



## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Readers,



The last few months have seen a flutter of a wide variety of activities and our Newsletter Committee has tried to uphold most of it for the readers. The contents indicate a significant surge in student participation in various extracurricular activities. They have also secured positions of distinctions in various competitions.

This issue of the Newsletter also bears the happy tidings of the addition of a new batch of teachers---bright new faces to enrich our students and fortify our present brigade of teachers.

Finally, the festive season is round the corner. Everybody is looking forward to it. As a precursor to the Durga Puja festivities, we present this 6<sup>th</sup> issue of our College Newsletter.

## SEMINARS

Apart from the regular classroom lessons and lectures, this session was full of academic activities of varied nature. Almost all departments of the college, Science and Humanities, arranged for seminars for students on relevant topics. Speakers invited from various institutions and organisations, teachers of the concerned departments and students participated in the seminars.

The **English department** had organised a seminar on the topic '*Suffer and be Still: the Social Subordination of Women*

*in Dickens' England'*, on 19<sup>th</sup> March. Prof. Ralla Guha Niyogi from Basanti Devi College, Kolkata delivered an interesting talk on the subject, which is part of the syllabi for Honours students.



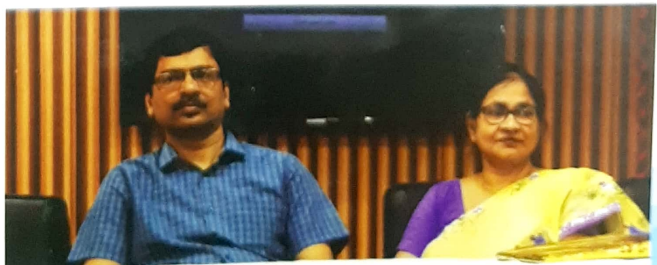
The **Bengali department** invited Sri Ramakrishna Bhattacharya to speak on *Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar*, in a seminar organised by the department, on 31<sup>st</sup> January.

The **department of History** invited Dr. Dipankar Bagchi to deliver a talk on '*Classical Literature and Historicity*'. The seminar was held on 5th February and was attended by teachers of several departments and students too.



The **department of Philosophy** organised a seminar on Mahabharata, a subject of eternal relevance. Prof. Nandini Bhowmick of Jadavpur University delivered her talk on '*Mahabharate Matritwer Jantrana*', on 6<sup>th</sup> March, and was attended by eager students and interested teachers.

The **department of Journalism and Mass Communication** of the college invited Dr. Manas Pratm Das, Program Producer, All India Radio, Siliguri, to deliver a talk on '*Digital Convergence*', on 27<sup>th</sup> March.



The **Economics department** of the college invited Prof. Susmita Chatterjee from Maharaja Manindra Chandra College, to speak on 'Research Methodology'. The seminar was held on 19<sup>th</sup> March.

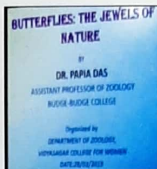
The **department of Chemistry** organised a seminar on the topic 'Organic Synthesis: A Versatile Toolbox for Drug Delivery', on 28<sup>th</sup> March. Dr. Kaushik Singha of TCGLS



delivered a lecture on this, stressing on the role of organic synthesis in the field of medicine.

The **Physics department** organised a seminar on 'Low Dimensional Physics and Nanotechnology'. The lecture was delivered on 29th March, by the invitee speaker from Jadavpur University, Prof. Kalyan Kumar Chattopadhyay.

The **department of Physiology** invited Prof. Labonya Mondal of Raja Peary Mohan College, Uttarpara, to speak on the interesting and relevant –for- all topic of 'Obesity: Global Epidemic'. The seminar was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March.



The **department of Zoology** invited Prof. Papia Das of Budge-Budge College to deliver a talk on 'Butterflies: the Jewels of Nature', on 28th March.

The **Botany department** of the college organised a seminar on the topic 'Photobiology of Higher Plants', on 2nd March. The presentation was given by Dr. Pratip Palit, retd. Principal Scientist, Division of Plant Physiology, Central Research Institute for Jute and Allied Fields, Barrackpore.

The **Geography department** of the college organised a seminar on 'GIS and Remote Sensing: Basics and Trends'. Dr. Balen Basu, Director, Opsis System, Kolkata was invited to deliver a lecture on this topic, on 1st March.

