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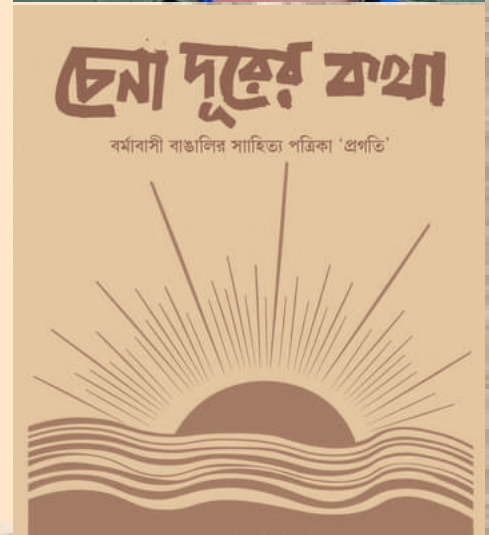
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Life of a Little Magazine: Stories of the Bengalis in Burma

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During the nationalisation of Burma in the 1960s, many returned to India as expatriates. Bengalis, as Bhadralks of the middle class who relied heavily on government services and education, encountered significant difficulties when Indians were forced to acquire Burmese citizenship or permitted to remain as foreign residents without access to government facilities. 'Pragati', a Bengali magazine published in Rangoon between 1961 and 1963, chronicles the crisis of this turning point in history. This magazine described the strategy for survival, quest for identity, descriptions of the past, and the then-current situation of the Bengali community in Burma. This lecture focuses on a close reading of the magazine and a critical analysis of the community's narrative during a moment of crisis in a diaspora, as well as how they engaged in the formation of their national identity.



Date: Tuesday, 27th February, 2 pm
Venue: A. K. Basak Auditorium