

# BALAGARH BIJOY KRISHNA MAHAVIDYALAYA

*Annual Report of Cultural Committee*

**Session – 2020-2021**



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 College is the home 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 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 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.

This year, Covid-19 pandemic has profoundly affected college activities, forcing the institution to adapt rapidly to new circumstances while prioritizing the health and well-being of their students and staff. The college found creative ways to continue hosting functions while prioritizing the health and safety of students, staff, and attendees. The college has organised cultural programmes in virtual mode through various online platforms like Zoom, Google Meet, Facebook and YouTube Live and many more.

## **Rabindra-Jayanti(Online celebration):**

Rabindranath Tagore, the most prominent Bengali poet, dramatist, novelist, short story writer was born on 9<sup>th</sup> May (25<sup>she</sup> Boishakh). Several educational institutions celebrate the birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore as ‘Rabindra Jayanti’.

Our college also celebrated the birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore online this year on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 due to Covid Pandemic by organising a webinar fraught with welcome address and speeches made by college principal, students and faculties of the college to remember the life and works along with his contribution to literature and society.

## **Yuva-Divas (Birthday of Swami Vivekananda- Online celebration):**

"Yuva Divas" or "Youth Day" is an observance celebrated in India to honor and recognize the contributions and potential of young people in society. Yuva Divas is celebrated on January 12th each year to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, (born on 12<sup>th</sup> 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 Divas was held to spread the educational thoughts on Swami Vivekananda through seminar and cultural performance. The number of participants in the programme was 18.

The students came to know about the educational thoughts of Swami Vivekananda and its value on their lives.



### **Foundation Day of BBKM(Online celebration):**

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 online celebration Foundation Day on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2022. The programme began with the principal's welcome address, informative speech delivered by students and faculty member of this college. The number of students participated in the college was six. Such celebrations serve as a reminder of the college's founding principles and its enduring impact on generations of students and stakeholders.

## **Independence Day( Online 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. But this year due to the effects of Covid Pandemic, the institution remained closed , but a webinar was held online via Google Meet on that day. The webinar began with a welcome address done by the College principal, followed by some informative speeches performed by students and esteemed faculties, songs and poem recitals.



### **Kanyashri Divas(Online celebration):**

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 online mainly holds in schools, our college has also taken initiative in organizing an online programme on Kanyashri Divas on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2021 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 online participation in this programme by presenting various art performances based on girl empowerment and education. The total number of students participants was 6.