The **department of Mathematics** invited Prof. Subenoy Chakraborty of Jadavpur University to deliver a lecture on 'Relativity: through the eyes of Mathematics', in the seminar organised in the college, on 19th March.

The seminars organised by the various departments of the college provide an additional spur to students in their academic activities. The interactive sessions make the seminars quite inspiring and stimulating programs outside classroom teaching, and help the students in advancement of learning. Apart from these formal seminars, the departments also take care to hold Students' seminars in their respective subjects. These are also interesting sessions and further help the students in taking a keener interest in their syllabus-oriented studies.





## EVENTS



### ANNUAL SPORTS

The annual sports was held on 1<sup>st</sup> February this year. The Hrishikesh Park ground which was booked for the day saw an enthusiastic gathering of teachers, non-teaching staff and students of the college. Apart from the usual games like *relay race*, *spoon race*, *balance race*, *discus throw*, *breaking the pot*, this year extra activities were performed. *Yogasanas*, *memory game* and *go as you like*

were the interesting new features of our annual sports this time. Many students took part in the various activities. *Walking race*, *musical chair*, *tug of war*, *breaking the pot* were the events in which teachers took part. There were refreshments for all, and at the end prizes and certificates were given to participants and winners in each event. A lot of vibrant energy, and sportive and sporting spirit was on display on Sports day.



### SARASWATI PUJA

Like every year, this year too Saraswati Puja was celebrated in the college compounds by the students, on 9<sup>th</sup> February. The beautiful idol of Goddess Saraswati was decorated, set up on the open-air stage, and all rituals of the Puja observed. Students had also arranged for lunch for all on that day. It was mainly an effort by the Students' Union of the college to celebrate and usher in the first notes of festivity of the year with the Saraswati Puja!

### HOMAGE

The dark cloud of grief enveloped the nation on receiving the sad news of the merciless killing of soldiers on 17<sup>th</sup> February, in Pulwama, Kashmir. The teachers, students, non-teaching staff of the college joined the countrymen in paying homage to the victims, our brave soldiers, in a short event organised for this, on 21<sup>st</sup> February. The staff and students also remembered and paid homage to the martyrs of 21<sup>st</sup> February, which is observed as International Mother Language Day.

### ANNUAL PICNIC

This year the annual picnic for teachers was arranged on 12<sup>th</sup> January. The Teacher's Council Secretary made grand arrangements in a beautiful picnic spot in Madhyamgram. There were lots of games, music, songs and dance to keep us entertained through the day. Sumptuous lunch and breakfast added to the enjoyment of the picnic!



## NSS PROGRAM

The NSS Unit of the college indulges in diverse activities. This year, on 19<sup>th</sup> January it had arranged for clothes to be distributed to the old, aged and underprivileged of the society.



The Personal Counselling Cell of the college arranged an interactive session with the students on the subject of 'mobile phones' on 29<sup>th</sup> January. The session was conducted by Smt. Chaitali Majumdar, Counsellor for students, and she spoke on the topic 'The Impact of Mobile Phones'.



## INNOVISION

An inter-college Arts and Science exhibition, 'INNOVISION', was arranged in the college premises, on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> January. Students from several colleges participated in the competition. Among the colleges which participated were Vidyasagar College, Vidyasagar Evening College, Derazio College, Khudiram Bose College, Manindra Chandra College and several others. Through posters, charts and models, students displayed their great talents and knowledge. Exhibition of this kind certainly adds to the joy of learning. All participants received certificates. A 'Hands on Science Experiment' session was also held on 30<sup>th</sup> January.

## VIDYASAGAR COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU  
TO

INNOVISION

ARTS & SCIENCE EXHIBITION

Venue : Vidyasagar College For Women, College Premises  
Date: January 30, 2019 (Wednesday) Arts Exhibition  
January 31, 2019 (Thursday) Science Exhibition  
Time: 8.30 AM to 12.30 PM

SHARE YOUR VISION FOR AN INNOVATIVE FUTURE THROUGH  
DEMONSTRATIVE EXPERIMENTS, MODELS, POSTERS

All participants will receive Certificates







### POSTER COMPETITION

There was also a **Poster Competition** for the students of the college. The **Green Club** of the college organised the event which was held on 30<sup>th</sup> January. The theme was on environmental and ecological issues.



