

NEWSLETTER OF SAROJINI NAIDU COLLEGE
FOR WOMEN
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From Principal's Desk



Hello Readers,
I welcome you all in this first issue of our annual newsletter. I thank the editors for their effort in publishing this issue. Since the foundation, the College has dedicatedly served for the academic excellence as well as the overall development of the mind and character of the students. We assist our students both financially and psychologically to help them find refuge in the mainstream. I wish all success to the students and staff of the college.

EDITORIAL

It is with great pleasure that we bring you the first issue of *Pratiti*, the first edition of annual newsletter of Sarojini Naidu College for Women, Kolkata. The name of our newsletter- *Pratiti* - signifies faith and knowledge, and it very aptly sums up the prospects of our college. The intent of *Pratiti* is to disseminate information about our college and we hope that our readers find the issues informative and useful. We are thankful to the faculty and staff of Sarojini Naidu College for Women, Kolkata for their valuable inputs, and we welcome suggestions and feedback that will help us improve further.



THE INSIGHTS

WELCOME MESSAGE BY IQAC COORDINATOR

- ❖ Hello my name is Dr. Santwana Chakrabarti and I welcome you all to the virtual world of the college.
- ❖ We have come together a long way under the sky that was not so clear and now the tempest of COVID 19 is declining at a fast pace.
- ❖ We all are going through a transition phase and most of our activities are accomplished through hybrid mode.
- ❖ It is an humble request to all to cooperate amongst yourselves for the various activities in the college.
- ❖ Fostering values and leadership qualities and prime motive of the institution.

READING SUGGESTIONS

- ✓ Achievements of the College – A glimpse
- ✓ Our Cultural activities
- ✓ Success stories of NCC

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- Please visit the college website for updates in admission process.
- Apply for the Scholarships within due date.
- Guardians are requested to attend the parent – teacher meetings from time to time.

EXAM CORNER

- Please fill the examination form before due date to ensure smooth submission.
- Please pay college fees as well as examination fees.
- All internal assessments will be held from third week of November.
- If any student fails to sit in internal assessment, one must inform the department teachers in advance.

FOND REMEMBRANCE

- ❖ Dr. Sunanda Chatterjee(Ex-teacher in-charge)
- ❖ Pratima Roychoudhury(Retd. Teacher-Dept. of Botany)
- ❖ Gadadhar Das (Non-teaching staff)
- ❖ Surabhi Ganguly (Student-Dept. of Chemistry)
- ❖ Chandana Bhattacharyya(Laboratory instructor Dept. of Botany)
- ❖ Debjani Mondol (Teacher- education)

Main highlights of the Events of the College during the year

INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY



Every year on February 21st, people around the world observe International Mother Language Day to raise awareness of linguistic and cultural variety and to encourage multilingualism. The United Nations General Assembly adopted UN resolution 56/262 in 2002, legally recognising the initiative after it was first presented by UNESCO on November 17, 1999. It is celebrated due to the initiative of Bangladesh. On 21st February 1952 four students were killed while campaigning for the youth of Bengali as their mother language officially in Bangladesh. The goal of this event was to make the students aware of the power of the mother tongue as the essence and identity of culture, through which we can spontaneously communicate our feelings. It was held on February 21, 2021, by the Bengali department of Sarojini Naidu College for Women.

RABINDRANATH TAGORE DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Rabindranath Tagore, a Nobel Prize winner, passed away on August 7. Rabindranath Tagore, known as the "Bard of Bengal," was a celebrated poet, composer, playwright, painter, and social reformer. King George V awarded Tagore the Knighthood in 1915, but he later resigned it during the Jallianwala Bagh massacre in 1919.

The Sarojini Naidu College for Women held an online celebration on the anniversary of his passing. The event, which included a talk on his life and contributions, was introduced by the Principal, madam. By reciting, singing, dancing, and making thoughtful statements throughout the event, the participants on this day honoured the legendary poet and author Rabindranath Tagore. Memorizing and following his path is the best way to recall him.



ONE DAY INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR ON "VIDYASAGAR": "THE PRESENT TIME"



The educational and social reformer Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar is often referred to as "The Father of Bengali Prose."

