



NEWSLetter

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From the Principal's Desk



I have great pleasure in announcing the publication of the first issue of the Newsletter of Vidyasagar College for Women. In the college newsletter we would be showcasing major events like seminars, conferences, invited lectures, sports, exhibitions and functions that have taken place in the institution from January to April 2017. Exceptional achievements of faculty members, students and other stakeholders would be highlighted here. Other significant activities like social relief projects undertaken by NCC, NSS shall feature here. Interesting activities of existing college sub-committees would also find place in the newsletter. Readers of this newsletter would be able to form a vivid idea of our vibrant college activities. We have plans to publish an e-edition of this newsletter as well in future. I wish this attempt every success.

Student Achiever in Sports



Our third year student Poushali Chowdhury was awarded the Best Female Athlete for two consecutive years in West Bengal Inter College District Level Sports Championship. In 2016, she won two gold medals in 1500m race and 800m race and one silver medal in discus throwing, at SAI NSEC Salt Lake. In 2017, she stood first in shot put and discus and second in Javelin throw at Calcutta University Ground. Our College felicitated her on our Annual sports day for her outstanding performance. We wish her more success in future.

Activities of IQAC

On March 24, 2017 an IQAC Seminar was organised with speaker Dr. Debi Prasad Duari, Director of Birla Planetarium. He delivered a presentation on "A New View of the Solar System." On April 28, IQAC organised another seminar on Climate Change. Invited speaker for the seminar was Dr. Supriyo Dhar. On February 8, the Green Club of our college handed over the first Green Audit Report of our college to IQAC.

Release of Academic Journal

Akshar Vol. V was published in February. Apart from articles contributed by faculty members the journal issue features invited articles by Dr. Dhrubojyoti Chattopadhyay, Dr. Suchanda Goswami, Prof. Sanjoy Mukhopadhyay, Prof. Subir Ghosh and Sri Alok Som.

Department of Chemistry Organised A National Level Seminar on January 6 and 7

The Department of Chemistry organized a UGC sponsored two-day National Seminar on "Recent Advances in Chemical Research and Applications" in collaboration with Vidyasagar Evening College on January, 6 and 7, 2017. The seminar proved to be an effective platform for scientists and researchers to showcase their research articles on



modern chemistry and their application. The key-note address was delivered by Prof. Ashutosh Ghosh, honourable former Vice Chancellor, University of Calcutta. Eminent scientists from different research institutes and universities across India delivered lectures on recent developments in the field of chemical research. Participants from colleges and universities presented their research papers. Special award was given to two best oral poster presentations. The seminar was attended by over 100 participants.



Nari Samsad and Internal Complaints Cell: Seminar on Women Empowerment

Nari Samsad and ICC of Vidyasagar College for Women organised a seminar on “Empowerment of Women Against Violence: A Cry for Social Justice” on March 17, 2017. The eminent speakers of the seminar were Sri Gitanath Ganguly, distinguished advocate, and Prof. Nabanita Chatterjee, Former Secretary, West Bengal Board of Secondary Education. Sri Debasis Mallick, President of the Governing Body, Vidyasagar College for Women was one of the invited guests of the seminar. Dr. Patrali Ghosh and Dr. Shubhra Bagchi were joint convenors of the seminar.

YOGA Workshop

On February 11, 2017 Yoga Committee of our college conducted a Workshop on “Yoga for Good Health”. The invited speaker for the day was Smt. Ujjwala Banerjee. Fifty eight students and twelve teaching and non teaching staff members attended the workshop with much enthusiasm.



International ‘Matri Bhasa Divas’

On February 21, 2017, Departments of Bengali and Hindi jointly celebrated International ‘Matri Bhasa Divas’ at College Auditorium. Prof. Adrish Biswas, of Raiganj Surendranath Mahavidyalaya, Sri Babulal Sharma, Director of Bharatiya Vidya Mandir and Dr. Prathama Roy Mondal, former Associate Professor of our college graced the event. Sri Debasis Mallick, President of the Governing Body, chaired the session. Principal Dr. Rupali Chaudhuri shared her innovative ideas. Students of both the departments organized a colourful cultural event.



