



South Calcutta Girls' College



NEWSLETTER 2019 - 2020



Principal



Prof. Dr. Aparna De

I feel honoured to publish the first News Letter of South Calcutta Girls' College to highlight the creative potentials of our students. A News Letter is like a mirror which reflects the clear picture of all sorts of activities of the entire college. We, the members of South Calcutta Girls' College family are proud to release our first News Letter showcasing the progress of the college during 2019-2020. I do believe that this News Letter will convey a positive impulse to all of our students, teachers and non-teaching staff for their future activities.

I express my deep sense of gratitude to the Governing Body of the college for their continuous support and encouragement for the development of the college.

I congratulate the Editorial Board of this News Letter for their active cooperative role in accomplishing the task effectively.

I am hopeful that this small piece of work will help to develop a sense of belonging to the institution with the spirit of inclusiveness.

*With best wishes
Principal*



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SEMINARS & WEBINARS

9th September' 2019 - The Department of Botany organised a special lecture titled "Pesticide Poisoning: The Hidden Menace" on 9th September'2019. The honourable speaker was Dr.Saswati Bhattacharya, Assistant Proferssor (WBES), Dr.A.P.J Abul Kalam Government College, New Town, Kolkata. Dr.Saswati Bhattacharya is alumna of our college.



16th September'2019 - International Seminar was organized by Department of Bengali on "Literary Trends of Two Bengals (1970-2019)". The International Seminar was held on 16 September 2019 and the eminent speakers in the Seminar were Prof. Abu Dayen (Jahangir Nagar University, Dhaka, Bangladesh) and Prof. Abhra Basu (Vishwa Bharati University, India).

More than thirty faculty members from different renowned colleges presented their papers in the Seminar. The students also participated actively as volunteers.

19th September'2019 - The Department of Political Science organized a National Seminar on 'Legal Literacy' in collaboration with Social Awareness Cell on 19th September 2019. The honourable speakers of the seminar were Dr. Binoda Mishra, practising Advocate of Odisha High Court and Director, Centre for



Studies in International Relations and Development (Kolkata) and Prof. (Dr.) J. K. Das, Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Calcutta. The focus of the seminar was to spread the concept of legal literacy



among the students and make them aware of cybercrime which is an important issue of today's virtual life.

20th September'2019 - Department of Journalism and Mass Communication of South Calcutta Girls' College in collaboration with Cine and Photography club has arranged a one-day seminar on 20th September, 2019. The topic of the seminar was "*A Comparative study between Italian Neo-Realism and French New Wave*". The eminent speaker of the



seminar was Dr. Pallav Mukhopadhyay, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Journalism and Mass Communication and also coordinator of Film Studies of West Bengal State University. Both the departmental student as well as the Cine and Photography club members has taken active part in this session.

24th September'2019 - Dr Shrabanti Maity, Associate Professor of Vidyasagar University delivered a special lecture on 'Glass Ceiling in Women Opportunities' on 24th September, 2019. She spoke about how glass ceiling, a metaphor represents an invisible barrier and keeps from rising beyond a certain limit at all organizational hierarchy.



1st November'2019 - Department of Psychology conducted a lecture/seminar on personality theories: Wings of discourse and challenges on 1st November, 2019 from 12 p.m. onwards. The speaker of this program was Sadhan Dasgupta who is a retired Professor of Department of



Applied Psychology, University of Calcutta. Faculty members and departmental students of both Honours and General courses had participated in this program. The purpose of organizing this program was to provide an enriched knowledge about the theories of Personality which is actually the core concept of Psychology. Participants reported that the presentation was very organized, comprehensive as well as beneficial in terms of development of sound knowledge.

17th December' 2019 – An International Seminar was organized by Department of Chemistry in collaboration with Department of Zoology on “Elements of Periodic Table in the Chemical Avenues of Biological World” to celebrate the “International Year of the Periodic Table (IYPT)” on 17th December, 2019. Dr. Sohini Mukherjee from Reata Pharmacaeticals, Irving, Texas, USA and Prof. Dr. Dilip K. Maiti, FRSC, Department of Chemistry, University of Calcutta were the invited speakers. 107 participants from different universities and institute attended this seminar and 81 posters (including two invited posters) were presented in related topic.