More than 160 years after it was published, Vidyasagar's *BarnaParichay* (an introduction to the Bengali alphabet) is still the first book a Bengali child is given.

In collaboration with IQAC, the Bengali department of SNCW hosted a one day Webinar on Pandit Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar on July 14, 2020, with the goal of examining and assimilating his ideology. On this day, notable academicians and scholars gave concise narrations about many facets of the great educational thinkers. Our principal, madam Dr. Urmila Ukil, and the cultural coordinator, professor Gouri Sanfui, inspired the audience to reconsider the value of education as the gold standard for living via their tenacious exploration.

**ON THE OCCASION OF 21ST BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF ISHWAR CHANDRA VIDYASAGAR
DRAMATIZATION OF "BHRANTI BILAS"**

Bhranti Bilas is a 1963 Bengali-language comedy film based on the 1869 play of the same name by Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, which is itself based on William Shakespeare's The Comedy of Errors. On the 2nd of September 2021 post graduates students of the Bengali departments of Sarojini Naidu College for Women staged a drama on the epic comedy of "Bhranti Bilas" in association with "Katakriti Natya Goshthi". The portrayal of the characters by the students was spectacular and made the listeners feel the essence of the Feudal Society of Bengal in back 19th century. As the students of Bengali literature theyre-experienced the socio cultural renovations that was goingon in the literature world during the 19th century, the era of Bengal Renaissance.



**ONE DAY INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR ON THE OCCASION OF 150TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY
OF ABANINDRANATH TAGORE**



One of the most renowned members of India's Bengal School of art was Abanindranath Tagore, Rabindranath Tagore's nephew. He was the swadeshi values' first significant proponent in Indian art. Before founding the Bengal School of Art, he initially founded the "Indian Society of Oriental Art." In contrast to the West, which placed a greater emphasis on materialism and consequently rejected spirituality, he thought that Indian art and its art forms offered spirituality a high priority. He founded his Bengal School of Art with the intention of modernising Rajput and Mughal paintings, which finally gave rise to modern Indian painting. An international webinar to review Abanindranath Tagore and his works in honour of his 150th birthday was co-hosted by SNCW, the Indo Bangla Research Forum for Cultural Exchange, and IQAC on September 13, 2021. In her introductory remarks, Dr. Urmila Ukil introduced Abanindranath Thakur and his family's history. The works Khirir Putil, Raj Kahini, Buro-Angla, Shakuntala, and Boat Patrir Dasi were among others she cited. She also described how his words got more visually appealing and his paintings became more expressive. Another distinguished speaker discussed his involvement in Bengali children's literature. The webinar enlightened us with its lovely explanations and attempt to interpret Abanindranath Tagore for contemporary audiences.

CELEBRATION OF 158TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF SWAMI VIVEKANANDA THROW LIGHT INTO HIS TEACHINGS AND HOW HE PLAYED

On 12.01.2021, the Sarojini Naidu College for Women hosted an online event to commemorate Swami Vivekananda's 158th birthday. Swami Vivekananda was a famous thinker, philosopher, and contributor to the history and culture of INDIA. This day is marked to honour his teachings and goals. This day was designated National Youth Day by the Indian government in 1984, and since then it has been observed annually. The Indian youth draw a lot of inspiration from Swamiji's ideology and the ideals he upheld. 2021 had the theme "YUVAAH- UtsahNaye Bharat Ka." In order to inspire students and youths, Sarojini Naidu College for Women also organised a programme on this day centred around the aforementioned theme. With the help of the college's Principal madam Dr. Urmila Ukil, and the faculty, students celebrated this occasion by reciting poems written by him, singing, dancing, and appreciating the significance of this day.



