

## Report on the One-Day Seminar and Workshop on Manuscript Conservation and Preservation

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**In collaboration with:** Centre for Studies and Documentation of Rarh Culture, Bankura

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**Venue:** Khatra Adibasi Mahavidyalaya

The Department of History, Khatra Adibasi Mahavidyalaya, in collaboration with the Centre for Studies and Documentation of Rarh Culture, Bankura, and under the aegis of IQAC, successfully conducted a one-day seminar and workshop on "Manuscript Conservation and Preservation" on 1st February 2024. The program aimed to educate participants on the importance of conserving historical manuscripts and to provide practical knowledge on preservation techniques. The event commenced with an inaugural session, graced by the Principal of Khatra Adibasi Mahavidyalaya, who emphasized the significance of manuscript preservation in understanding historical and cultural heritage. The keynote address was delivered by an expert in archival studies, who elaborated on the challenges and modern strategies in manuscript conservation. He highlighted the role of technological advancements in preserving fragile historical documents. The first session focused on identifying different types of manuscripts, their materials, and common issues like deterioration due to environmental factors. Participants were introduced to preventive measures, including proper storage, handling, and documentation techniques. The second session provided hands-on training in basic conservation practices, such as cleaning, deacidification, and repairing torn manuscripts. Participants also learned about the use of modern tools and archival-quality materials for preservation. The interactive nature of the workshop allowed attendees to clarify doubts and gain practical insights.