18th December '2019 – The department of Philosophy in collaboration with Global Philosophy and culture organized a seminar on 18th December '2019. Professor Jaysankar Lal Shaw of Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand delivered his valuable lecture on the “Mind and Mental states: East and West”. The entire session was successful.

Approximately seventy-five participants including students and teachers attended the event.



21st June' 2020 - A Webinar on “Bengali Poetry” was organised by the Department of Bengali, in collaboration with New Alipore College. The speakers and resource persons of the webinar were renowned poets, Sri Subodh Sarkar and Sri Binayak Bandopadhyay.



12th May, 2020 - Department of Psychology along with the Counselling cell conducted an IQAC promoted webinar entitled- “Psycho Social Wellbeing in Pandemic Condition (COVID-19)” on 12th May, 2020 from 4 p.m. onwards. The speaker of this program was an eminent psychiatrist Dr. Rima



Mukherjee who is a Consultant Psychiatrist and Founder Director of

Crystal Minds. Faculty members of this college and other colleges along with students from various departments of this college had participated this program. The purpose of organising this program was to provide us with the experts view regarding management of various psychological

issues that are resulting during this pandemic situation of COVID-19.

20th June' 2020 – State level webinar organized by Department of Zoology on “Biological Aspects of Coronavirus” on 20.06.2020.



4th July' 2020 –Department of Zoology organised a State level webinar on “Igniting the Minds of Budding Ecologists” .



POWERPOINT & POSTER



Poster competition was held on **11th September 2019 & 23rd September 2019** by the *Department of Economics*. The students of first and third semesters made posters on vibrant economic issues like unemployment in India, Growth of Service Sector in India, Budget analysis-2019, Women Empowerment, Child Labour, Industrial Development in India, Unemployment in West Bengal, Downfall in GDP in recent years etc.



Department of Psychology along with the Counselling Cell organized an Interdisciplinary Poster Presentation Competition and Power-Point Presentation Competition as a part of the celebration of the **World Mental Health Day** on **11th September, 2019 & 25th September, 2019** from 12:00 p.m. onwards. Students, both Honours and General from all the departments of the college participated in this program. The purpose of organising this program was to create an awareness regarding the importance of a sound mental health among the students as well as the faculty members of all the departments of the college. Participants reported that the presentations were very organized, comprehensive as well as beneficial for creating an awareness regarding the importance of Mental Health.





The Department of Physiology of South Calcutta Girls' College had organized the Poster Competition among the students of Biological Science of the college on **26th**

September 2019.

The topic of the competition was "***Modern Human Physiology in their Daily life.***"



Women's Day was observed on **11th of March 2020** by the students with power point presentations on the topic, "The Women". The presentations were on Rani Rashmoni, Begum Rokeya, Motherhood, the Advantages and Disadvantages of Being a Woman, Social Harassment of Women etc. by the **Department of Bengali.**



A Poster Competition was organised on **14th March, 2020** among the students of the **Department of Geography.** Eight posters on different contemporary geographical issues were displayed. The judges of the posters were Dr. Banibrata Das, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Physiology, Prof. Ahimsuk Barua, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Botany and Dr. Roni Sarkar, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Zoology.



EDUCATIONAL EXCURSION

- ❖ The *Department of Political Science* was arranged a study tour on 30th August, 2019 to Bidhan Sabha. There were twenty students from the Department who participated in this study tour along with three teaching faculty members. It was a great exposure and exciting experience on the part of both the students and teachers. They gained direct knowledge of the assembly proceedings, debates and discussions. They also came to know about the sitting arrangements and decorum to be maintained by the ruling party along with the Chief Minister, opposition party, Speaker, other members and visitors present in the House. This will also help them for their preparation in the youth parliament competition in future.



- ❖ The *Department of Zoology* was visited to 4 No. Captain Bheri to study freshwater fish farm, cost benefits and its impact on local residents and to get an insight about fish farming using urban sewage water from Kolkata by 3rd year Honours students in August & September 2019.



- ❖ The *Department of Physiology* was organised a field trip (Educational Excursion) at Ajodhya Hills (Purulia District), West Bengal, India from 12th November, 2019-15th November, 2019. In this educational excursion 3rd year students of Department of Physiology measured the nutritional status of women of Bagmundi and Bagandi village of Purulia Districts. The students also measured the Anthropometric data among the children of the villages.



