

**BALAGARH BIJOY KRISHNA
MAHAVIDYALAYA**

Annual Report of Cultural Committee

Session – 2019-2020



The college firmly believes in the sayings of Gustav Mahler, "Tradition is not the worship of ashes, but the preservation of fire.". And the tradition of diverse society and cultural can only be showcased through varied forms of art. Cultural performances play a significant role in society, serving as a powerful means of expression, connection, and preservation of heritage and tradition. Every educational and higher educational institutions develop certain programmes on various occasions to provide the students for presenting themselves through various cultural performances as Colleges are homes of diversity, bringing together students from various cultural backgrounds. Engaging in cultural activities allows students to celebrate and appreciate this diversity, fostering mutual respect and understanding. Cultural participation provides students with opportunities to explore their own cultural identity and heritage. It encourages self-reflection, confidence-building, and a deeper sense of belonging. For the overall development of the students higher educational organises cultural committee for the smooth running of the programme.

Vision of Cultural Committee:

The vision of the cultural committee of the college is to promote understanding, appreciation, and celebration of diverse cultures within the organisation or community. Through various initiatives and activities, the committee strives to create an inclusive environment that values cultural diversity and fosters cross-cultural understanding.

The cultural committee of this college seeks to embrace and celebrate the richness of cultural diversity.

Inclusivity: It ensures that all individuals feel welcome and included regardless of their cultural background.

Respect: The committee aims to foster mutual respect and understanding among people from different cultures.

Education: The committee seeks to provide opportunities for cultural learning and awareness.

Collaboration: The committee encourages to work collaboratively with various stakeholders to promote cultural exchange and understanding.

Mission:

The mission of a cultural committee in our college is focused on promoting diversity, inclusivity, and a sense of community through conducting several cultural activities and events. The college also takes care of promoting inclusiveness and equity within the college community, ensuring that cultural events are accessible and welcoming to all students regardless of their background.

Through these principles, the cultural committee aims to create a positive and enriching environment where cultural differences are celebrated and contribute to the overall success and well-being of the organization or community.

In this year, there were certain programmes that were held on different occasions under the committee where students have taken active participation in various cultural performances:

Birth anniversary of Bijay Krishna Modak(Online celebration):

The college pays its due respect to the founder of the college, as well as Bengali freedom fighter, Bijoy Krishna Modak, in almost all the cultural functions, especially in the College Foundation Day, Death and Birth Anniversary of Bijoy Krishna Modak, with speeches, poem recitals and the most important, the speeches made by the college principal. On 27th June 2023, the college has also paid respect towards Bijoy Krishna Modak by remembering him through various means. The number of students participated in the programme was 6.

Death Anniversary of Founder Bijay Krishna Modak(Online celebration):

Bijoy Krishna Modak was one of the prominent Bengali revolutionaries passed away on 9th May. Not only he was a leading figure in Indian freedom movement but also he was the founder of our college. The college itself is named after the revolutionaries, as Balagarh Bijoy Krishna Mahavidyalaya. This year, the principal, the students and the faculties (students participants being 4) paid their tribute by patriotic poem recitals and the speeches delivered by the faculties and the students.

Rabindra-Jayanti (Online celebration):

Rabindranath Tagore, the most prominent Bengali poet, dramatist, novelist, short story writer was born on 7th May (25^{she} Boishakh) . Several educational institutions celebrate the birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore as ‘Rabindra Jayanti’.

Our college also celebrated the birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore this year on 8th May, 2020 at 7p.m by organising an online programme to remember the life and works along with his contribution to literature and society. The welcome speech delivered by the college principal. The students as well as the faculties (the number of students participants being 4) took active part in remembering the works of Tagore by poem recital, speeches on his life and values, educational reforms and the most important, cultural performances including songs and dance.

Birth anniversary Of Kabi Madhusudan Dutta:

Michael Madhusudan Dutta was a prominent Bengali poet and playwright of the 19th century who revolutionized Bengali literature with his innovative style and thematic depth. Madhusudan Dutt is best known for his epic poem "Meghnad Badh Kavya" (1861), which is considered a landmark in Bengali literature. He also wrote sonnets, lyrical poems, and narrative verses that reflected his command over various poetic forms and his mastery of both classical and modern Bengali.

To celebrate the birth anniversary of this renowned poet on 25th January 2020 and dramatist, a short programme was held with the college principal delivering opening speech followed by poem recital, speech deliberation made by students and faculties. The number of participants was 3.

