



Vidyasagar College For Women



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Dear Readers,

From the Principal's Desk



The 'College Newsletter' is ready to reach out to you. The college activities remain unabated since our successful performance in NAAC, 2017. There are several highlights in this issue. Celebration of the **Birth Anniversary of Pt. Iswarchandra Vidyasagar**, our founder, was carried out on 26th September, 2018, with due reverence and enthusiasm. We also had the very rare opportunity of having a seminar on '**Nuclear Energy**

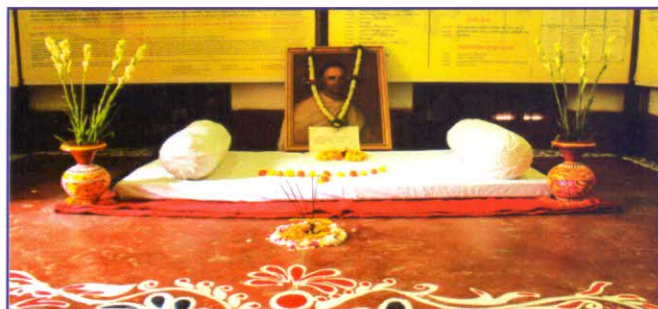
in the 21st Century', delivered by **Sri Amitava Ray**, scientist, BARC, and **Padmasree Awardee, 2018**. This is the first time the college invited the Alumni members to organize a fete in the college premises with an ambience of festivity. The fete was attended by teachers, students and staff of our college, and other colleges sharing the premises, which made it so successful.

We feel proud in sharing out experiences with one and all. Lastly, my Editorial Board joins me in conveying our Best Wishes to all for a delightful 2019.

SEMINARS AND EVENTS

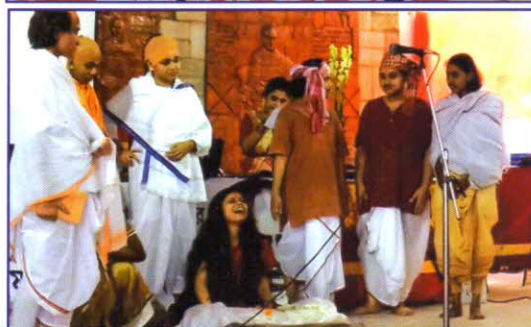
THE COLLEGE CELEBRATES THE BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF PT. ISWARCHANDRA VIDYASAGAR

One of the grand events in the VCFW calendar is the celebration of the birth anniversary of Pt. Iswarchandra Vidyasagar. This year we celebrated the 198th anniversary with the usual pomp and grandeur. The day-long program began by paying homage to the great soul, garlanding the statue in the Vidyasagar Smriti Mandir grounds, which was once home to Vidyasagar. Among the honoured guests we had the privilege of listening to Sri Pankaj Saha, Director of Prasar Bharati, Sri Amalesh Dasgupta, Secretary, ICCR, Sri Ujjal Basu, Sri Sankar Nath, renowned Oncologist. While Mr. Saha talked about the social aspects of Vidyasagar's philosophy, Mr. Dasgupta dwelt on the international aspects of his works and ideals. We also had the pleasure of listening to a poem on Pt. Vidyasagar, composed and read out by Sri Ujjal Basu.



The cultural program for the day included songs, dance performance, and also a one-act play by students of the college. There was also a prize-giving ceremony for those who had participated in the

Inter-College competitions which included debates, essay-writing, extempore, all held a few days prior to 26th September. An occasion with full-hearted participation by teachers, non-teaching staff and students alike, the event ended too on a happy note with refreshments and thanksgiving. Altogether it was a befitting celebration to honour Pandit Iswarchandra Vidyasagar, and his contribution in our lives.



A seminar was organized by the IQAC of the college to acquaint the teaching and non-teaching staff with the newly introduced CBCS. Relevant information was given through interesting talks by Dr. D. Biswas, IC, Calcutta University. He dwelt at length on the methods of implantation of the system, and answered patiently all queries regarding this. Professors from Malda College were invited as resource persons too, and they shared valuable information on ICT- and e-learning module.



A seminar was organized by the college on the modern topic of '**Nuclear Energy in the 21st Century**', on 18th September. Our honoured guest, the eminent scientist and **Padmasree Awardee**, Sri Amitava Roy enlightened us on this universal subject of 'nuclear energy'. He leads the establishment of the Kalpakkam Nuclear Power Plant, and also the Waste Recycling Plant. To listen to him was a pleasure and also a great way to enhance our knowledge.



Another seminar, for students especially, was organized by the Career Counseling Cell of the college, on 4th October. Conducted by representatives of Triumphant Institute of Management Education, the seminar was on the important topic of 'Career Opportunity after Graduation.' There was also an interactive session with students on **Stress Management**.



