkata. The topic of discussion was 'Aggressive Hegemony in Today's World'.

Prof. Purusottam Bhattacharya, former professor of the Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University and Mr. Manab Mukherjee, former Cabinet Minister of West Bengal were speakers on the occasion. Prof. Basudeb Barman, former MP presided over the session. Mrs. Rina Deb recited Tagore poems. Prof. S N Bera delivered welcome address.

### **19 May 2017: HO CHI MINH'S BIRTHDAY**

AIPSO, West Bengal State Committee observed the 129<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Ho Chi Minh on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017. A well-attended public meeting was organized on the day at the ITC Park adjacent to the statue of Ho Chi Minh. Eminent educationists, cultural personalities and social & political activists joined the programme. Prof. Prabodh

Chandra Sinha presided over the session. Ms. Von Thi Aan Fong of Vietnam Embassy, New Delhi who attended the programme as a special guest spoke on the occasion. Among the other speakers were Geetesh Sharma, Rabin Deb, Prof. Basudeb Barman, Dr. Srikumar Mukherjee, Pradip Mukherjee, S N Bera. Bidhan Majumdar, Pilu Bhattacharya, Pradip Roy Chowdhury, Pijush Dhar, Srabani Sengupta participated in the cultural programme. Prof. S N Bera delivered welcome address.

### **11 April 2017: FIDEL'S LEGACY**

The AIPSO, West Bengal State Committee hold a discussion session on "Fidel's Legacy" on 11 April 2017, at Dr. Triguna Sen Auditorium, Jadavpur University. Renowned Cuban novelist and veteran journalist, Ms. Marta Rojas Rodriguez was the main speaker in the session. Ms. Yexenia Calzado Rosa of Havana-based Cuban Institute for Friendship with the Peoples (ICAP) also took part in the session. Prof. Asok Nath Basu, Presidium Member, AIPSO and former Vice Chancellor, Jadavpur University chaired the session. Students, teachers and employees of University joined the programme and actively participated in the interactive session.



### **8-9 April 2017: ASIA-PACIFIC CUBA SOLIDARITY CONFERENCE**

Prof. Tarun Patra, Presidium member of AIPSO West Bengal State Committee took part in the 8<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Regional Cuba Solidarity Conference held on 8-9 April 2017 in Manila, Philippines as a member of the Indian delegation. Prof. Patra is former President of the All India Federation of University & College Teachers' Organisations (AIFUCTO). It may be mentioned that the City of Kolkata hosted the very first Asia-Pacific Regional Cuba Solidarity Conference in the year 1995.

## **2016**

### **18 December 2016: WEST BENGAL SECOND STATE CONFERENCE**

AIPSO West Bengal Second State Conference was held at Keshub Memorial Hall, Victoria Institution (College). Mr. Justice(Retd) Chittatosh Mukerjee inaugurated the conference. More than 400 delegates attended the conference. Prof. S N Bera (Anjan), General Secretary (Coordinator) placed the report on which the delegates took part in the discussion. The report along with the audited account was passed unanimously. The State Committee members and the Patrons were elected unanimously. Prof. S N Bera (General Secretary-Coordinator), Prof. Binayak Bhattacharya and Mr. Prabir Banerjee were elected General Secretaries of the State Committee. Mr. Kunal Bagchi was elected Treasurer.

### **29 November 2016: PALESTINE SOLIDARITY DAY**

AIPSO West Bengal State Committee observed the International Palestine Solidarity Day in a befitting manner and organized a well-attended public meeting at the Raja Bazar crossing, Kolkata on 29 November 2016. The meeting was chaired by Prof. Prabodh Chandra Sinha. Among the speakers were Dr. Srikumar Mukherjee, Mr. Samar Chakraborti, Mr. Arshad Ali, Mr. Javed Anwar, Ms. Mousumi Ghosh and Mr. Bikash Jha. Recitation by Soham Mukherjee. The gathering was impressive. Prof. S N Bera (Anjan) delivered welcome address.

