## BALAGARH BIJOY KRISHNA MAHAVIDYALAYA

## Annual Report of Cultural Committee

**Session –2021-22** 



#### ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

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 home of diversity, bringing together students from various cultural backgrounds. Engaging in cultural activities allows students to celebrate and appreciate this diversity, mutual respect and understanding. Cultural fostering 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 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 27th Jume 2022, 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 5.



Faculty paying there respect

#### Rabindra- Nazrul Jayanti:

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

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.

Cultural committee and alumni association of our college also celebrated the birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore and Nazrul Islam jointly as "Rabindra-Nazrul Jayanti" on 17th June, 2023 by organising a programme to remember the life and works along with their contribution to literature and society. The programme began with the offering of garland to the photo of Tagore and Nazrul followed by the welcome speech delivered by the college principal. The students as well

as the faculties (the number of students participants being 32) took active part in remembering the works of them by performing various cultural activities such as recitation, singing, dance-drama 'Chitrangada'.





Students and teachers' performence

### Death Anniversary of Founder Bijay Krishna Modak:

Bijoy Krishna Modak was one of the prominent Bengali revolutionaries passed away on 9<sup>th</sup> 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 relovutionary, as Balagarh Bijoy Krishna Mahavidyalaya. This year, the principal, the students and the faculties (students participants being 3) paid their tribute towards the founder of the college by offering garlands to the bust and the statue of Bijoy Krishna Modak, patriotic poem recitals and the speeches delivered by the faculties and the students.

#### 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 17th March 2022 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 and faculties. The number of students participated was 20.



students performing

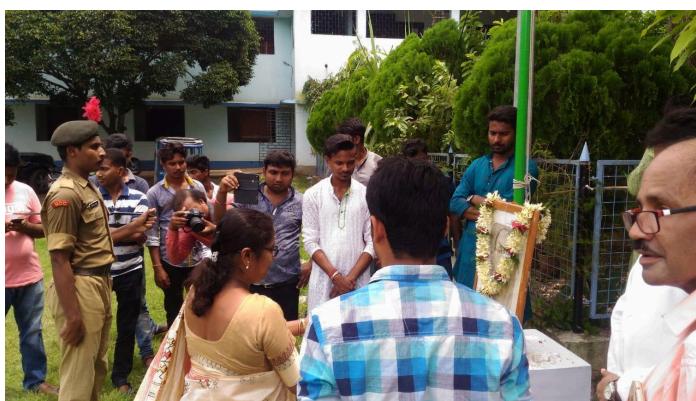


students performing

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

23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2022

Parakram Divas was held on 23rd January 2022 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.



### **Yuva-Saptaha Celebration (Blended mode):**

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. Yuva Diwas 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.

This year, the birthday of Swami Vivekananda was celebrated for one week in our college. Cultural committee of this college has organised three webinars and one cultural programme to celebrate "Yuva Saptaha". The first webinar titled "Swami Vivekanander Sikhsabhavabana" was held on 12th January, 2022. The speaker of this webinar was Dr. Abhijit Mondal, Assistant Professor of Sanskrit, Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University. The second webinar titled "Swami Vivekanander Karmayoga Ebong Bartomakaler Prasongikota" was held on 13th January,2022. The honourable speaker of this webinar was Dr. Subhen Mitra, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, Sreegopal Banerjee college. The "Artificial webinar titled Intelligence third Opportunity in New Regime" was held on 14th January, 2022. The speaker of this webinar was Shree Koushik Chatterjee, Assistant Professor of Commerce, St. Xavier's College. This kind of celebration helps to spread the educational and spiritual thoughts on Swami Vivekananda. The last day of "Yuva Saptaha" was celebrated by organizing a cultural programme in our college on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2022. The number of participants of the cultural programme was 8.



Students' performance

## Closing Ceremony of Students' Week (offline):

Students Week celebrations emerged as a way to promote student engagement, showcase talents, foster community spirit, and provide a platform for students to participate in various activities beyond academics. These events often incorporate a mix of academic, cultural, social, and recreational activities aimed at enriching the student experience. The celebration of students week is held every year from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 7<sup>th</sup> January.

This year, on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022, a short cultural programme has been organized as a part of the closing ceremony of the students

The students were encouraged to participate more efficiently in this drawing competition as a part of the cocurricular activities. The number of participants in the programme was 6.