Parakram Divas (Birthday of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose):

Parakram Divas was held on 23rd January 2020 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Indian Freedom fighter Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The programme served as a reminder of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's courage and commitment to India's independence struggle and inspires generations to uphold the values of freedom, equality, and justice that he stood for. This was observed by flag hoisting, parade, performances of several patriotic songs and dances. The number of students participated in the programme was 10.



Death Anniversary of Writer Saratchandra Chattopadhyay:

The death anniversary of renowned short story writer and novelist Saratchandra Chattopadhyay was held on 14th January 2020, just as the birth anniversary was held in the year 2022. The students and the faculties, the total number being 4, were engaged in reciting, delivering speeches and showcasing certain books.

Yuva-Divas (Pre-celebration) Birthday of Swami Vivekananda:

"Yuva Diwas" or "Youth Day" is an observance celebrated in India to honor and recognize the contributions and potential of young people in society. Yuva Diwas is celebrated on January 12th each year to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, (born on 12th January 1863) a revered spiritual leader, philosopher, and youth icon in India.

Swami Vivekananda played a pivotal role in promoting Indian culture, spirituality, and the ideals of youth empowerment and self-confidence. He emphasized the importance of harnessing the energy and enthusiasm of youth for the nation's progress.

This year, the programme on Yuva Diwas was held to spread the educational thoughts on Swami Vivekananda through seminar and cultural performance.

The programme began with the opening song sung by the students, followed by the inauguration speech of the principal of the college on educational thoughts of Swami Vivekananda. After the Principal's speech, there was a cultural performance titled in which students along with the teachers participated in singing and dance drama. The number of participants in the programme was 10.

The students came to know about the educational thoughts of Swami Vivekananda and its value on their lives and also shared their own personal views on Swami Vivekananda's life

and contribution in the form of short speeches, the topic, being “Amar Drishtite Vivekananda”.

Here are the pictures of students performing:





Biplabi Bhupati Majumder Birthday (Post Celebration):

Bhupati Majumdar (Born in 1st January 1890, Guptipara) was an Indian revolutionary and freedom fighter who played a significant role in the Indian independence movement.

Bhupati Majumdar was associated with revolutionary organizations like Anushilan Samiti and Jugantar. He actively participated in revolutionary activities aimed at overthrowing British colonial rule in India.

In order to commemorate the deeds of this revolutionary poet, our college has organised a short programme as a post-celebration of the birth anniversary of Bhupati Majumder. The programme began with offering garland to the photo of the revolutionary, along with introductory speech made by college principal as well as some short informative speech given by the students and faculties. 2 students have participated in the programme.

Annual Cultural Programme:

Perhaps the Annual Cultural Programme can be considered to be one of the most joyful programme fraught with vibrance and varied cultural performances. This year, organizing an annual cultural program in the college was an exciting and enriching experience for students, faculty, and the broader college community. It was an opportunity to showcase talents, celebrate diversity, and foster a sense of camaraderie among participants. Approximately 20 students along with different student teams as well as faculties have showcased their talents through various cultural representation on that day on 24th December 2019.

It was a memorable and impactful annual cultural program in the college that celebrated diversity, showcased talent, and strengthened community bonds. Each year, build upon the success and lessons learned to make the event even more vibrant and inclusive.



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Birthday of Poet Rangalal Bandyopadhyay

Rangalal Bandyopadhyay (Born 21 December 1827 – died 13 May 1887) was a Bengali poet, journalist, and author. Some of his most important works include “Padmini Upakhyan”, Karmadevi (1862) Shurasundari (1868) Kanchi Kaveri (1879) Bhek-Musiker Yuddha (1858) Nitikusumanjali (1872) Kavikankan Chandi (1882).

Rangalal Bandyopadhyay’s birth anniversary is celebrated on 21 December 2019, with offering garlands on the photo of the renowned Bengali poet, along with opening speeches given by the college principal and poetry readings and speeches delivered by student participants and faculties. The number of participants was 5.

Birth Anniversary of Kshudiram Bose:

Kshudiram Bose was a prominent Indian revolutionary who played a significant role in the Indian independence movement. He was born on December 3, 1889, in Midnapore, Bengal Presidency, British India (now in West Bengal, India), and he was executed by the British on August 11, 1908, at the age of 18. He was deeply influenced by the nationalist ideals and fervour of the time. At a young age, he joined revolutionary organizations like Anushilan Samiti and was involved in various acts of resistance against British rule.