Thalassemia Post Detection Test Camp

On March 28, the camp was organised by the Medical Cell of our College. In this programme samples of blood were collected for testing. Four students were identified as Thalassemia carrier. Their reports were given to their parents and counsellor of the detection camp Madhumita Samanta advised their parents to test their blood in the School of Tropical Medicine, Kolkata. She also advised the carrier’s parents to check the blood report of the would-be spouse with whom their daughters would tie the knot.



Placement Cell

Vidyasagar College for Women has a very active Placement Cell that provides job assistance to outgoing third year students every year. The cell tries to maintain connection with various companies that have shown interest to organize placement drives for our students. Campus interviews are held where meritorious students are selected for jobs. Three I.T. companies (T.C.S., Technoscope & Noboundstech) visited the campus and recruited our students after rigorous rounds of written tests and interview.

Career Counselling Cell

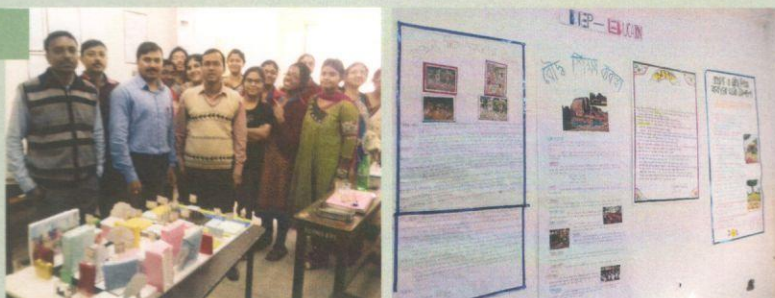
A seminar was conducted by the Career Counselling Cell on February 07 on Resume Building/ Group Discussion and Interview. Mr. Samrat Roy of Endeavour Institute was the invited speaker. Another joint seminar was organised on February 13 called 'Artist In Me' by Pidilite Industries Ltd and our college. A workshop followed thereafter, from March to April. Successful students were certified by the Principal.

Anti Ragging Cell

On February 23, the Anti Ragging Cell of our college conducted a seminar to alert students on the abuses of ragging. Dr. Pranam Dhar, Associate Professor, West Bengal State University was the invited speaker. Documentary films related to antiragging awareness were shown to students.

Annual Exhibition

On the February 2 and 3 we had our Annual Exhibition. Students from all Departments participated in the exhibition with much fervour and gusto. Our students showed great creative skills and showcased their creativity through charts, models, posters and live demonstration.



Achievements of Faculties

■ Dr. Patrali Ghosh, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy was awarded with a PhD degree on March 24. The college congratulates her for her PhD degree.

■ Dr. Ruchira Chakraborty, Part Time teacher, Department of Mathematics was awarded with a PhD degree on September 12. Dr. Tapan Roy, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics of our college acted as Joint Supervisor. The college congratulates both of them.

■ Dr. Pradipta Mukherjee, Assistant Professor, Department of English was invited as Plenary Speaker at an International Conference at OUCIP, Osmania University Hyderabad by Indian Society for Commonwealth Studies on February 16.

■ Dr. Madhumita Dutta, Assistant Professor, Department of English published a paper in the book *Sri Aurobindo's Philosophy of Nationalism* --Sri Aurobindo's Philosophy of Religion: Towards a Suprareligious world order in April.

■ Smt. Keka Das was invited for paper presentation at a National Seminar on "Women at Cross- Roads, Multi-Disciplinary Perspectives" at PSGR Krishnammal College for Women on February 6.

■ Two Minor Research Projects of Dr. Meenakshi Ghosh and Dr. Maitrayee Basu Roy, Assistant Professors of the Department of Chemistry were approved by the UGC in January 2017.

■ Dr. Meenakshi Ghosh and Dr. Maitrayee Basu Roy made oral presentations in the UGC sponsored National Seminar on "Indian Chemical Industries: Retrospect and Prospect" organized by Jogesh Chandra Chowdhury College, Kolkata on February 27.