### **4 October 2016: GANDHI JAYANTI**

AIPSO West Bengal State Committee organized a seminar on the occasion of 147<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Venue: Mahabodhi Society Hall. The meeting was chaired by Prof. Ashoknath Basu. Md. Salim, Hon'ble Member of the Rajya Sabha spoke elaborately on the subject. Prof. Pradip Kumar Bhattacharjee, Hon'ble Member of the Rajya Sabha could not join the programme due to flight delay. Prof. S N Bera (Anjan) delivered welcome address.

### **1 September 2016: WORLD ANTI-WAR DAY CELEBRATION:**



AIPSO West Bengal State Committee observed the World Anti-War Day on 1 September 2016 in a befitting manner and organized a public meeting at Moulali crossing, Kolkata. Prof. Ashoknath Basu, former Vice Chancellor and Chairman of the Presidium, AIPSO State Committee was in the chair. Speakers: Prof. Pabitra Sarkar, Prof. Prabodh Chandra Sinha, Mr. Dipak Dasgupta, Secretary, CITU West Bengal Committee; Mr. Sayandip Mitra, Mr. Rajat Bandyopadhyay.

### **13 August 2016: FIDEL CASTRO'S 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTH DAY CELEBRATION**

AIPSO West Bengal State Committee organized a programme 13 August 2016 at the Rammohan Library Hall, Kolkata to mark the 90th birthday of one of the living legends of our times – Fidel Castro Ruz. Prof. Asokenath Basu presided over the meeting. Mr. Biman Basu and Mr. Prabodh Panda spoke on the occasion. Inaugural song by Mr. Subhaprasad Nandi Majumdar. Mrs. Rina Deb recited two poems of Rabindranath Tagore. Mrs. Mandakranta Sen, eminent poets recited her own poems on Fidel.



### **9 August 2016: HIROSHIMA-NAGASAKI DAY REMEMBERED**

AIPSO West Bengal State Committee organized a discussion (Subject: “Not to protect the interest of the USA— India needs an independent foreign policy”) on the occasion of the Hiroshima- Nagasaki Day, on 9 August 2016 at Sarat Sadan Auditorium, Howrah jointly with AIPSO Howrah District Preparatory Committee. Prof. Asokenath Basu, former Vice Chancellor of Jadavpur University and Prof. Syamal Chakrabarti of Calcutta University spoke on the subject. Prof. S N Bera (Anjan), General Secretary (Coordinator) and Prof. Binayak Bhattacharya , General Secretary of the AIPSO State Committee appreciated the efforts of the district preparatory committee. The artists of the IPTA, Howrah district committee presented a cultural programme. Mr. Manish Deb, Covener, howrah district Preparatory committee delivered the welcome address.



### **2 August 2016: REMEMBERING COM. RAMESH CHANDRA**

AIPSO, West Bengal State Committee organized a condolence meeting (at WBMSRU Office hall, 5, Sarat Ghosh Street, Kolkata 700014) on 2 August 2016 to pay respectful homage to Com Ramesh Chandra, former President of World Peace Council who breathed his last in Mumbai on 4 July last. Mr. Pallab Sengupta, General Secretary (Coordinator) AIPSO, Mr. Rabin Deb, Secretary, AIPSO, Mr. Bhanudeb Datta, President, ISCUF, Prof. Prabodh Chandra Sinha spoke on the occasion. Prof. S N Bera (Anjan), General Secretary (Coordinator), AIPSO West Bengal Committee moved the condolence resolution.



**26 July 2016: MONCADA DAY CELEBRATION:**

AIPSO West Bengal State Committee observed the Moncada Day on 26 July 2015 in a befitting manner and organized a seminar on the occasion at the Mahabodhi Society Hall, College Street, Kolkata. Prof. Arun Kumar Banerjee, former professor of the Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University and former Dean of Arts delivered a lecture on “Why Britain wants to leave the European Union?”. Mr. Nilotpall Bose, General Secretary, AIPSO made some valuable comments on the topic. Prof. Ashoknath Basu presided over the session. Welcome address by Prof. S N Bera (Anjan).



