



From the Principal's Desk



I have great pleasure in announcing the publication of the second issue of the college Newsletter. In this issue the inauguration of the College Hostel and other interesting activities have been covered. The hostel building situated in Vidyasagar Smriti Mandir is presently capable of housing 34 students with basic facilities. The hostel has been constructed keeping in view the accommodation of outstation students.

Vidyasagar Women's Hostel: The Journey Begins

Vidyasagar Women's hostel was inaugurated on July 28 by honourable minister Sri Sadhan Pande, and honourable MLA Smt. Smita Bakshi. The college now offers hostel facilities providing students a safe, secured and low cost accommodation near college, adjacent to Vidyasagar Smriti Mandir. It is located at 36/1, Vidyasagar Street. The hostel has been constructed with the generous RUSA grant under the aegis of Students Activity committee. Smt. Epshita Roy, faculty member of Journalism and Mass Communication department is the hostel warden.

Celebrating 75 Years of Quit India Movement

The 75th Anniversary of 'Quit India Movement' was duly observed by Vidyasagar College for Women. Sri Debasis Mallick, President of the College Governing body delivered the inaugural address. Our Principal, Dr. Rupali Chaudhuri graced the occasion. Dr. Somsankar Ray, Assistant Professor, Department of History spoke on the 'Nature of the Outbreak'. Later our students performed a colorful cultural programme.

A Quiz competition was held on August 22 on General Awareness, 75 years of Quit India Movement and 70 years of Independence at the college auditorium. Students of all the departments participated in a group of three, in the preliminary round. Six final teams competed against each other at the five final rounds on General awareness, quit India movement, film and music and sports. The students of the departments of Physics and Physiology were the winners and were awarded by the Principal. The event was organized by the members of the Classroom Quiz committee.



Activities of IQAC

The first Academic Audit of the college was conducted on May 5. The first Administrative Audit was conducted on July 21.

Infrastructure Building

Our heritage building Vidyasagar Smriti Mandir has been renovated including the stage at VSM which has been renovated with tiles.

A newly constructed lift has come into operation in the new building. The lift was installed in the month of July. Facilities like ramp and wheel chair are available for the benefit of physically challenged students.

An open stage inside the college campus has been constructed under the sponsorship of honourable MP Sri Sudip Bandyopadhyay.

A newly equipped gymnasium adjacent to the open stage has come into being. Plan for construction of third floor in the new building has been sanctioned.

A flameless canteen has been set up at the New Building, adjacent to Professors room and classrooms. The new canteen will function with all modern electric equipments for cooking like induction, electric kettle and others. The aim is to achieve a pollution free campus and a kitchen that shall not emit soot and smoke.

Publications

● Institutional

Our Academic Journal, *Akshar* is an academic asset of our college. Six volumes of the journal have already been published. The sixth volume was released, with Dr. Ajanta Mitra Biswas as the Chief Editor for both. Members of *Akshar* editorial board are Dr. Patrali Ghosh, Dr. Sankar Bakshi, Dr. Dipti Banerjee, Prof. Molly Ghosh, Dr. Somshankar Roy and Dr. Ajanta Saha Mondal. Apart from regular contributions of articles by our faculty members, invited articles from eminent academicians like Prof. (Dr.) Dhruvajyoti Chattopadhyay, Vice Chancellor of Amity University, Kolkata, Prof. (Dr.) Sanjoy Mukhopadhyay of Jadavpur University, Prof. (Dr.) Subir Ghosh of Indian Statistical Institute and Prof. (Dr.) Tarun Mukhopadhyay of University of Calcutta indicate the ever-growing nature and popularity of the journal.



196th Birth Anniversary of Pandit Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar was held on September 26, 2016. Prize winning essays along with the paper presented by our eminent guest, Sri. Swapan Mukhopadhyay was compiled in a volume entitled 'Narimukti Bhavnaye Vidyasagar' edited by Dr. Rapti Dev, Assistant Professor, Department of Sanskrit.

Publications of Faculties

- *Tragic Survivals: From the Hellenic to the Postmodern*, co-authored by Dr. Pradipta Mukherjee, Assistant Professor, Department of English of our college and Prof. Debasish Lahiri (Lal Baba College) was launched at Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Kolkata, on August 12. The Guest of Honor and Director of ICCR, Mr. Gautam De, was joined by six distinguished panelists namely, Prof. Amitava Roy of Rabindra Bharati University, Prof. Ananda Lal of Jadavpur University, Prof. Sanjukta Dasgupta of University of Calcutta, Anjum Katyal, Co-Director of Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival, Prof. Niladri R. Chatterjee of University of Kalyani and Prof. Pinaki De of Raja Peary Mohan College.
- *Mor Patra Rikto Hoye Nai* by Dr. Piyali Dutta Chowdhury, Assistant Professor, Department of Bengali was published recently. The book is a detailed analysis of Tagore's two well-known novels 'Chaturanga' and 'Shesher Kobita'.

