

COMPLIANCE REPORT

of

Observation of Dr. Shyamaprasad Mukherjee Fortnight from 23 June to 6th July

**In accordance with the Notification issued by the Government of West Bengal, Education
Directorate (No. ED-126/2026, dated 17.06.2026)**

by

Hooghly Mohsin College, Chinsurah, Hooghly, West Bengal

In compliance with the directive issued by the Government of West Bengal and under the explicit guidance of the Principal, **Dr Purushottam Pramanik**, and the Teacher's Council Secretary, Dr Chandana Duttat, the Cultural Subcommittee of Hooghly Mohsin College organised a commemorative program observing the “ **Dr. Shyamaprasad Mukherjee Fortnight** ”. The fortnight spans the period from June 23 to July 6, bridging two deeply significant dates: the anniversary of his death (June 23, 1953) and the anniversary of his birth (July 6, 1901). The objective of the event was to honour the profound academic, literary, and social contributions of Dr Syamaprasad Mukherjee and to acquaint the students with his enduring legacy.

Event Proceedings & Floral Tribute

To inaugurate the proceedings, a solemn tribute was paid to Dr Syama Prasad Mookherjee, beginning with the Principal, Dr. Purushottam Pramanik, placing a ceremonial garland on his photograph. The proceedings continued with floral tributes from Dr. Chandana Dutta (Secretary of the Teachers' Council), Dr. Bikash De (IQAC Coordinator), faculty members, and student representatives.

To set a perfect contemplative atmosphere for the event, faculty members Dr. Sanchita Kundu and Dr. Ayanika Chatterjee performed the soulful Rabindra Sangeet, "*Kobe ami bahir holam tomari gaan geye*". The musical rendition was dedicated to the memory of Dr Syama Prasad Mookherjee, providing an elegant transition into the academic discussions of the day.



Dr Purushottam Pramanik, placing a ceremonial garland on Dr Syama Prasad Mookherjee's photograph, followed by floral tribute and a Rabindra sangeet by faculty members.

Special Lecture

A special lecture titled “*Syama Prasad Mookherjee, A Devotee of Literature*” was delivered by Dr Debayan Choudhari, Assistant Professor of Bengali, Hooghly Mohsin College. The lecture offered deep insights into the multifaceted life of Dr Syama Prasad Mukherjee, focusing on core areas such as his academic Legacy and literary associations. The speaker beautifully highlighted how Dr Syama Prasad Mookherjee, as the proud son of Sir Ashutosh Mookherjee, successfully carried forward his father's illustrious academic legacy. The lecture detailed his visionary initiatives during his tenure as the Vice-Chancellor of Calcutta University ,particularly his groundbreaking role in introducing and promoting the vernacular language in the higher education curriculum.



*A special lecture titled “*Shyama Prasad Mookherjee, A Devotee of Literarute*” was delivered by Dr Debayan Choudhry, Assistant Professor of Bengali, Hooghly Mohsin College.*

The speaker shed light on Dr Mookherjee's deep-rooted connection with literature and his relationships with various contemporary literary stalwarts. Special emphasis was laid on his relationship with Rabindranath Tagore and Bankimchandra Chattopadhyay. Crucially, the speaker highlighted his close association with Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam, showcasing his deep respect for the Rebel Poet and his contributions to Bengal's cultural fabric. This segment held unique significance for the audience, as Bankimchandra Chattopadhyay is a distinguished alumnus of Hooghly Mohsin College, creating a profound historical bridge between the institution and the theme of the lecture.

Vote of Thanks

The entire session was seamlessly conducted by the presenter, Dr. Aditi Banerjee, who enriched the Programme with interesting notes and valuable insights throughout the day. The commemorative event concluded successfully with a formal Vote of Thanks jointly delivered by the Teachers' Council Secretary and the members of the Cultural Subcommittee, expressing gratitude to the administration, speakers, faculty members, and students for their active participation and support.

Day 2: 24th June 2026 (Wednesday) | Student Reading Session

Theme: Reading Session on the Writings and Speeches of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee

This interactive session shifted the focus to student participation. Undergraduates and postgraduates from various departments selected, read aloud, and analyzed key excerpts from Dr. Mukherjee's landmark speeches and written works. The session provided a platform for younger minds to engage directly with his ideas on governance, education, and civil liberties, fostering a spirit of critical inquiry.

Presenters: Students of Hooghly Mohsin College

1. Payel Pal – (Department of Philosophy, Semester 6) read a passage from "*Shyamaprasad er Smritikotha*" authored by Dr Syamaprasad Mukherjee.
2. Raudatul Aslam – (Department of Philosophy, Semester 6) read a passage from "*Shyamaprasad er Smritikotha*" authored by Dr Syamaprasad Mukherjee.
3. Avideep Das – (Department of Bengali, Semester 2) read a passage from "*Amar chele bela*" authored by Dr Syamaprasad Mukherjee.
4. Disha Saha – (Department of History, Semester 4) read a passage from "*Ponchasher Monnintor*" authored by Dr Syamaprasad Mukherjee.
5. Rosina Khatun – (Department of Philosophy, Semester 4) read a passage from "*Shyamaprasad ke lekha Kazi Nazrul Islam er chithi*" authored by Dr Syamaprasad Mukherjee.
6. Anushree Bhuiya – (Department of Bengali, Semester 4) read a passage from "*Obohelito o bismrito Nayok Dr Syamaprasad Mukhopadhyay*" authored by Shri Kamal Mukherjee.