Celebrating the birth anniversary of Kshudiram Bose in our college is always a meaningful way to honor his legacy and contributions to India's independence movement. The college has organised the birth anniversary of Kshudiram Bose on 3rd December 2019 as it falls during the academic year for many colleges and universities. With five participants, the programme has begun with the welcome address by the college principal, followed by offering of garlands on the photo of Sahid Kshudiram the deliberation of short speeches by the students of this college.

By commemorating Kshudiram Bose's birthday in this college, students and faculties contribute to honoring his memory and ensuring that his contributions to India's freedom movement are remembered and celebrated by future generations.



Birthday of Jagadish Chandra Bose:

Jagadish Chandra Bose (1858-1937) was a renowned Indian scientist, physicist, biologist, and inventor who made significant contributions to the fields of science, particularly in the areas of plant physiology and electromagnetic waves. Celebrating Jagadish Chandra Bose in a college setting can serve as an educational and inspiring tribute to his pioneering work.

Every year the birth anniversary of Jagadish Chandra Bose is organised in the college on November 30 as National Science Day in India, is celebrated on November 30th each year as a reminder of his remarkable contributions to science and technology.

The programme began with Welcome address by the principal of the college along with offering of garland to the bust of Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose and speeches delivered by the students and faculties of these college. The number of participants is 6.

This celebration not only honors Bose's legacy but also fosters a deeper appreciation for the wonders of science and the importance of interdisciplinary research in today's world.

Foundation Day of BBKM:

Celebrating Foundation Day in a college is a special occasion to honor the establishment of the institution and reflect on its growth, achievements, and contributions to education.

This year the college has organised Foundation Day on 19th November 2019. The programme began with the flag hoisting by the principal of the college, followed by the welcome address, offering the garland to the statue and bust of the founder of the college as well as Indian freedom fighter, social worker, Bijoy Krishna Modak, informative speech delivered by students and faculty member of this college. The number of students participated in the college was 15.

Such celebrations serve as a reminder of the college's founding principles and its enduring impact on generations of students and stakeholders.

Birthday of Sister Nivedita (Post Celebration):

Sister Nivedita, (born on October 28, 1867) Margaret Elizabeth Noble, was a prominent Irish-born disciple of Swami Vivekananda and a dedicated social worker in India. Her life and contributions are deeply intertwined with the Indian independence movement and the revival of Indian culture. Sister Nivedita's profound understanding of spirituality, service to humanity, and the importance of education and women's empowerment, can be understood in the words of Sister Nivedita:

"All love is expansion, all selfishness is contraction. Love is therefore the only law of life. He who loves lives, he who is selfish is dying."

In order to commemorate the birth anniversary of such a prominent figure, our college has organised a programme as a post-celebration on 04th November 2019. The programme began with a welcome address by the principal of this college, followed by offering garland on the portrait, speeches delivered by the students of this college. The number of students participated in the programme is 5.

By organizing a comprehensive and engaging celebration of Sister Nivedita's birth anniversary in college, the college helps to inspire students and the wider community to embrace her ideals of service, education, and cultural appreciation.

Birthday of poet Mohitlal Majumdar(Pre-celebration):

Mohitlal Majumdar (Born on October 17, 1888) was a renowned Bengali poet and literary figure known for his contributions to Bengali literature. Born on October 17, 1888, in Faridpur, the then Greater Bengal, Mohitlal Majumdar played a significant role in the literary and cultural landscape of his time. Mohitlal Majumdar was known for his lyrical and romantic poetry, which often explored themes of love, nature, and spirituality. He was influenced by the Vaishnava tradition and infused his poetry with elements of devotion and mysticism. Some of Mohitlal Majumdar's notable works include poetry collections like "Katha O Kahini," "Amar Jiban," and "Bhorer Pakhi."

Our College has celebrated the birth anniversary of the renowned Bengali poet Moahitlal Majumder as a post celebration on 24st October 2019 by organising a short cultural function with a welcome address done by the principal of the college followed by many informative speeches delivered by the faculties of the college, poetry reading as well as showcasing different books including poetry collection in the college library. Five students have participated in this programme.

The celebration provided an opportunity to delve deeper into his poetic legacy and engage with his work in a meaningful way.

Birthday of Freedom fighter Matangini Hazra.

Matangini Hazra, often referred to as "Gandhi Buri" (Old Lady Gandhi), was a courageous freedom fighter from Bengal, India, known for her role in India's struggle for independence against British colonial rule. born on October 19, 1870, Matangini Hazra actively participated in India's freedom struggle, inspired by Mahatma Gandhi's principles of non-violence and civil disobedience.

