Prof. Anjan Ghosh was intimately associated with the Department of Sociology, The University of Burdwan. After his untimely death in 2010, the Department decided to hold an annual lecture in his memory. The Third Anjan Ghosh Public Lectures were held on 20th March, 2015. It was inaugurated by Prof. Rajat Bhattacharya, Registrar of The University of Burdwan. Welcoming the delegates, Prof. Anirban Banerjee, Head of the Department of Sociology, said that Anjan Ghosh was his mentor at the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Kolkata. He also said that Prof. Ghosh was intimately involved in all academic activities of the Department of Sociology, participating in PG Board, and Board of Research Studies meetings and advising Faculty Members and Research Scholars. Besides, he donated 100 books to the department. He also said that Prof. Ghosh was the moving spirit behind the Sociological Association of West Bengal. After his untimely death at the age of 59, the association has become virtually defunct.
While inaugurating the function, Prof. Rajat Bhattacharya, Registrar of The University of Burdwan, said that caste was a colonial construct. After the inauguration, the Guest Speaker, Prof. Apurba Kumar Mukhopadhyay, Professor of Political Science & Political Studies, Netaji Institute of Asian Studies, delivered the lecture entitled "Casteism in Practice: Some Personal Reflections". He dwelt at length on his warm and cordial relationship with Prof. Anjan Ghosh since his student days at Jawaharlal Nehru University, which was cut short by his untimely death. He also expressed happiness at the decision of the department to hold the lecture in Anjan Ghosh's honour.

Prof. Mukhopadhyay began the lecture on a personal note. He said: "I was therefore destined to carry three distinct and also mutually incompatible Identity markers of a Brahmin, a refugee and..."
a proletariat respectively.

Prof. Mukhopadhyay then discussed the role of caste in Indian society and politics.

At the end of the lecture, there was a lively interactive session between the Guest Speaker and the audience. After the lecture, Prof. Anirban Banerjee, H.O.D. Sociology, thanked all those whose co-operation made it possible to successfully organize the function. In his Chairman's Address, Dr. Biswajit Ghosh, Professor of Sociology, The University of Burdwan, thanked the speaker and made some comments on caste before the seminar closed.

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