### YOUTH FESTIVAL

Students of the college took part in the West Bengal Students Youth Festival-- a cultural program organised by the Government on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> February. Students from several districts of the state were participants in the program. Students of our college participated and won the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in the drama competition.

### CAREER COUNSELLING

The **Career Counselling Cell** of the college organised a seminar on '*Resume Building and Reaching Global awareness through English*', on 8<sup>th</sup> February in the college auditorium. It was conducted by 'Manya, the Princeton Review' which is one of the leading institutes for preparing students for competitive examinations like GRE, GMAT etc. It was attended by a large number of students.

### ICC SEMINAR

The **Internal Complaints Committee (ICC)** of the college organised a unique and interesting workshop on '*Self Defence Awareness*', on 1<sup>st</sup> March. It was conducted by Instructors from Swami Vivekananda State Police Academy, Barrackpore. The talk was accompanied by visuals and live demonstrations of how to defend oneself in the face of sudden danger and other crisis. The workshop offered very practical lessons for the students who certainly benefitted from the session.

### BHASA DIVAS

Every year the staff and students of the college remember and pay homage to the martyrs who lay down their lives in defence of their 'Matribhasa'—Mother tongue, in a special program. This year **Bhasa Divas** was observed on 1<sup>st</sup> March. Professor Joygopal Mondol from Jharkand was invited to speak and he delivered an interesting talk on the importance of one's own Mother tongue in the emotional and intellectual life of the individual.



### NARI SAMSAD SEMINAR

**NARI SAMSAD** of the college celebrated International Women's Day on 8<sup>th</sup> March. The invitee speakers Professor Soumitra Basu and Professor Jhuma Chakraborty spoke on '*Womanhood: A Debate on Identity*', which was the theme of the day's seminar. We also took this opportunity to felicitate the young women achievers of the college who won awards in several inter-college competitions.



### IQAC SEMINAR

A seminar, one of its kind, was arranged by the IQAC of the college to commemorate 125 Years of Chicago Address of Swami Vivekananda, on 12<sup>th</sup> March. It was a most interesting program and the special guest for the

solemn occasion was Swami Divyagunanandji Maharaja Principal, Belur Mathyandir B.ED College. His was a most soul-stirring and enlightening address to a packed house of students, teachers and non-teaching staff, and left the audience spellbound.



### PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

The Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony was held on 19<sup>th</sup> March, in the college auditorium. Students who secured high marks and held ranks in their final examinations were rewarded with prizes and medals and trophies.



### COLLEGE SOCIAL

A great occasion for students to make merry and have fun is the College Social. 'Ichhedana', this year's program was celebrated on 19<sup>th</sup> March in the Open Stage of the college campus. Live music program by Aritra Banerjee was the main attraction for the day.

### IQAC & FILM STUDIES SEMINAR

THE IQAC & FILM STUDIES Department of the college jointly organised a seminar on 'Contemporary Indian Cinema' on 26<sup>th</sup> March. The Chief Guest for the day was the National Award Winning journalist, Film Critic and Author Dr. Shoma A. Chatterjee, who delivered a most interesting talk on the topic.





### GREEN CLUB RALLY

The **Green Club** and **NSS unit** of the college joined hands in organising an environment awareness campaign on 3<sup>rd</sup> May. They took out a rally from college premises to neighbouring places, with posters highlighting the urgency to save the environment.



### TRIBUTE TO TAGORE

This year Rabindra Jayanti was celebrated in a unique and lively way in the college. A seminar and cultural program was organised titled '*Rabindranath O Subhas Chandra: Punarbikkhan*'. Sri Arunendu Bandhopadhaya was invited to deliver a talk and he enlightened the audience on the many facets of Rabindranath Tagore. The drama, an adaptation of Tagore's '*Bansuri*' regaled the audience. Directed by Prof. Ajanta Mitra of the Bengali Department, many teachers, the Principal, the Governing Body President of the college formed part of the cast. All played their part to perfection. Hearty participation by everyone made the day a great success. The program ended on a note of high gaiety!

### POETRY WORKSHOP

A **Poetry Workshop** was organised in the college on 12<sup>th</sup> April, mainly through the efforts of Prof. Pradipta Mukherjee of the English Department. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Prof. Subodh Sarkar, poet, editor, chairman, Kabita Academy. He inaugurated the workshop, which was then conducted by Prof. Angshuman Kar who is a noted poet himself. Students and teachers of various departments of the college and faculties and students from college in and around kolkata participated in the program, and made it a grand success.



