

# BALAGARH BIJOY KRISHNA MAHAVIDYALAYA

*Annual Report of Cultural Committee*

Session – 2018-2019



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 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.

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

### **Birthday of Ashutosh Mukhopadhyay:**

Ashutosh Mukherjee, also known as Sir Ashutosh Mukherjee, was a prominent Indian educator, jurist, and mathematician who made significant contributions to education and public life during the colonial era. Ashutosh Mukherjee played a pivotal role in shaping modern education in India. He advocated for academic excellence, institutional autonomy, and the promotion of scientific education.

Under his leadership, Presidency College became a leading institution for higher education, attracting students and scholars from across India.

The college has celebrated his legacy in a short programme on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019 with principal, students and faculties delivering short informative and scientific speeches. The number of students participated in the programme was 5.



## Birthday of Bijay Krishna Modak:

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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 programm 5.



## **Birthday of Writer Bankimchandra Chattopadhyay:**

Bankimchandra Chattopadhyay is often recognised as ‘Sahitya Samrat’ or The King of Literature. Bankim Chandra's influence on Indian literature and nationalism cannot be overstated. "Vande Mataram" from his novel "Anandamath" became a rallying cry for India's freedom fighters and later became the national song of India. He is remembered as a visionary writer and nationalist whose writings continue to resonate with the spirit of India's struggle for independence and cultural resurgence.

To commemorate the birth anniversary of this well-known writer, the college has organised a short programme on 26/06/2019. The programme opened with offering garlands on the photo of Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, the welcome speech of the college principal, poem recitals and deliberation of short speeches by the students and the faculties, (students participants being 4) showcasing some of the best novels and essays in the college library, and showing some of the clippings of the films like “Anandamath”.

## **Birthday of Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam**

Kazi Nazrul Islam, often referred to as the "Rebel Poet" of Bengal, was a prominent Bengali poet, writer, musician, and revolutionary thinker who made significant contributions to literature and culture. Nazrul's outspoken views and activism led to his imprisonment by British authorities. He also faced censorship due to his radical writings.

Despite challenges, Nazrul's legacy as a poet, musician, and freedom fighter remains deeply cherished in Bengal and beyond. He wrote fiercely against oppression, injustice, and religious fundamentalism, advocating for unity and secularism.

In order to celebrate the birth anniversary of poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, our college has organised a programme on 24/05/19. The principal of the college, Students, alumni, as well as college faculties have paid their respect towards the poet by showcasing various art performances like songs, dance, patriotic poem recital, as well as deliberation of informative speeches. The number of students who have participated in this programme was 10.

## **Vasanta Utsav:**

In the college setting, Vasanta Utsav had become a colourful and joyous event organized by students and cultural committee of the college on 20th March 2019 to celebrate the onset of spring. The festival included a variety of activities and cultural performances that reflected the spirit of springtime and Indian culture. The programme began with the the welcome address of college principal, followed by various cultural performances showcased by the students.



Students And Teachers celebrated Vasant Utsab



## **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 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 3.

### **Birthday 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 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 4.

## **Parakram Divas (Birthday of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose):**

Parakram Divas was held on 23rd January 2023 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 12.



### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 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. This year celebrated the birth anniversary on 01/12/2018.

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 5.

### **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 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018. 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.



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## **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."



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## **Birthday of poet Mohitlal Majumdar:**

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 Mahitlal Majumder as a post celebration on 31.10.2018 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. 3 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 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018 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 3.

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.

## **Sharodotsab:**

Our college has organised Sarodotsav or the festival of the Beauty of Autumn on 16th October 2018 to recreate the festive spirit of Durga Puja and promote cultural engagement among students. The programme included Sharad Vandana or Offerings along with cultural performances such as dance, music, and drama representing diverse Indian traditions. Studentsd showcased classical dance forms and folk dances as well as songs on the offering for Goddess Durga, the prime Goddess to be worshipped in the season of autumn.

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 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. 4 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 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018 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 number of students participants was 10.

## **“Teacher’s Day” Celebration:**

The goal of celebrating Teacher’s 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 " Teacher’s 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 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018 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 by Teacher’s Day organising a panel discussion among the students and the teachers of this college. The panel discussion was followed by interactive sessions between students and teachers. The total number of teacher and students participation was 15.

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, balloons, 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. Number of participated students is 20.



## **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 14<sup>th</sup> August 2018 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 25.



**Celebration of kanyashree**

## **Rakhi Bandhan**

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 11<sup>th</sup> August 2018 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 15.

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.

## **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 9<sup>th</sup> August 2018, 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 8. 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.