- ❖ The *Department of Zoology* was organised educational excursion at Chintamani Kar Bird Sanctuary, situated at Narendrapur, South 24 pgs, Kolkata to study the wide variety of birds, butterflies, ferns and orchids with 3rd year Honours students on 20th November, 2019 & 12th February, 2020.



- ❖ The *Department of Zoology* was visited to Rabindra Sarobar lake, south Kolkata, to study the local faunal diversity with 3rd year General students on 11th December, 2019.



❖ *Department Of Geography* was conducted a Field Study at Bishnupur (District Bankura, W.B.) on 15th to 19th January 2020. Panchmura village (40 km away from Bishnupur) was selected for the purpose, where the “Terracota” works (clay modelling) of the Kumbhakars (potters) were highlighted. Students performed a comprehensive survey work on the hereditary skill, profession as well as livelihood pattern of the villagers of Panchmura village.



QUIZ

In the special occasion of *Independence Day* on 15th August , the *Department of History* organized speech and quiz competition on multiple topics of past and the teachers were the judge of the programme on 16th August, 2019.



WALL - MAGAZINE

9th September, 2019 – *Department of Botany*, South Calcutta Girls' College organized publication and display of the annual issue of the departmental wall-magazine titled 'Kashphul'. Literary contributions from the students of Biological Sciences of the college led to the successful completion of this endeavour. The theme of this year's edition was "*Amazon - The Lungs of the Earth*". The magazine was inaugurated by honourable Principal Dr. Aparna De of our college.



20th September , 2019 -The Department of English had published a wall magazine. The wall-magazine on Popular Culture was laboriously created and published by the third semester students. It brought together pastiches from popular comic strips, television shows and fantasy fiction. The event was graced by the presence of our ever encouraging principal, Dr. Aparna De.



NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME UNIT

1st July' 2019-22nd July' 2020

In 2019-2020 (from 1/7/2019 – 22/03/2020) **NSS Unit** has organized **Adult Literacy Programme**. Around 15 students and 2 teachers and college librarian have participated in this programme to spread literacy among women of the neighbouring slum –Peyarabagan Basti.



3rd December, 2019

A unit of National Service Scheme has been functioning in our college since 2009. In the session 2019-20 the N.S.S. Unit organized **Red Ribbon Camp**, Dr. Tapabrata Guha Ray of the Department of Community Medicine, R.G. Kar Medical College Hospital delivered an excellent lecture on H.I.V. – AIDS awareness programme. The event was organised by NSS unit on on 3rd December, 2019 to create awareness and increase knowledge about HIV so as to encourage



Dr. Tapabrata Guha Ray felicitated
by our Principal Dr. Aparna De



NSS VOULUNTEERS AT RED
RIBBON CAMP

lifestyle changes and reduce chances of infection. 115 students and staff participated in this programme.

6th March, 2020

Dr.Roni Sarkar, Asst. Professor of the *Department of Zoology*, South Calcutta Girls' College, whose specialization is Molecular Virology of Human Immunodeficiency virus, delivered a lecture on Dengue awareness and its preventive measures. He delivered a lecture on dengue prevention. It was organised by NSS unit, on **6th March, 2020** with 85 students & 4 teachers. The programme was organised to create awareness for prevention of infectious and vector-borne diseases. As some students come from the local community, it is a way of reaching out to the larger community.



Dr.Roni Sarkar of the Department of Zoology, SCGC, delivered lecture on Dengue awareness programme



EXTERNAL-COLLEGE PARTICIPATION

- The students of *Department of Zoology* were participated in Workshop organized by Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and West Bengal Pollution Control Board on “Public event on three special reports of IPCC” held at Biswa Bangla Convention Centre, New Town, Kolkata, India on **11th November, 2019.**



- The students of *Department of Zoology* were participated in the Wildlife awareness rally “expedition for better tomorrow, for the cause of conservation” from Asutosh College to Desapriya Park on **9th February, 2020.**