### YOGA DAY

The **International Day of Yoga** was observed in our college too, on 21<sup>st</sup> June. A workshop on '*Yoga: the Power of Life*' was conducted by Ms. Rashmi Pal. A part of the program also included Yoga demonstration by students.



### ACHIEVERS AND PERFORMERS

Apart from the myriad collective activities which certainly help the institution to leap across milestones, a regular feature is the steady contribution of students and teachers individually to enhance the quality of the institution in various ways. Academics, cultural activities, sports, inter-college and even state/ national-level competitions, international conferences, publications of books and other activities by students and teachers add feathers to the VCFW cap.

Shramana Chattopadhyay, student of Political Science Honours, is a really talented dancer who has won several prizes. She won the second position in Inter-college Oriental dance competition and Folk Dance competition. She also bagged the winner's trophy in Rabindra Nritya and Folk



Dance competitions at the Borough and District level programs, organised by the Government of West Bengal. She has done us proud. Keep it up!

Students of the departments of Mathematics participated in the Inter-College-University Poster Presentation Competition at Belur Math. They won the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize.



Sri Ashutosh Prasad Singh, Professor of the Hindi department was invited to speak at two big literary events organised in the city. He was invited as Chief Guest for the occasion and read out some of his own poems in the 'Kavita Junction' meet. He was also an invitee speaker at the event jointly organised by the All India Urdu-Hindi



Seminar and All India Mushaira-Kavi Sammelan, commemorating the 501<sup>st</sup> Death Anniversary of Saint Kabir.

Smt. Ajanta Mitra, Professor in the department of Bengali, was invited to participate and deliver a talk at the Book Release event at the Barisha Book Fair. The event also included a Discussion Session on Acharya Dineshchandra Sen.



Prof. Patrali Ghosh of the department of Philosophy was invited to deliver a lecture at Bangobasi College, Kolkata in a seminar organised by them. Prof. Ghosh spoke on the topic, 'Concept of Causality from

Western Perspective'. Prof. Patrali Ghosh also presented a paper titled 'Swami Vivekananda as the Torch Bearer for the Youth at the present Day Crisis of Human Values', in a two-day National Seminar organised by



Vivekananda College, Madhyamgram.

In another 2 -day International Seminar on 'Baul, Vaishnava & Rabindranath' held at Bolpur College, Shantiniketan, Professors Patrali Ghosh and Molly Ghosh, both from the department of Philosophy, jointly presented their paper.

Professor Madhumita Dutta, of the department of English, went to University of Granada, Spain, to present a paper on 'Patriarchy and the Sacred Feminine: the Indian Context' at the 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Religion and Spirituality in Society'.



Professor Piyali Dutta Chowdhury of the Bengali department recently edited and published

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a book titled 'Sahitya O Chalachitra' in Bengali. It is a collection of articles on the relationship of Films and Literature. Among the contributors are Prof. Anal Pal, department of Bengali, and Prof. Sumanta Bandyopadhyay, department of Film Studies, both from our college.



Professor Pradipta Mukherjee also of the department of English engages

in continuous research work, and publishes regularly in international journals, edited books and newspapers. She has presented papers in several National and International seminars as invitee speaker and Resource Person.



Recently Professor Mukherjee went as Resource Person to Panihati College, to deliver a talk on 'World Shakespearean Cinema: Appropriations and Intertextuality'.

She also presented a paper at the UGC Sponsored National Seminar in Himachal University, Shimla on 'Swaying to an Echo Breeze: Sounding New Zealand and Indian Modernisms'.

She also acted as Reviewer for an edited book published from University of Grenoble Alpes, France.

Professor Mukherjee participated in a Panel Discussion on Poetry at the Book Launch of *Tinder Tender* at Oxford Bookstore, Kolkata.

Professor Somshankar Ray, of the History department presented a paper in an International Conference organised by NSHM School of Media and Design. He spoke on 'Historical Films'. Professor Ray also presented a paper in an International Conference at Rabindra Bharati University, funded by the ICHR. This time his topic was 'Patriotism in Bengali Cinema'.



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