160th BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF RABINDRANATH TAGORE

One of the most admired poets and authors in the nation was born Rabindranath Tagore on May 7, 1861. He turns 160 years old on Friday, May 7. One of India's most renowned and esteemed polymaths, Rabindranath Tagore, left behind a rich body of work that continues to inspire people all over the world. Due to the epidemic, Sarojini Naidu College for Women held an online programme to commemorate Rabindranath Tagore's 160th birthday on May 9, 2021. Everyone took part in the event with enthusiasm. The principal, madam, opened the cultural programme, which featured a lecture by Dr. Urmila Ukil, the secretary of the teachers' council, and the I.Q.A.C. coordinator. Students also sang Rabindra Sangeet and performed Rabindra Nritya, recited his poems. Rabindranath Tagore's birth anniversary celebration gave everyone who took part the chance to reconnect with their cultural heritage and pass on to the next generation the message of humanity that this learned sage had to offer.



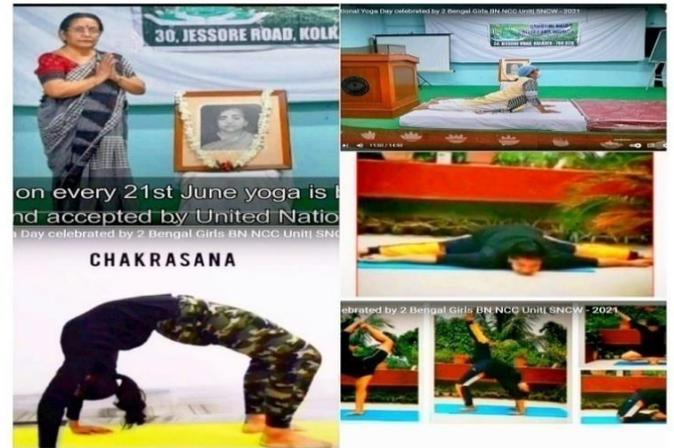
72ND REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION BY 2 BENGAL GIRLS BN NCC UNIT



We observed the 72nd Republic Day on January 26, 2021; it was on this date that the Indian Constitution entered into force in 1950. Regardless of religion, caste, or ideology, everyone participates in the ecstatic celebration. The entire country is illuminated in tricolours to symbolise unity in diversity, but this year the Covid 19 scenario meant that despite all safety procedures being taken, there was little celebration on this day. However, nothing could stop the patriotic young cadets from showing their love for the country even in online forums, where activities like poster-making, plays, and parades are planned. The jubilation was further enhanced by Sarojini Naidu College's selection of this particular day for the Rank award ceremony. Undoubtedly, the NCC fosters young people's ability to lead, integrate, and unite the nation. The rank award ceremony is a crucial and sentimental occasion for cadets that highlight their esprit de corps.

INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY CELEBRATED BY 2 BENGAL GIRLS BN NCC14:15 Hrs UNIT

On June 21, 2021, the college observed Yoga Day. Since the unwanted epidemic has affected us all this year, it is imperative that we recognise this day in order to educate the public and kids about it. Yoga maintains our physical and mental health. And during this pandemic, when we are all confined to our homes, we have stressed the value of yoga for keeping our health and sanity. On this day, the faculty and our Principal Madam Dr. Urmila Ukil, participated in this online initiative with the students who performed various asanas. The programme was very well received, and it is now accessible to the public and students on the college's official YouTube channel.



INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY 2020 CELEBRATION



International Yoga Day is observed every year on June 21 to raise awareness about this ancient practice and to celebrate the physical and spiritual prowess that yoga has brought to the world. Yoga is a practice which plays an important role in relaxing the mind and body and boosting people's immune system. On June 21, 2021, the Department of Physical Education of Sarojini Naidu College for Women in collaboration with IQAC celebrated International Yoga Day. On this day, the students participated in this online effort with the participation of the faculty and our Principal madam Dr. Urmila Ukil. The show was favourably appreciated, and the college's official YouTube page now makes it available to the general public and students.

PEACE AND NO WAR-HIROSHIMA DAY

To remember the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan, in 1945 at the close of World War II, August 6 is designated as Hiroshima Day. In just a few seconds, the explosions killed nearly 200,000 people and injured countless more. A presentation observing Hiroshima Day was held on August 6 by the cultural committee of Sarojini Naidu College for Women in collaboration with IQAC. Principal Dr. Urmila Ukil inaugurated the programme. She discussed the significance of fostering peace and raising awareness of the danger posed by nuclear weapons. The programme emphasised the most severe atrocities that mankind has ever experienced. The audience witnessed the most horrific aspects of battle, including untold suffering and human loss.



CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY



The Indian government agreed to the National Council for Science and Technology Communication's (NCSTC) request to designate February 28 as National Science Day in 1986, and the day was thereafter proclaimed as National Science Day. On February 28, 1987, the first National Science Day was observed. India as a whole celebrates Sir C.V. Raman's discovery of the Raman effect. National Science Day is observed to raise awareness of the value of science in people's daily lives. National Science Day was observed on February 28, 2021, by the IQACs of Sarojini Naidu College for Women and Hiralal Mazumder Memorial College for Women through a state-level webinar for faculty members. National Science Day was marked on February 28, 2021, through a state-level webinar organised by the IQACs of Sarojini Naidu College for Women and Hiralal Mazumder Memorial College for Women. Faculty members from both colleges served as the event's organisers. The initiative was extremely effective in that it gave both colleges' students a scientific perspective and helped them understand the value of scientific inquiry even at the undergraduate level.

A DISCUSSION SESSION ON THE OCCASION OF "WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY"

The day was commemorated with contemporary concepts like "Only One Earth" and "Ecosystem Restoration." The United Nations established June 5 as World Environment Day to draw attention to how important environmental preservation and health are, as they have an impact on human well-being and global economic growth. This day's celebration gives us the chance to strengthen the foundation for informed thinking and responsible behaviour on the part of people, businesses, and communities in terms of protecting and enriching the environment. In honour of Mother Nature, Sarojini Naidu College for Women hosted a discussion session on June 5, 2021, in collaboration with IQAC, under the direction of our esteemed Principal Dr. Urmila Ukil. Our college's faculty gave generously of their time. Prominent speakers discussed the effects of rising pollution, deforestation, and soil erosion on both the human and non-human worlds. Dr. Santwana Chakrabarti, the IQAC coordinator, provided a scientific justification for how safeguarding the environment and lowering pollution can relieve pressure on the ecosystem. She also discussed the requirement for the basic infrastructure needed to sustain life on earth and human development was the message to celebrate the day in a real sense.



“BISHWA BIDYA TIRTHA PRANGANA KORO MAHOJJWALO AJO HE”

Teacher’s day celebration of the department of Bengali



Teachers' Day in India is celebrated on 5th September to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. He was a renowned scholar, recipient of Bharat Ratna, first Vice-President, and second President of independent India. He was born on 5 September 1888. As an educationist, he was an advocate of edification and was a distinguished envoy, academician, and above all a great teacher. Teachers Day is one such event to which students and teachers equally look forward. The Day is important for the students as it gives them a chance to understand the efforts put in by their teachers to ensure that they get a proper education. Similarly, teachers also look forward to the Teachers' Day celebration as their efforts get recognised and honoured by students and other agencies as well.

ONE DAY WEBINAR ON SATYAJIT ROY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS BIRTH CENTENARY

Satyajit Ray (1921–1992), who was born into a prominent artistic family, was a motion picture director, writer, illustrator, and composer. For his masterwork "Pather Panchali," which is frequently credited with establishing Indian cinema on the global stage, Ray won eleven international awards, including an honorary Oscar in 1992 for his contributions to the motion picture industry. He was the director of 36 independent movies, including shorts and documentaries. In addition to making movies, Ray also created books, primarily for young readers. Characters like Professor Shonku, the astute scientist, and Feluda, the deft detective, are still well-known today. He received the Bharat Ratna, the highest civilian honour in India, just before he passed away. On June 24, 2020, the Bengali department of SNCW organised a lecture session in collaboration with IQAC to commemorate Satyajit Ray's birth centennial. Prominent academics, authors, and actors actively took part in the discussion. Each speaker during the seminar went over and examined different Ray works. Hon'ble Principal madam Dr. Urmila Ukil gave a very succinct yet highly informative speech to kick off the event. Speakers from all professions and areas expressed in their own words what they thought and understood about "The Ray." The most fascinating portion of the conversation was when Sri Kushal Chakraborty, an actor who had previously collaborated with him and regarded that collaboration as a lifelong achievement, expertly explained his humanitarian side.