Events



Seminar on 'Sister Nivedita: Her Impact on Literature and Society' organised by Vidyasagar Research Centre for Studies in Education and Society

On August 25, Vidyasagar Research Centre organized a seminar commemorating the 150th Birth Anniversary of Sister Nivedita. Among the eminent speakers was Swami Suparnanandaji Maharaj, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, Golpark, Kolkata and former Principal, Ramakrishna Mission Residential College, Narendrapur. He spoke on 'Sister Nivedita's Contribution to Social Upliftment', while Prof. Nabanita Chatterjee talked about 'Sister Nivedita and Women Empowerment.'

- **Independence Day Celebration**

On the occasion of our 70th Independence Day, the students, teachers and staff gathered at the courtyard of the college campus at 9 a.m. for celebration. Principal, Dr. Rupali Chaudhuri, hoisted the Indian National Flag and paid floral tribute. Thereafter, members of the NCC and the students organized a colorful cultural programme. The event ended with the National Anthem.

- **Debate**

The students of the Department of Political Science participated at a Debate Competition on the recent upheaval on Doklam Area in Bhutan. First year students spoke on 'Representing India's Position' while the Second year students debated 'From the stand point of China'. Third year students were the moderator and judged the session.

- **French Learning Course Initiated**

French course has been introduced in our college. The first foreign language class (on French) was taken on September 9 by Sri Subhendu Sarkar in the ICT classroom.

- **Visit to Jorasanko Thakurbari**

The Department of Bengali organized a trip to visit the ancestral home of Sri Rabindranath Tagore at Jorasanko. The idea was to gather knowledge about the life and works of the great bard. The students were taken to the museum and the other important spots by the teachers.

- **Beautician Course**

The course started on September 2, 2016. Students enrolled in this course are scheduled with an hourly class, every week. The first batch was certified on September 8, 2017, in collaboration with 'Jhankar Beauty Parlour and Training Institute'. The second batch will commence soon.

- **Seminar organized by Alumni Association**

On August 22, our Alumni Association organized a Seminar. Dr. Prathama Roy Mondal, Former Associate Professor, Department of Bengali, was the invited speaker.

Orientation Programme for Freshers

To encourage our new first year batch an Orientation programme was organized by the college. Principal and teachers who are members of different committees explained the various facilities and activities our college offers to its students. They were acquainted with the discipline, norms and dos and don'ts of our institution.

Seminars/Conferences Attended by Principal and Faculties

Dr. Rupali Chaudhuri, Principal, delivered an invited talk at Lady Brabourne college on August 28 on "Profession and Ethics" a part of their Value education.

Dr. Pradipta Mukherjee, Department of English was invited for a presentation at University of Paris, Sorbonne in June. She presented a paper on "Cartographies of Nation/ Testimonies of Dislocation: Indian Partition Films".

Activities of Sub-committees

● International Yoga Day

The Yoga committee of our college observed the International Day of Yoga on June 21. Chief Guest, Smt. Ujjwala Banerjee, an eminent Yoga personality spoke about the significance of the World Yoga Day and the importance of performing Yoga in our everyday life, demonstrating some essential yoga postures.

● A Hand of Support

Members of the Extension Activity Committee paid a visit to Saroj Nalini Dutt Memorial Association on August 9 and donated books and stationeries to the inmates.

● Medical Cell Initiative

Medical Cell organized a CPR Awareness and training programme on August 16. Dr. Sumit Poddar was invited to deliver a lecture on Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation. He also guided students about other emergency health

care measures like steps to prevent possibilities of Rabies, Dengue and Malaria.

- **Personal Counselling Cell**

Psychometric test for first year students was held on August 11. Test was conducted by Smt. Chaitali Majumdar and the members of the cell. Personal counseling is available on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 8am to 12 noon.

- **Career Counselling Cell**

A seminar was organized on job prospects of Montessori Teachers' Training and Nutrition and Clinical Dietetics. It was conducted by Global Technical Institute on August 31.

- **NCC Unit**

On June 21, students went to participate at the 'International Yoga Day' programme. Our cadet Puja Pandey was interviewed by National television. They participated in the 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' programme; they are also scheduled to go for a National Camp in November, 2017. On their achievement our college organized an award ceremony.



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