■ Dr. Maitrayee Basu Roy presented a paper in the International Seminar on "Facets of Chemistry in Biology" organized by St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, on January 12.

■ Smt. Shamreen Naaz, Assistant Professor, Department of Physiology published a paper in Life Sciences journal with the title "Mechanism of melatonin protection against copper-ascorbate-induced oxidative damage in – vitro through isothermal titration calorimetry", in May.

Departmental Seminars and Activities

All Departments organise Departmental and Students' seminars every year to enrich the knowledge-base of our students.

■ A seminar on 'Nuclear Energy—An Indian Perspective' was organised on January 4 by the Department of Physics. Dr. Aniruddha Kumar, Scientist, BARC, Mumbai was the invited speaker.

■ Smt. Tamalika Dasgupta consultant Psychologist, Ruby General Hospital, spoke on 'Stress Management' at a Seminar organised by the Department of Philosophy on January 5.

■ Students of Electronics Department presented papers on 'Social Network, Abuse of the Internet, Self Driving Car' at a Students' Seminar held on February 10. Dr. Amit Mohan Rakshit, Associate Professor of Physics Department chaired the session.

■ A Students' Seminar was organised by the Department of Education on February 11. Students of the department presented their papers on 'Women's Education in India'. The session was chaired by Prof. Sampa Burman, Assistant Professor of Education of this college.

■ Dr. Soumen Sikdar, Professor, IIM Kolkata, spoke on 'Demonetisation & Economic Policy in India' on a Seminar organised by Economics Department on February 13.

■ A Departmental Seminar was organised by the Department of English on February 14. Dr. Siddharta Biswas, Dean, Post Graduate Department of English, St. Paul's C. M. College was the invited Speaker. Students of the department made Power-Point presentations on topics related to their syllabus.

■ On February 20, a seminar was organised by the Department of History on 'The Colonial Clerk: Emergence, Growth and Movement'. Dr. Anuradha Kayal, Head Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University was the invited speaker. On the same day a Students' Seminar was organised. Students presented their papers on 'Culture of Calcutta: 19th and 20th Centuries'.

■ A Seminar on 'Ergonomics in Design' was organised by the Department of Physiology on February 23. Dr. Somnath Ganguly, Professor, University College of Science and Technology, University of Calcutta, was the invited speaker. A student's seminar was organised by the Department on January 21.

■ Students of the Department of Film Studies participated in a Power-Point presentation, showcasing their photographic skills, in a students' seminar on 'The World Around Us: As we see it'. Dr. Chaitali Basu, convenor of IQAC and Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and Dr. Sankar Bakshi, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany were the judges and the session was coordinated by Dr. Pradipta Mukherjee, Co-ordinator of Film Studies and Assistant Professor, Department of English, of this college.

■ Students of Bengali Department presented their papers at a Students' Seminar on 'Literature of Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay and Its Influence on Bengali Literature'.

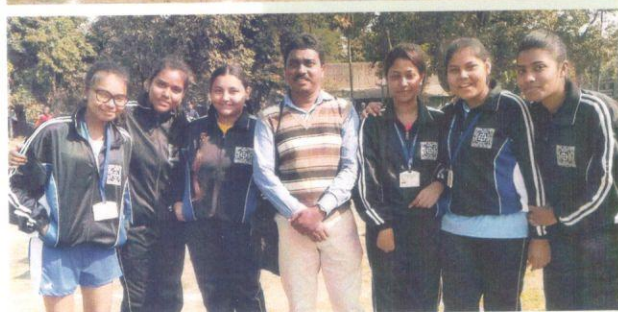
■ A Students' Seminar was organised by the Department of Journalism & Mass Communication on February 25. Students presented their papers on 'Future of Journalism in India' and the session was chaired by Prof. Molly Ghosh, Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy of this college.

■ The Department of Botany organised a students' seminar on February 27.

■ On February 28, Political Science Department organised a departmental seminar. Invited Speakers were Dr. Shibranjan Chatterjee and Sri Debasis Mallick. They spoke on the occasion of Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary.