The college celebrated the birth anniversary of Matangini Hazra on 19th October 2019 by opening address of the college principal followed by informative speeches about her contribution in Indian freedom movement, and organising discussion methods. The number of students participated in the programme was 5.

By organizing a thoughtful and engaging celebration of Matangini Hazra's birthday in college, students gain a deeper appreciation for her bravery and commitment to the ideals of freedom, equality, and justice.

Birthday of Mahatma Gandhi:

Mahatma Gandhi, also known as Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi or Bapu (Father of the Nation), a preeminent leader of India's independence movement, was born on October 2, 1869, in Porbandar, Gujarat, India, and became one of the most iconic and revered figures in world history.

In order to celebrate the birth anniversary of this prominent leader, and remembering Gandhian values, a programme was held in our college on 2nd October 2019 with the flag hoisting ceremony, followed by the welcome address of the college principal, and short speeches, discussions on Gandhiji's contribution in Indian freedom struggle. 3 students have participated in this programme.

By organizing a comprehensive and engaging celebration on Mahatma Gandhi's birthday in college, students were able to deepen their understanding of his timeless principles and strive to embody his values of truth, non-violence, and social justice in their personal and collective endeavors.



Birthday of Vidyasagar:

Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar(September 26, 1820- July 29, 1891) was a prominent 19th-century Bengali educator, social reformer, writer, and philanthropist who played a pivotal role in transforming the education system and advocating for women's rights in India. Celebrating his birth anniversary in a college setting is a wonderful way to honor his legacy and inspire students to engage with his ideas and contributions. The programme generally begins with an opening address made by the principal of this college, followed by informative speeches given by the professors of this college, showcasing different books written by Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar in the college library, making students aware of the social reforms done by him, as well as showing gratitude towards this prominent figure who helped in mastering the mother language and enjoying Bengali literature in an effective way.

Organizing a comprehensive and engaging celebration on 26th September 2019 inspired students and faculty members to learn from his pioneering efforts in education, social reform, and cultural resurgence, fostering a deeper appreciation for his enduring legacy. The programme began with an opening song sung by students of this college. The number of students participants was 4. On the same date, a seminar has been organised on the life and contribution of Vidyasagar, in which a speech has been delivered by Dr. Jhantu Das, Associate professor in Bengali from Sree Gopal Banerjee College.



Birthday of Saratchandra Chattopadhyay (Post-celebration):

Saratchandra Chattopadhyay,(15th sept 1876- 15th Jan 1938), the renowned Bengali novelist and short story writer, is celebrated on his birth anniversary as a day to honor his contributions to literature and culture.

Celebrating Saratchandra Chattopadhyay's birthday in college on 16th September 2019 was a wonderful way to honor his literary contributions and inspire students to appreciate Bengali literature. The principal of the college offered garlands at the portrait of the renowned Bengali author, followed by arrangements of discussions, showcasing novels and short stories in the library, sometimes screening famous films based on the works of the author, for example, “Devdas” or "Parineeta". The students participants were 4.

By organizing a diverse range of activities and events, our college created a vibrant and engaging celebration of Saratchandra Chattopadhyay's birthday in the college not only to foster a deeper appreciation for Bengali literature among students but also by paying tribute to one of India's literary stalwarts whose works continue to resonate with readers across generations.

“Teacher’s Day” Celebration:

The goal of celebrating Teachers Day in college is not only to acknowledge the hard work of teachers but also to foster a sense of respect and gratitude among students towards their mentors. It's an opportunity to strengthen the teacher-student bond and promote a positive learning environment within the college. Celebrating "Teachers Day" in college is a wonderful way to honor and appreciate the dedication and hard work of teachers.

By organizing a well-planned and thoughtful Teacher’s Day celebration on 5th September 2022 our college was successful to create a memorable and meaningful event that not only honoured teachers but also strengthened the bond between students and educators. Recently, the college has celebrated Teacher’s Day by organising cultural programmes among the students and the teachers of this college. The total number of teacher and students participation was 10.

Teacher’s Day in this college created a wonderful opportunity to express gratitude and appreciation for the dedicated efforts of teachers in nurturing future generations.





Independence Day Celebration:

Independence Day is a significant national holiday celebrated in many countries around the world, commemorating the day when India became independent on 15th August 1947, following a long and arduous struggle for freedom against British rules led by various leaders and movements.

Celebrating Independence Day at this college was always a memorable and enriching experience.