**8 July 2016: MEETING IN SOLIDARITY WITH BANGLADESH**

AIPSO West Bengal State Committee in association with progressive cultural organizations, such as, West Bengal Democratic Writers Artists Association, IPTA West Bengal, Paschimbanga Adivasi O LokSanskriti Sangha, IPCA, Kranti Shilpi Sangha, Bharatiya LokSanskriti Sansad and Paschimbanga Ganasanskriti Parishad hosted a meeting at Ranu-Chhaya Mancha (Kolkata) on 8 July 2016 to express their solidarity with the people of Bangladesh in their fight against the fundamentalists-terrorists. The resolution was moved by Amitava Chakrabarti. Among the speakers were Prof. Malini Bhattacharya, Prof S N Bera (Anjan), eminent sports personality Mrs. Jyotirmoyee Sikdar, singer Shubhendu Maity. Prof. Ashoknath Basu chaired the programme.

Prof. Chandrakala Pandey and Mr. Mahendranath Mishra recited Hindi poems. The meeting was conducted by Mr. Gora Ghosh, Mr. Sankar Mukherjee and Mr. Partha Dasgupta. Street drama, ‘Anyo Crusade’ by Garia Sucharcha. Recitation by Mr. Rajat Bandyopadhyay, Mr. Praloy Choudhury. Songs by Rajyeswar Bhattacharya, Babuni Majumdar, Mr. Triloknath Pandey and Mr. Pradip Roy Choudhury.



**21-22 June 2016: KATHMANDU MEETING OF WPC**

Mr. V K Srivastava, Prof. Amalendu Debnath, Prof. Khagendranath Adhikary and Mr. Sukhamoy Sarkar from West Bengal joined the WPC Asia Pacific Regional meeting (Kathmandu , 21-22 June 2016) as the AIPSO delegates.



### **29 February 2016: HOWRAH DISTRICT CONVENTION**

A 9-member Howrah District Preparatory Committee of the AIPSO has been formed on at a district-level convention held on 29 February 2016.



## **2015**

### **9 December 2015: SECOND SATYENDRANATH MAJUMER MEMORIAL LECTURE:**

Mr. Amanulla Khan, President, All India Insurance Employees' Association and Editor of the 'Insurance Worker' delivered the 2<sup>nd</sup> Satyendranath Majumdar Memorial Lecture on ---'World Peace in the Era of Globalisation'. The programme, organized by the AIPSO West Bengal State Committee was held on 9 December 2015 at the State Youth Centre, Kolkata. Prof. Ashok Nath Basu presided over the function. The programme started with an inaugural song by Mr. Shuvaprasad Nandi Majumdar. The auditorium was packed -- people from all walks of life joined the programme enthusiastically.

### **29 November 2015: PALESTINE SOLIDARITY DAY**

AIPSO West Bengal State Committee observed the International Palestine Solidarity Day in a befitting manner and organized a well-attended public meeting at Moulali crossing, Kolkata on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2015. The meeting was chaired by Prof. Ashoknath Basu. Among the speakers were Mala Hashmi, Prof. Prabodh Chandra Sinha. Rabin Deb, Prabir Deb. Noted poet Mandakranta Sen recited her own translation of three poems of Palestinian poet Refeef Ziada. The gathering was impressive. Prof. S N Bera (Anjan) delivered welcome address.

### **16 October 2015: PROTEST RALLY**

The members of the AIPSO in West Bengal took part enthusiastically in the rally in Kolkata on 16 October (2015) organized by the Left parties and organizations to protest against the India- USA-Japan military exercise (14-21 October 2015) in the Indian Ocean.