BIRTH OF SAROJINI NAIDU



Sarojini Naidu was a lady who deeply understood and revolted for the emancipation. She was imprisoned several times for serving the country and she showed courage against the British and helped the citizens by motivating them and keeping their hopes high. She explored and made her mark in the political world and kept writing concomitantly. Every year on 14th of February birth anniversary of Sarojini Naidu is celebrated in the college with great pomp and show. This year the program was organized with the concerted efforts of IQAC and the college where teachers and students participated. A cultural program was organized where students and teachers sang and recited poems.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

The college celebrates the day every year on March 8th. On March 9, 2020, the day was observed by the Bengali Sarojini Naidu College for Women in association with IQAC. A special cultural event was planned on this occasion to recognize and express gratitude to all the women who have contributed to our illustrious past, fraught present, and promising future. The celebration of International Women's Day was truly adorned by the wise remarks of our esteemed principle, madam. The curriculum was designed to motivate both faculty and students to further the cause of women's emancipation. Particularly, one of our students' poetic account and the analytical illustration provided by the Chemistry department's students fully warranted the celebration.

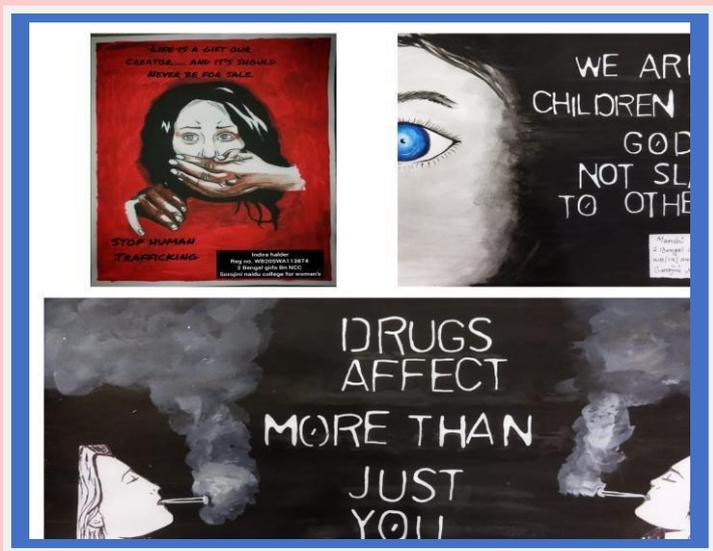


KARGIL VIJAY DEVAS



Every year on July 26th, India celebrates Kargil Vijay Diwas to honour its victory over Pakistan in the Kargil War, which resulted in the removal of Pakistani forces from their occupied positions on the mountain tops of Northern Kargil District in Ladakh in 1999. The NCC Cadets at Sarojini Naidu College for Women organised a ceremony honouring independence fighters and war heroes on the occasion of Kargil Day in response to the order from the NCC Unit on Kargil Vijay Diwas, to honour the martyrs and to commemorate the victory. Together, the cadets marched to Sarojini Naidu's bust, a woman who was instrumental in freeing India from British oppression. They polished the statue and presented flowers as an homage, while chanting "Bharat Mata ki Jai". Principal Dr. Urmila Ukil, who was present at the event, decorated Smt. Sarojini Naidu's statue, encouraged the cadets to continue their good work, and praised and congratulated the NCC unit on their accomplishments. Additionally, the cadets created slogans, posters, and artwork. Throughout the nation, the victory is celebrated on Kargil Vijay Diwas, and homage is also paid to the martyrs.

INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING



Sarojini Naidu College for Women's NCC Cadets observed International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on June 26, 2021, in collaboration with the 46th Bengal Battalion. This day is observed annually. Due to the Covid pandemic, the entire programme was carried out online on the NCC's digital forum. Cadets created posters, pull-cards, and slogans on the negative effects of drug abuse and uploaded them to the digital forum. NCC cadets advocated for a worthy cause by instilling ideas against drug misuse and illicit trafficking. These ideas helped raise awareness of these issues among the public, which in turn helped combat drug abuse and trafficking and strengthen the country as a whole.

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