Research Activities of Economics Department

The Department of Economics is involved in a collaborative project on "*Investing in Ponzi Schemes – A Psychological Perspective*" with R.A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics, Mumbai. For this project the Department has contributed to the preparation of questionnaire in English and then translated it into Bengali. The faculty members of the department Dr. Shubhra Bagchi, Dr. Srijit Chowdhury and Dr. Srobonti Chattopadhyay groomed the students to prepare them for conducting survey with this questionnaire. Faculty members also took three students to Balighai, Poorba Medinipur district of West Bengal to conduct a survey for the said project.



From Track & Field

This year our Annual Sports was celebrated on February 17 with over 400 participants. Students, teachers and staff of Vidyasagar College for Women assembled at Hrishikesh Park. There were several rounds for the students, teachers and the staff to compete. Teachers and students participated with great fervour and gusto. After the event, our President Sri Debasis Mallick, handed over the prizes to the winners and wished them more success. Apart from showcasing their success in their own field, our students are great achievers. At the 2017 West Bengal Inter College Sports Championship, held at University of Calcutta Ground, between February 8-11, six college students participated and won four prestigious medals.

Events Organised by the Students' Union

Our active Students' Union organises variety of events throughout the year. Here are some glimpses:

- Independence Day Celebration
- Celebration of Saraswati Puja
- Annual Social
- Student's Picnic
- Cultural Programme
- Bengali New Year's Celebration
- Annual Social
- Sports
- Teacher's Day Celebration
- Freshers Welcome

Extension Activities of the College



The committee members visited 'Naba Jiban', home for destitute children on April 20 to distribute food packets and stationeries.

NSS Special Camp

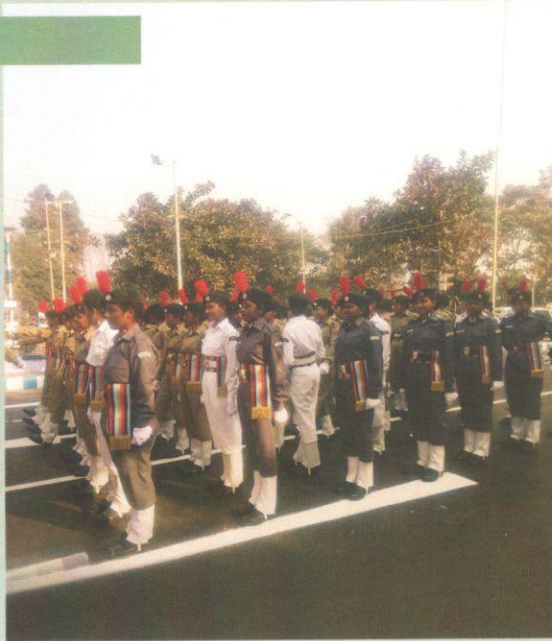


The Special Camping Programme conducted by the NSS Unit of Vidyasagar College for Women commenced on February 13 at 36/1 Vidyasagar Street, Kolkata 700009. Most of the NSS volunteers participated in the Special Camp with fervour and gusto as they got a much desired break from the monotony of daily life. The camp was also a chance to serve humanity in a selfless manner. The focal emphasis of the camp was the interaction with the slum kids, who were brought in, offered refreshment and taught for all the seven days of the camp. A Drawing Competition was held among them and the winners were given prizes. All other participants were given a token of appreciation. During the closing session, the NSS volunteers put up a Stage Show on the theme 'Unity in Diversity' where they dressed up in the regional fineries, proclaiming the unified spirit of our motherland.

On February 22 a Blood Donation Camp by NSS was organised in collaboration with Association of Voluntary Blood Donors, West Bengal.

NCC Activities

On January 26, our student Aditi Patra, student of Science General participated in the Republic day Parade on Red Road and received award from the Governor for 'Firing' and for being the 'Best Cadet'. On May 16, our student Manisha Das, of second year Hindi Honours got selected for Regional Level Firing at Fort William.



Prize Distribution Ceremony

On April 7, the College Prize Distribution Ceremony was held.