

A special lecture for the students of the Department of History, DHWU was organized on “The Bangladesh Liberation War: a summon to memory”, delivered by Dr. Meghna Guhathakurta, Executive Director, Research Initiative, Bangladesh, which was held on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2023.



**Diamond Harbour Women's University**  
**Department of History**  
**Special Lecture**  
**By**  
**Dr. Meghna Guhathakurta**  
**Topic : The Bangladesh Liberation War: a**  
**summon to memory.**

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**Time : 2nd June , Friday at 12:00 Noon.**  
**Venue : Diamond Harbour Women's University,**  
**Auditorium, Administrative Building.**

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Through her captivating lecture, Dr. Guhathakurta talked about the various evidences, related to the genocide that took place during the Bangladesh Liberation war. She began her lecture by reading out an extract from an official document, which instructed the Pakistani army to perform mass killing. Thereafter,



she shared a heart wrenching episode of how the army killed her own father in front of her. She drew attention towards the tendency to deny the genocide that took place during the liberation war.

This lecture especially focused on the fact that how rape was used as a weapon in war. Dr. Guhathakurta talked about how the fear of rape & torture was enough to vacate a whole village thereby capturing its territory without any actual violence. She finished off her lecture by stating that any attempts to deny the genocidal violence & rape actually means cruelty towards the victims.

The lecture was followed by an interactive question answer session, between Dr. Guhathakurta & the students of Diamond Harbour Women's University.