The highly interactive literary discussions created awareness on several historical facets. Formative Years and Childhood: Students presented readings tracing his childhood in Calcutta under the profound academic stewardship of his father, Sir Ashutosh Mukherjee. The presentations illustrated how his early environment cultivated a disciplined, lifelong commitment to Bengali language, education, and cultural identity.

The "Forgotten" Literary Corpus: The discussion threw light on his neglected or forgotten intellectual contributions. Students revived segments from his personal diaries, published posthumously as *Leaves from a Diary*, his analytical treatise *Education in British India*, and his intensely critical work, *A Phase of the Indian Struggle*—a text that was aggressively banned by the British colonial administration for its fierce advocacy of self-rule.

A Lifelong Closeness with Kazi Nazrul Islam: A major revelation of the session was the exploration of Dr. Mukherjee's deep personal and financial solidarity with the Rebel Poet, Kazi Nazrul Islam.

Humanitarian Leadership during the Famine: The session concluded with a sobering look at Dr. Mukherjee's monumental relief activism during the devastating, man-made Bengal Famine. Presenters highlighted how he fiercely confronted the British administration's laissez-faire indifference and organized extensive non-government relief committees, directly saving thousands of starving citizens while writing scathing critiques against colonial food hoarding policies.



Book Reading Session by students

Day 3: 27 June 2026 (Saturday) | Memorial Lecture

The third day of the memorial fortnight transitioned into rigorous academic evaluation of Dr Mukherjee's early political trajectory, analyzed through the lens of modern Indian historiography.

- **Speaker:** Shri Sambuddha Bhattacharjee, Research Scholar, Presidency University & Guest Faculty, Department of Political Science, Hooghly Mohsin College
- **Theme:** Historiography and Pre-Independence Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee



Invited talk by Shri Sambuddha Bhattacharjee, Research Scholar, Presidency University & Guest Faculty, Department of Political Science, Hooghly Mohsin College

Shifting toward a socio-political lens, this lecture examined Dr. Mukherjee's role through the framework of modern Indian historiography. Shri Bhattacharjee explored Dr. Mookerjee's early political career, his involvement with the Hindu Mahasabha, and his complex negotiations with both the British colonial administration and the Indian National Congress during the crucial decades leading up to 1947.

A significant portion of the discourse was dedicated to his tenure in the Bengal Legislative Council and his subsequent role in effectively balancing regional governance with nationalistic aspirations. The lecture threw light on his fiery opposition to the British administration's handling of the atrocities.

The Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Memorial Fortnight successfully bridged the gap between historical archival data and contemporary academic discussion. By examining Dr. Mukherjee not merely as a political figure but as an educator, literary enthusiast, and constitutionalist, the event provided the academic community of Hooghly Mohsin College with a comprehensive, multifaceted understanding of his role in shaping modern India.

The active involvement of faculty members from diverse departments (Bengali, Political Science, and History) alongside the vibrant participation of the student body underscored the college's commitment to rigorous historical evaluation and holistic education.

Day 4: 29 June 2026: Bankim Memorial speech by Professor Bijli Sarkar, Photographic Exhibition, Academic discussion by Dr Alok Kumar Ghosh.

As part of the observance of the Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Memorial Fortnight, Hooghly Mohsin College organized a series of three academic and cultural programmes on 29 June 2026, the fourth day of the observance. The events were designed to commemorate the life, works, and enduring legacy of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee while promoting scholarly engagement with his multifaceted contributions to the nation.

The first programme of the day was the Bankim Memorial Lecture, organized in celebration of the 189th Birth Anniversary of Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay. Continuing the tradition of previous years, the lecture was incorporated this year as the inaugural event of the Memorial Fortnight. The programme was formally inaugurated by the Principal of Hooghly Mohsin College, Dr. Purushottam Pramanik. The inaugural session commenced with the rendition of Vande Mataram by a distinguished alumnus of the College. The Memorial Lecture was delivered by Professor Bijli Sarkar (Retd.), whose lecture, titled “The Curriculum of Errors and Bankim Chandra,” offered a stimulating and insightful analysis of the subject.



Bankim Memorial speech by Professor Bijli Sarkar

At the outset of her presentation, Professor Sarkar introduced an important historical document establishing the connection between the family of Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay and Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee, thereby providing a meaningful context to the occasion. The session concluded with a formal vote of thanks proposed by Ms. Jayita Dutta, Convener of the Cultural Council of Hooghly Mohsin College.