### **1 September 2015: WORLD ANTI-WAR DAY CELEBRATION:**

AIPSO West Bengal State Committee observed the World Anti-War Day on 1 September 2015 in a befitting manner and organized a public meeting at Moulali crossing, Kolkata. Prof. Ashoknath Basu, former Vice Chancellor and Chairman of the Presidium, AIPSO State Committee was in the chair. Speakers: Rabin Deb, Prabir Deb, Samar Chakraborty, Satarup Ghosh, Jamir Mollah, Arshad Ali, Madhuja Sen Roy. Prof. S N Bera (Anjan), General Secretary (Coordinator), AIPSO West Bengal Committee delivered the welcome lecture.

### **26 July 2015: MONCADA DAY CELEBRATION:**

AIPSO West Bengal State Committee observed the Moncada Day on 26 July 2015 in a befitting manner and organized a seminar on the occasion at the Keshab Memorial Hall, Victoria Institution (College), Rajabazar, Sealdah.

Speakers: My. Shyamal Chakrabarty, President, CITU, West Bengal Committee, Mr. Rabin Deb, AIPSO All India Secretary, Mr. Bhanudeb Dutta, President, ISCUF and Patron, AIPSO West Bengal State Committee.

Prof. S N Bera (Anjan), General Secretary (Coordinator), AIPSO West Bengal Committee, delivered the welcome lecture.

Prof. Ashoknath Basu, former Vice Chancellor and Chairman of the AIPSO State Committee Presidium presided over the function.

### **19 May 2015: 125<sup>th</sup> BIRTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF HO CHI MINH:**

AIPSO West Bengal State Committee observed the 125<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Ho Chi Minh on 19 May 2015 beside the statue of Ho Chi Minh at the Keshab Memorial Hall, Victoria Institution (College), Rajabazar, Sealdah.

Mr. Biman Basu, Chairman, Left Front, Prof. Shovanlal Dattagupta, former professor of Calcutta University, Mr. Rabin Deb, Mr. Gitesh Sharma, President of Indo-Vietnam Friendship Committee, and Mr. Tran Quang Tuyen, Deputy Chief, Minister in Charge, Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, New Delhi spoke on the topic: 'Comrade Ho Chi Minh and the Anti-imperialist Movement Today'. Prof. Ashoknath Basu, former Vice Chancellor and Chairman of the AIPSO State Committee Presidium presided over the function. Prof. S N Bera (Anjan), General Secretary (Coordinator), AIPSO West Bengal Committee, delivered the welcome lecture.

## **2014**

### **29 December 2014: 1<sup>st</sup> SATYENDRANATH MAJUMER MEMORIAL LECTURE:**

The 'Satyendranath Majumdar Memorial Lecture' was instituted by the All India Peace and Solidarity Organisation (AIPSO) West Bengal State Committee in 2014 with an objective to initiate public debate on issues related to peace and solidarity movement in the present context.

The lecture is named after a legendary journalist, editor and author Satyendranath Majumdar (1911-1954), who truly symbolizes the glorious tradition of our anti-imperialist peace movement.

Mr. Sitaram Yechury, honourable member of the Rajya Sabha and member of the Presidium, AIPSO All India Committee delivered the First Satyendranath Majumdar Memorial Lecture on --- '100 Years of the First World War'.

The programme was held on Monday, 29 December 2014 at the State Youth Centre, Moulali, Kolkata. Prof. Ashok Nath Basu, former Vice Chancellor of Jadavpur University and Chairman, AIPSO State Committee Presidium, presided over the function. The programme started with an inaugural song by Mr. Santwan Chattopadhyay. Mr. Utpal Dutta, AIPSO Secretariat member moderated the programme. Prof. S N Bera (Anjan), General Secretary (Coordinator) AIPSO State Committee delivered the welcome address. Mr. Rabin Deb, Secretary of AIPSO All India Committee and Presidium member of the AIPSO State Committee, Mr. Manoj Bhattacharya former member of the Rajya Sabha and Presidium member of the AIPSO State Committee, Prof. Amaljyoti Sengupta, former Vice Chancellor, BESU, Shibpur, Prof. Prabodh Chandra Sinha, Mr. Shibaji Banerjee, renowned sports personality were present on the dais. Mr. Rabin Deb, on behalf of the AIPSO State Committee, presented a memento to Mr. Yechury. Mr. Jayanta Kumar Mukherjee, AIPSO State Secretariat member, presented the vote of thanks. The auditorium was packed full-- people from all walks of life joined the programme enthusiastically.