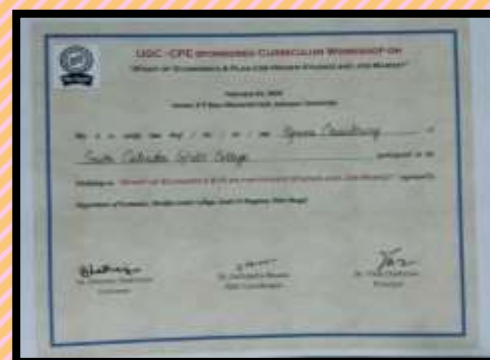
- The students of *Department of Zoology* were participated in the ‘International Poultry Fair’ to study the breeds, food and methods of poultry culture on **14th February, 2020.**



- The students of *Department of Zoology* were participated in one day national level seminar and poster competition on “How to checkmate cancer- the emperor of maladies” at Belur Vidyamandir on **6th March, 2020**.



- On **3rd February 2020** Upama Coaudhury, third year student of *Department of Economics* was participated in the UGC-CPE sponsored Curriculum Workshop on Study of Economics and Plan for Higher Studies and Job Market organized by the Department of Economics, Bankim Sardar College and was held at Jadavpur University.



- Labanya Sett, fourth Semester student of Department of Economics was participated in Sigma 2020: A talent through time, organized by St. Xavier's College on 11th and 12th February, 2020.



SPECIAL DAY CELEBRATION

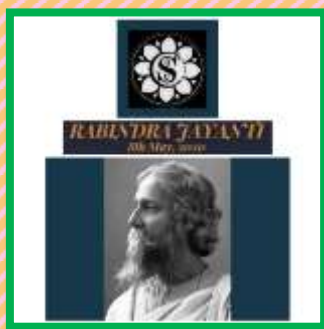
International Yoga Day: This day was celebrated by our college on 21st June, 2019. Students were performed Yoga Dance on this occasion.



International Mother Language Day: Observation of International Mother Language Day was organised by Department of Bengali on 20th February, 2020. The speaker for the occasion was Dr. Mofokkarul Iqbal, First Secretary, Press, Deputy High Commission, Bangladesh. Students were presented patriotic vocal songs and recitation to celebrate this day.



Rabindra Jayanti Celebration: Students from various departments were participated actively in the Online Rabindra Jayanti celebration on **8th May, 2020**.



The celebration was held online due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation. The students performed various programmes like the Audio drama, 'Dakghar', written by Rabindranath Tagore, vocal music and recitation.



National Science Day: An Inter-College Poster Presentation Competition was organized by the **Department of Chemistry** on **28th February, 2020**, celebrating the "National Science Day, 2020". The theme of the poster presentation was "Women in Science". Dr. Debasis Jana, Associate Professor of Chemistry, was invited as the judge. Total 79



students from various colleges participated and presented their poster in this

competition. Three best posters were selected and awarded the 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions from their respective marks.



CULTURAL PROGRAMMES

The Freshers' Welcome 2019 The students' union organises a programme every year to welcome the new entrants into our College. Fresher's eagerly



look forward to this fun-filled event. The programme was organised on **31st August 2019** that consisted of various types of games, competitions and Miss Fresher's Contest.



The Inter College Fest - The Inter College Fest of our college, **Bahar**, was organised on **27th September 2019**. It was a kaleidoscope of interesting events in which students from several institutions of Kolkata participated in various events such as a vocal music, quiz, dance, non-gas cooking, radio jockey, photography, creative writing



Annual Sports – Annual Sports day 2019 was organised by our college on **24th December 2019.**



Saraswati Puja - Saraswati Puja of South Calcutta Girls' College, was observed on **29th January, 2020.** The students, our respected Principal, G.B members, teachers and non-teaching staff participated in this occasion with enthusiasm. About 40 students, and hostel boarders, were involved in organising the Puja by putting up decorations, puja preparations and distributing the bhog.



Annual Cultural Function - The Annual Cultural Function ,Social held on **26th February 2020**, was a wonderful event. This is a must awaited platform for the students through which they manifest their creativity and talents through singing, dancing, recitation, yoga, drama etc.



Our respected principal, Dr. Aparna De, read the annual report and presided over the prize-giving ceremony with our respected GB member, Prof. Maitrayee Bhattacharjee. Prizes were awarded to students who recently passed out and had obtained the first positions in their respective subjects in the finan examination held in 2019 as well as to those who had excelled in various competitions organised by departments and clubs.