Flag Hoisting Ceremony: The day started with the hoisting of the national flag in the college premises, accompanied by the national anthem and inaugural speech delivered by principal of this college emphasizing the significance of Independence Day.

The college had organized various cultural programs such as patriotic songs, dances and speeches by students, faculty, or special guests. These performances reflected the spirit of patriotism and pay tribute to the freedom fighters. The college campus is decorated with tricolor themes, ribbons, and flags to create a festive atmosphere and was displayed with posters and banners showcasing the history and significance of Independence Day. The honourable principal of this college, as well as students and faculties also delivered short informative speeches.

March Past and Parade: The NCC of the college organized a march past or parade showcasing the discipline and unity among students.

Rakhi Bandhan(Post-celebration) :

Raksha Bandhan, also known as Rakhi, is an Indian festival celebrated predominantly in India but also observed by Hindu communities worldwide. It's a beautiful celebration of the bond between brothers and sisters, where sisters tie a sacred thread called Rakhi on their brothers' wrists, symbolizing their love, protection, and prayers for their well-being. In return, brothers offer gifts and promise to protect and support their sisters throughout their lives.

Celebrating Raksha Bandhan in this college on 16th August 2019 was a joyous occasion where students came together to honour the special bond between brothers and sisters

Our College has organised a Rakhi exchange event where students and faculties tied Rakhis on each other's wrists to participate and celebrate the bond of friendship and camaraderie to honour Ranindranath Tagore who had started this festival to unite the divided Bengal in the year of 1905 singing 'BANGLAR MAATI BAANGLAR JAL'. The total number of students participated was 10.

The college has arranged cultural performances such as dances, songs, or skits related to the theme of Raksha Bandhan. Students showcased their talents and expressed the significance of the festival through artistic means.

Kanyashri Divas:

Kanyashree Divas is a significant occasion that underscores the importance of investing in girls' education and empowerment as a key strategy for social transformation and inclusive development. It celebrates the achievements of girls and reinforces the commitment towards ensuring their rights, opportunities, and a brighter future. In different educational institutions, several programmes regarding this Prakalpa are held in order to combat child marriage and encourage education and empowerment among girls .

Although programmes on Kanyashree Divas mainly holds in schools, our college has also taken initiative in organizing a programme on Kanyashri Divas on 14th August 2019 to commemorate the success and impact of Kanyashree Prakalpa scheme. The day was dedicated to raising importance about girls' education, empowerment and the initiatives to undertaken by the Government to support them through the scheme. The programme was successful since it covered speeches regarding the scheme delivered by the college principal, faculties and the students..

The students took active participation in this programme by presenting various art performances based on girl empowerment and education. The total number of students participants was 20.



Celebrating Kanayashree Divas

Library Day:

Libraries are invaluable institutions that promote learning, empower individuals, and strengthen communities. They contribute to intellectual freedom, promote literacy, and foster a love for reading and lifelong learning. In order to promote awareness among students about the importance of accessing library in fostering knowledge, education, and lifelong learning our college has organised a Library Day, also known as Library Week or National Library Week on 9th August 2019, annual celebration dedicated to promoting libraries and the importance of reading, literacy, and access to information. The college principal, the senior students and faculties have presented through their short speeches regarding the importance of library along with their experiences in gaining knowledge and gathering information by accessing libraries. the number of students performed was 2. The fresh students were guided by the senior students and faculties the procedures of accessing libraries as well as showcasing various selective books from different streams.

Kobi-Prayan (Death Anniversary of Rabindra Nath Tagore) :

Rabindranath Tagore, the renowned Bengali poet, writer, composer, and artist, passed away on August 7, 1941. Each year, on the anniversary of his death, people around the world commemorate his life and legacy through various events, discussions, cultural programs, and tributes. Tagore's contributions to literature, music, art, and social reform have left a profound impact not only in India but also globally.

The death anniversary of this renowned poet is celebrated on 8th August. Students and esteemed faculty of this college gathered to reflect on Tagore's works, ideals, and principles. This generally included reading extracts from poetry and prose, discussing his philosophical ideas, organizing musical and dance performances on 8th May 2020, inspired by his compositions, and conducting seminars or lectures on his life and contributions.

Students of this college were encouraged to participate in this event to pay a tribute to Rabindranath Tagore through songs, poem recitals, seminars and dance performances. Overall, Rabindranath Tagore's death anniversary was an occasion for people to pay tribute to one of the most influential figures in Indian literature and culture. This event served as an opportunity to keep his ideas alive and inspire future generations to engage with his literary and cultural heritage. The number of students participated was 5.