The event which needs special mention is the **Teachers' Day** program on 5th September. The entire nation, especially the educational institutions, pay homage to the venerable **Sri S.**



Among other events, the college celebrated '**Raksha Bandhan**' on 25th August, in a rather unique way. We participated in the program conducted by the sisters of the Brahmakumari Ashram. There was a brief **Meditation session** followed by tying of '**Rakhi**' threads and distribution of sweets and cards. Raksha Bandhan is a



traditional ceremony in India, and celebrating the occasion is yet another reminder of affinity with our cultural roots.

Radhakrishnan, by celebrating the date of his birth as 'Teachers Day'. Like every year, this year too our college made this a great occasion for strengthening and renewing the bond between teachers and students. Teachers were treated to a wonderful medley of programs--- dance, songs, drama, elocution. There was much talent on display, and the students also arranged for gifts and refreshments for the teachers. Through this very well-coordinated program, students made sure that teachers, their mentors and guide, were properly honoured.

Obituary



[03.02.1960—05.09.2018]

In the midst of life and its happy activities lurks death. 5th September, 2018 took away from us Sri Nirmal Chakraborty, one of the non-teaching staff members of the college. Serving the college for more than 30 years, he continued to do his work dedicatedly and regularly, in spite of his illness to which he finally succumbed. Apart from his routine office work which he dispensed with care, his contribution for NAAC 2017 cannot be underestimated. He shall ever be remembered. May his soul rest in peace.

Life goes on in spite of all. Another ground of entertainment was provided by the **two-day fete** organized by the **Alumni Association** of the college. There were several stalls displaying and selling food, snacks, drinks, and handicraft and clothes and costume jewellery and other articles. The fete certainly brought in a festive mood, with students, teachers and non-teaching staff all merrily participating in the event.



With the same note of enthusiasm and amidst great gaiety and revelry was celebrated the College Fresher's.

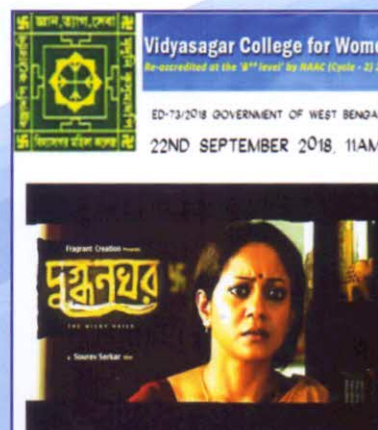
The IQAC of the College, in a meeting convened by the coordinator Dr. Tapan Roy, drafted the five-year plan for the college, and discussed ways and methods on how best to implement the recommendations of the NAAC team. Smt. Smita Bakshi, MLA, and Prof. Ramswarup Gangopadhyaya Principal of Vidyasagar Evening College, were honoured invitees for the meeting.



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

The College takes care to ensure all-round development of students, and as a measure regularly arranges for updating them through various awareness and educational programs, workshops, interactive sessions etc. This helps to make the learning process livelier and more interesting. As part of awareness program, the college arranged for a screening of the film **Dugdhonakhar**, on 22nd September, in the college auditorium.

This was a wonderfully interesting program as the students got the opportunity of interacting with the filmmaker/ Director Sri Sourav Sarkar. The film, and the interactive session provided the much needed exposure to students on issues of Mother/ Motherhood, abortion, post-abortion depression, psychological stress and other cognitive problems. It was motivational in content, and opened the avenues of further study and research by interested students.



The Placement Cell of the college organized a 'Campus Hiring Program' on 11th December, for outgoing students. It was conducted by Tata Consultancy Services, and of immense help to the students to gain information on subjects of recruitment and Aptitude Tests.

Yet another documentary film was screened, by the 'Green Club' of the college on 12th December. The film **Extreme Ice**, directed by Noel Dogkstader was about one of the major problems of terrestrial existence today. The film was on the issues of global warming and focused on the alarming proportion with which it has affected South-East Asian countries, which are still 'developing' states.

JEWELS IN THE CROWN



Dr. Pradipta Mukherjee, Assistant Professor, of the English Department of the college was invited to give a talk on "Indian Cinema and Globalisation" on 25 October, 2018, in none other than the prestigious Sorbonne University, Paris.

Parna Roy, a student of Chemistry Honours of the college, went on to secure high first class marks in the University Examination. She was among the 1st fifty rank holders in the All India GATE Exam. She is now pursuing an integrated M.Sc- Ph.D course at the renowned IISC, Bangalore, India.

Dr. Asutosh Prasad Singh of the department of Hindi was invited to the 24th Hindi Mela where he gave a talk on the relevance of Mahatma Gandhi in modern India.



Prashita Roychaudhury, a student of Mathematics Honours, ranked 29th in JECA, 2018.



Mention must be made of 2nd year students, also from the Mathematics Department who won the 3rd Prize for 'Model Presentation' competition, organized by the Paschim Banga Vigyan Mancha.

Teachers from all departments attend and present papers in National and International seminars and conferences, from time to time, and also publish their works in books and journals. We are proud of our students and teachers who have added newer feathers to our glorious cap. Wish them success for all future endeavours!

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