Students participating in drawing competition

# Biplabi Bhupati Majumder Birthday (Post Celebration):

Bhupati Majumdar 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 on 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2022. 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. students Two students have participated in the programme.

#### 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 was celebrated on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2021 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 Khsudiram Bose on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 as it falls during the academic year for many colleges and universities. With three 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.





Faculty paying there respect

#### **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 4.

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 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021. 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:**

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 on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021. 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 Freedom fighter Matangini Hazra(Online Celebration).

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 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021 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 (Online Celebration):

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 webinar was held through google meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2021 on "Bharatiya Rajnitite Gandhir Abhyutthan" The speaker of this webinar was Dr. Abir Bandyopadhyay, Assistant Professor of History, Bijoy Narayan Mahavidyalaya. 5 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 endeavor

#### **Sharodotsav(online):**

Our college has organised Sarodotsav or the festival of the Beauty of Autumn on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021 to recreate the festive spirit of Durga Puja and promote cultural engagement among students. The programme was held in online mode due to Covid Pandemic. The programme included Sharad Vandana along with cultural performances. The chief attraction of this programme was the beautiful rendition of Rabindra Sangeet sung by Smt. Dola Majumder, and other performances representing diverse Indian traditions. The number of students participated in the programme was 2.

### "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 2021, 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. The total number of students participation was 12.

"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.





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Students' performance



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#### **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 deliovered 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.

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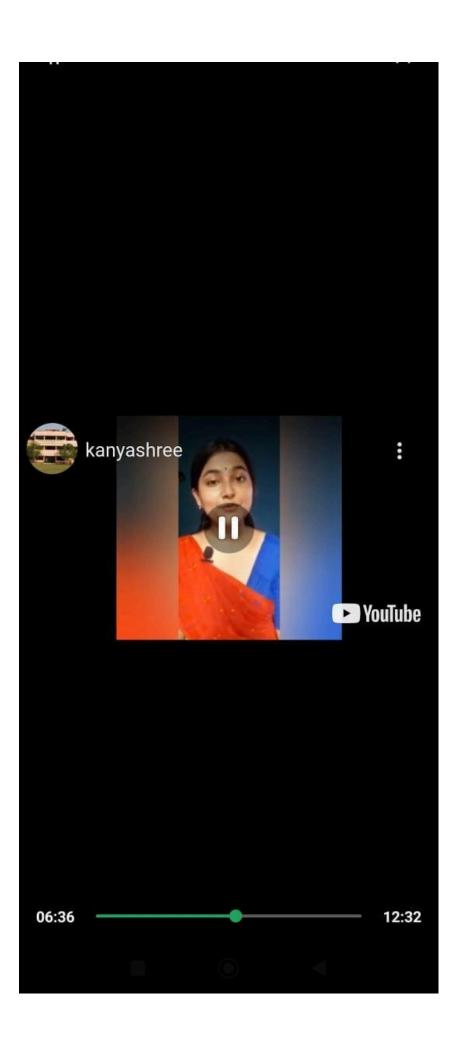
#### **Kanyashri Divas (Online Celebration):**

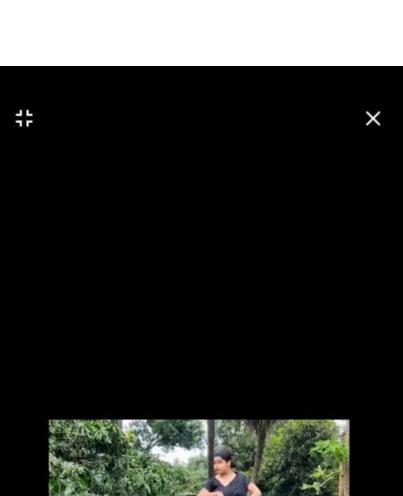
Kanyashree Divas is a significant occasion that underscores the importance of investing in girls' education and empowerment as a key strategy for social transformation and inclusive development. It celebrates the achievements of girls and reinforces the commitment towards ensuring their rights, opportunities, 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 mainly holds in schools, our college has also taken initiative in organizing a 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 participation in this programme by presenting various art performances based on girl empowerment and education through google meet. The total number of students participants was 10.









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### **Library Day (Online Celebration):**

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 2021, 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 though 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 3. 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.