### **10 December 2014: WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS DAY:**

AIPSO West Bengal State Committee observed the World Human Rights Day on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015 by holding a seminar on human rights at Swami Vivekanda Hall, Jadavpur University. Retd. Judge of the Supreme Court and former Chairman of the State Human Rights Commission, West Bengal, Mr. Ashok Ganguly was the main speaker. Mr. Rabin Deb also spoke on the occasion.

Prof. S N Bera (Anjan), General Secretary (Coordinator), AIPSO West Bengal Committee, delivered the welcome lecture. Prof. Ashoknath Basu, former Vice Chancellor and Chairman of the AIPSO State Committee Presidium presided over the function.

### **29 November 2014: PALESTINE SOLIDARITY DAY:**

AIPSO West Bengal State Committee observed the International Palestine Solidarity Day in a befitting manner on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2014. A well-attended public rally was organized from Raja Subodh Mullick Square to Alimuddin Street Sabji Bajar crossing.

This was followed by a public meeting at Alimuddin Street Sabji Bajar. The meeting was chaired by Prof. Prabodh Chandra Sinha. The main speaker of the meeting was Mr. Hasim Abdul Halim, former Speaker of the West Bengal State Legislative Assembly. Mr. Arshad Ali, Mr. Jayanta Mukherjee, Mr. Saibal Chatterjee, Mr. Subhasis Gupta also spoke on the occasion. Prof. S N Bera (Anjan), General Secretary (Coordinator) AIPSO West Bengal State Committee delivered welcome address. The gathering was impressive.

### **1 September 2014: PEACE RALLY IN KOLKATA:**

The members of the AIPSO joined the historic peace rally on 1 September 2014 in Kolkata

### **9 August 2014: NAGASAKI DAY:**

All India Peace & Solidarity Organization, West Bengal State Committee organized a procession in Kolkata on the occasion of the Nagashaki Day, i.e., on Saturday, 9 August 2014 to protest against the Israeli attack on Gaza. The programme was organized jointly with a number of cultural organizations and theatre groups. The procession of nearly 400 started at the Dharmatala near Esplanade metro station and proceeded towards the American Center. But the police blocked the road near the Indian Museum and did not allow the rally to move further. An impromptu protest meeting was held near the police blockade.

Eminent educationists, cultural personalities and social activists, including Prof. Asokenath Basu, former Vice Chancellor of Jadavpur University, Rabin Deb, Secretary, AIPSO All India Committee, Chandan Sen, eminent theatre personality, Manoj Bhattacharya, former Rajya Sabha member, joined the rally. The meeting was addressed among others by Prof. Asokenath Bose, Chandan Sen, Anunoy Chattopadhyay, Gora Ghosh, Amitava Chakrabarty, Dr. Rathin Chakrabarty, Manoj Bhattacharya and Prof. S N Bera (Anjan). Prof. Bose presided over the meeting.

### **26 July 2014: MONCADA DAY CELEBRATION:**

AIPSO West Bengal State Committee observed the Moncada Day on 26 July 2014 in a befitting manner and organized a seminar on the occasion at ABTA Hall, Satyapriya Bhawan, Kolkata. Prof. Amiya Kumar Bagchi, eminent economist and Kalyan Sen Barat, renowned cultural personality were main speakers in the meeting. Prof. Asoke Nath Bose presided over the function.

