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Report on -

**Distinguished International Lecture on ‘Folk  
Legends about Flying Churches in Serbia’**

28/09/2022

A Distinguished International Lecture on ‘Folk Legends about Flying Churches in Serbia’ Was organized on 28<sup>th</sup> Sept., 2022 in New Hall at 8 am in New Hall of Baosi Banikanta Kakati College. The Resource person on the occasion was Prof. Zoja Karanovic, Retd. Professor, University of Novi Sad, Serbia. Prof. Karanovic was accompanied by Dragana Ratkovic, Principal Research Fellow, Serbian Language Institute of SASA, Serbia.

The objective of the Lecture was to introduce the students to the unique aspects of Serbian Culture and to promote cross cultural understanding and appreciation.

The lecture programme began with a welcome song by the chorus team led by Anjan Das followed by felicitation and introduction of the Resource Persons by Dr. Bhupen rabha. Dr. Pranjyoti Deka, an Assistant Prof. in the Department of English delivered the welcome address.

Prof. Zoja Karanovic delivered her lecture on “Folk Legends about Flying Churches in Serbia.” She introduced the audience to the political and cultural history of Serbia. Her lecture examined the folk legends about miraculous moving of churches from one place to another. She shared stories that spoke of a church that "came by itself" to a place, "moved to another hill on its own", or that "vilas moved it". She highlighted the believe that the events were caused by God's will or with the help of some divine forces, which is why these narratives are mythical and religious. The stories that she shared were built around the real existence of a church and the answers to the questions such as why the church rose or moved, why it stood where it did, why it was the way it was.

The session was very interesting and some of the students and teachers raised questions on the topic and beyond.

The session was followed by folk performances by the students of the college.



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Dragana Ratkovic sang a traditional Serbian song for the gathering. The students really enjoyed the song.

The vote of thanks was delivered by Aminur Rahman, an Associate Professor in the Department of English.

The programme was really successful as it broadened the knowledge and understanding of Serbian culture and promoted intercultural communication and understanding.

Fig.1. Snapshot of the flyer of Distinguished International Lecture

**International Talk on**

**Folk Legends about Flying Churches in Serbian Culture**

**Date:** 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 (Wednesday)  
**Time:** 8 am  
**Venue:** New Hall

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**Resource Person**

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Fig.2. Snapshot of Prof. Karanovic delivering her lecture



Fig.3. Snapshot of the participants



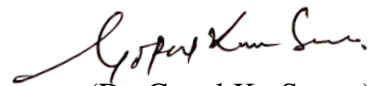
Fig.4. Snapshot of Dragana Ratkovic Singing a Serbian song.



Fig.5. Snapshot of the students performing a Bihu Dance



Fig.6. Snapshot of Trishna Baro performing a Bodo dance



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