Special Attraction: Photographic Exhibition

The second programme commenced at 2:15 p.m. with the inauguration of a documentary and photographic exhibition on the life and works of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee. The exhibition comprised nearly seventy rare photographs and documentary exhibits, portraying various dimensions of his personal, intellectual, literary, educational, and political life. Alongside family photographs, the exhibition highlighted his achievements as an educationist, scholar, statesman, parliamentarian, and nationalist leader. It also displayed books authored by and on Dr. Mukherjee, together with reproductions of invaluable correspondence exchanged with eminent personalities, including Rabindranath Tagore and Kazi Nazrul Islam, among others.

The exhibition was inaugurated jointly by the Principal of Hooghly Mohsin College, Dr. Purushottam Pramanik, and the eminent historian Professor (Dr.) Alok Kumar Ghosh, former Professor of the University of Kalyani. The exhibition attracted enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members, and staff of the College.

Academic discussion by Dr Alok Kumar Ghosh

The third programme began at 2:30 p.m. with an academic discussion on the life, vision, and national contributions of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee. The keynote address was delivered by Professor (Dr.) Alok Kumar Ghosh, eminent historian and former Professor of the University of Kalyani. His lecture offered a comprehensive historical evaluation of Dr. Mookerjee's role in shaping modern India and provided valuable insights into the continuing relevance of his ideas in contemporary national discourse.



An interactive Photographic Exhibition on Special photographs on the life and works of Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee



Academic discussion by Dr Alok Kumar Ghosh

The programs witnessed the active participation of teachers, students, researchers, and invited guests. The active involvement of faculty members from diverse departments alongside the vibrant participation of the student body underscored the college's commitment to rigorous historical evaluation and holistic education. The successful organization of the day's events reflected Hooghly Mohsin College's continued commitment to preserving the intellectual and national legacy of Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee through academic dialogue, historical documentation, and meaningful public engagement.

Day 6: 06 July 2026: The NSS and NCC Units of Hooghly Mohsin College jointly observed the Birth Anniversary of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee.

The NSS and NCC Units of Hooghly Mohsin College jointly observed the Birth Anniversary of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee on 6 July 2026 through a series of meaningful programmes aimed at paying tribute to the great nationalist, educationist, and statesman while promoting the ideals of social responsibility among students.

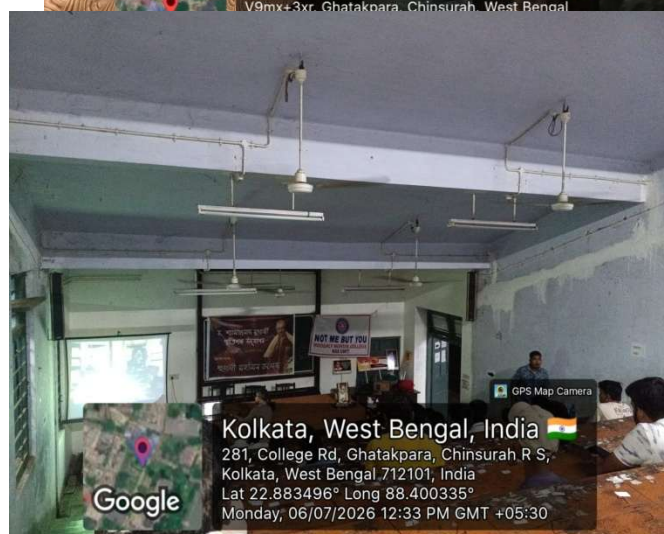
The programme commenced at 10:00 a.m. with a rally from the college campus to Ghorir More, Chinsurah. The rally was led by the Hon'ble Principal of Hooghly Mohsin College and witnessed the enthusiastic participation of teachers, NSS volunteers, NCC cadets, and students. Carrying placards and raising awareness slogans, the participants paid homage to the life and ideals of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee.

Following the rally, floral tributes were offered to the portrait of Dr. Mukherjee. The Principal, faculty members, NSS volunteers, NCC cadets, and students participated in the Malyadan (garlanding ceremony) and offered flowers as a mark of deep respect and gratitude for his invaluable contribution to the nation.

The next segment of the programme featured the screening of a documentary film on Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, produced by Prasar Bharati. The documentary highlighted his remarkable contributions to education, national integration, and public life, enabling students to gain a deeper understanding of his vision and legacy.

As the concluding event, the NSS and NCC Units visited the nearby Dhibar Pally, where educational kits were distributed free of cost among underprivileged children. This outreach programme reflected the commitment of the college towards community service and inclusive education, embodying the true spirit of the NSS motto, "Not Me But You," and the NCC ideals of discipline and selfless service.

The entire programme was conducted successfully with active participation from the Principal, teachers, NSS volunteers, NCC cadets, and students. The celebration served as a fitting tribute to Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee and inspired the participants to uphold the values of patriotism, social service, and national development.



Some Glimpses of the Program

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