### **18 July 2014: INTERNATIONAL NELSON MANDELA DAY**

AIPSO West Bengal State Committee observed the International Nelson Mandela Day on 18 July 2014 in solidarity with the fighting Palestinian people. It was an open-air meeting organized in collaboration with 12 students' and youth organizations at Ranu-Chhaya Mancha, in front of the Academy of Fine Arts, Kolkata.

Prof. Asoke Nath Bose, Chairman, AIPSO West Bengal State Committee Presidium and former Vice Chancellor of Jadavpur University presided over the function.

Among the speakers were Prof. Asoke Nath Bose, Rabin Deb, Secretary, AIPSO All India Committee, Chandan Sen, eminent theatre personality, Samar Chakraborty, Anjan Bera, Shibnath Sinha, Gora Ghosh, Sayandip Mitra, Madhujha Sen Roy, Utpal Datta, Shovam Banerjee, Debajyoti Das.

Two resolutions were passed, one on Palestine situation, another on the importance of observing the Mandela Day. Smt. Purabi Mukherjee, Kankan Bhattacharjee, Rajat Banerjee and a number of young artists took part in the cultural programme.

Garia Sucharcha, an IPTA group, presented a street drama, 'Cheel', which was appreciated by the audience.

## **2013**

### **29 November 2013: PALESTINE SOLIDARITY DAY:**



AIPSO West Bengal State Committee observed Palestine Solidarity Day with the demand of formation of independent and sovereign Palestine state. They organized a seminar on 'Palestine issue and our solidarity' on 29th November, 2013 at Keshub Memorial Hall, Victoria College, Kolkata. The seminar was attended by a large audience.

Speakers: Mr. Mohammed Salim, former MP, Dr. Rathin Chakraborty, eminent theatre personality.

Former MP (INC) and senior advocate Sardar Amjad Ali in a written message he expressed his solidarity with the just causes of the Palestinian people.

Chair: Prof. Amalendu Debnath, Vice President, AIPSO West Bengal State Committee presided over the function.

Eminent singers Mr. Kankan Bhattacharya and Mrs. Madira Bhattacharya presented anti-war songs.

Mr. Anjan Mukherjee, Secretary, AIPSO All India Committee, moved a resolution demanding the end of the Israeli occupation and formation of independent and sovereign Palestinian state without further delay. The motion was unanimously adopted. Prof. S N Bera (Anjan), General Secretary (Coordinator) AIPSO West Bengal State Committee delivered welcome address.

### **6 October 2013: SEMINAR ON MAHATMA GANDHI & WORLD PEACE:**



AIPSO West Bengal State Committee organized a seminar on 'Mahatma Gandhi and World Peace' on 6 October, 2013 at the Darbhanga Hall, Calcutta University. Noted historian Professor Hosenuur Rahaman, Patron, AIPSO West Bengal State Committee was the speaker. Professor Asoke Nath Bose, Chairman, AIPSO West Bengal State Committee Presidium and former Vice-Chancellor of Jadavpur University presided over the session.

Prof. S N Bera (Anjan), AIPSO State Committee General Secretary (Coordinator) introduced the speaker. Mr. Ashok Guha presented the vote of thanks.

### **1 September 2013: PEACE RALLY IN KOLKATA:**



The members of the AIPSO joined the historic peace rally on 1 September 2013 in Kolkata. The AIPSO-sponsored tablo attracted attention of all who took part in the programme.

### **6 August 2013: HIROSHIMA DAY:**



AIPSO West Bengal State Committee observed Hiroshima Day on 6 August 2013 at the Darbhanga Hall, University of Calcutta.

Speakers: Prof. Subimal Sen, former President of West Bengal Higher Education Council, Mr. Rabin Deb, All India Secretary and member of Presidium, Mr. Manoj Bhattacharya, former member of Rajyasabha and Presidium, Prof. Prabodh Sinha, All India Vice President, Mr. Ananta Bandyopadhyay, General Secretary, State Co ordination Committee and Vice President of AIPSO West Bengal State Committee, Mrs. Bandana Bhattacharya, General Secretary, Indian Society for Cultural Co- operation & Friendship



(ISCUF), West Bengal and member of AIPSO West Bengal State Committee spoke on the occasion. Professor Asoke Nath Bose, Chairman, AIPSO West Bengal State Committee Presidium and former Vice Chancellor of Jadavpur University presided over the function.

Prof. Binayak Bhattacharya, General Secretary, AIPSO State Committee, welcomed the gathering. The General Secretary (Coordinator) Prof. S N Bera (Anjan) introduced the speakers. Two resolutions were moved respectively by Mr. Anjan Mukherjee, AIPSO All India Secretary and Mr. Debasish Chakraborty, noted journalist and AIPSO State Committee member. The inaugural song was presented by Mr. Kanan Marjit. Renowned singer and AIPSO State Committee member, Mr. Pilo Bhattacharya sang anti war songs. Mass singer Mr. Bidhan Majumdar also sang a number of songs. Renowned spoken word artists Mrs. Rina Deb and Mrs. Nupur Basu recited poems.

### **26 July 2013: MONCADA DAY CELEBRATION:**



AIPSO West Bengal State Committee observed the Moncada Day on 26 July 2013 in a befitting manner and organized a seminar on the occasion at Abanindra Sabhagriha, Kolkata.

Speakers: Dr. Barun Mukherjee, Vice President, AIPSO All India Committee, Mr. Bhanudeb Dutta, Patron, AIPSO West Bengal State Committee, Mr. Nilotpol Basu, AIPSO General Secretary, Mr. Rabin Deb, AIPSO All India Secretary.

Professor Asoke Nath Bose, Chairman, AIPSO West Bengal State Committee Presidium and former Vice Chancellor of Jadavpur University presided over the function.

*Release of the State Committee Bulletin:* The first issue of the 'Paschimbanga Shanti-O-Sanhati Barta', the quarterly bulletin of the AIPSO West Bengal State Committee was also released formally in the programme. Mr. Rabin Deb handed over a copy of the bulletin to Prof. Ashoknath Basu.

### **7 June 2013: SEMINAR ON RAJIV GANDHI ACTION PLAN ON NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT:**



AIPSO West Bengal State Committee organized a seminar on 7 June 2013 at Abanindra Sabhagriha, Kolkata to observe the 25th Anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi Action Plan on Nuclear Disarmament. Mr. Nirbed Roy, noted historian and former member of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly and Prof. Shyamal Chakraborty of the University of Calcutta were the main speakers. Prof. Basudeb Barman, and former member of Lok Sabha and Mr. Rabin Deb, Secretary, AIPSO All India Committee also made some comments on the topic. Prof. Asoknath Basu, former Vice Chancellor of Jadavpur University and Chairman of the Presidium, AIPSO State Committee presided over the function.

A packed house of academicians, students, professionals, political activists, trade union leaders, and people from other walks of life had made this program successful.

## **19 May 2013: 124TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF HO CHI MINH:**



AIPSO West Bengal State Committee observed the 124th birth anniversary of Ho Chi Minh on 19 May 2013 beside the statue of Ho Chi Minh at the ITC Park located near Kolkata US Consulate.

Prof. S N Bera (Anjan), General Secretary (Coordinator), AIPSO West Bengal Committee, delivered the welcome lecture. Mr. Nuguwen Than Tan, Vietnam's ambassador to India, Mr. Gitesh Sharma, President of Indo-Vietnam Friendship Committee, Prof. Probodh Chandra Sinha were the speakers. Prof. Ashoknath Basu, former Vice Chancellor and Chairman of the AIPSO State Committee Presidium presided over the function. Noted singers like Mr. Piloobhattacharya, Mr. Kanan Marjit, Mr. Kankan Bhattacharya and noted spoken word artists like Mrs. Rina Deb, Mr. Rajat Bandyopadhyay, Mrs. Nupur Basu took part in the programme.