

Departmental Activities

A One Day Inter-departmental Debate Competition on “*Youth in the Modern Era*”

Date: 12th August, 2022

Venue: Room 18, Sovarani Memorial College, Jagatballavpur, Howrah, 711408

Details:

The debate competition was held in collaboration with the NSS unit of the college in room number 18. The programme started with an inaugural address of the Principal. The first round of the debate allowed the students to argue on topics that were provided earlier. In this round, the individual's strength of argument, body language and ability to doublethink were judged by a panel comprising Debika Das, Mousumi Dhara and Tamal Das. In the next round, two teams were formulated on the spot for a group debate. The panel of judges consisted of Pradyumna Bandopadhyay, Dr. Gopal Chandra Sett and Ajay Sarkar.

The programme came to a close with the announcement of the winners.



Orientation Programme for the Outgoing Students of 6th Semester

Date: 30th August, 2022

Venue: Room 18, Sovarani Memorial College, Jagatballavpur, Howrah, 711408

Details:

An orientation programme was organised by the department in room number 18. The goal of this programme was to discuss the possibilities of the new graduates, career options etc. The programme started with an inaugural address by the HoD followed by short speeches by Mousumi Dhara, Debika Das and Manabendra Pramanick. A total of twenty-six (26) students participated. While most of them wished to forfeit academic pursuits in order to prepare for public services, a good number of students expressed their desires to pursue

masters degree. A handful, as they so unfortunately confirmed, would drop out completely.

The programme ended with a vote of thanks to the participants.



Induction Programme for the New Students of the 1st Semester

Date: 28th September, 2022

Venue: Room 18, Sovarani Memorial College, Jagatballavpur, Howrah, 711408

Details:

The goal of this programme was to get acquainted with the new batch of students and to discuss their curriculum. The programme began with an opening address by the head of the department followed by a speech delivered by Manabendra Pramanick. Through this programme the students were made aware of the nitty gritty of CBCS, the syllabus, the evaluation process, the marks distribution and the lesson plan.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the participants.



Excursion-cum-Alumni Meet

Date: 29th April, 2023

Venue: Tapan Theatre, Kalighat, Kolkata 700026

Details:

The goal of this programme was to introduce the students of the department to the performative aspect of literature. The department felt the need to organise an excursion with the sole purpose to induct the students into the world of theatre. This was the perfect opportunity to hold the department's first ever alumni meet as well.

On the day of the excursion, two buses were set off at 8:30 AM from the college to Tapan Theatre at Kalighat to see a performance of Vijay Tendulkar's *Silence! The Court is in Session* (prescribed in the CU-UGC syllabus). The performance started at 11:30 AM. It got over at 1:30 PM after which lunch was served. The buses returned to the college at 4:30 PM.

The response of the students was overwhelming. The majority of them watched theatre for the first time in their lives. Seeing one of the prescribed dramas being performed on the stage made them understand the drama better and many queries regarding the stage were made clear. The alumni who were pursuing MA in various universities were thrilled to be a part of the excursion too.



Parent-Teacher Meeting

Date: 22nd May, 2023

Venue: Room 18, Sovarani Memorial College, Jagatballavpur, Howrah, 711408

Details:

The parents of the 4th semester (honours) students were summoned to this programme to discuss the poor attendance of their respective wards. It must be noted that out

of 40, only one student had adequate attendance to be called a collegiate student. The Principal who chaired the session started the meeting by addressing the parents and called this meeting unfortunate. He then asked the parents to inform him the reasons behind their ward's poor performance. Manabendra Pramanick addressed the room by saying that poor attendance was the reason why the students were performing poorly in their exams. Prof. Subhajit Pandit informed the guardians how difficult the next two semesters would be and how through attending classes, that difficulty could be solved. The parents voiced their concerns as well and requested the department to hold similar programmes every semester.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.



Orientation Programme

Date: 4th August, 2023

Venue: Room 9, Sovarani Memorial College, Jagatballavpur, Howrah 711408

Details:

An Orientation Programme was held on the 4th of August, 2023 in Room no. 9 to introduce the newly admitted students of the Department of English to the Curriculum and Credit Framework for Undergraduate Programmes (CCFUP). The meeting was chaired by the departmental head, Prof. Subhajit Pandit. The fresh candidates of English major and minor were made aware of the new syllabus, the framework adopted by the university, the changes in curriculum and the evaluation process. Then the teachers, one by one, made brief speeches in which they addressed the areas they will personally be covering and what they are expecting from the students. There were many queries among the students which led to a session of Q&A.

The programme ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.



Inauguration of the Language Laboratory

Date: 17th October, 2023

Venue: Room 41, Sovarani Memorial College

Details:

The Department of English in collaboration with the Department of Sanskrit proudly inaugurated a Language Laboratory in Room no. 41 of our college. This project is conceived with the sole desire to facilitate the students coming from the rural areas to work on their speech. The room was inaugurated by our respected Principal, Dr. Kalyan Kumar Mondal on the 17th of October, 2023 in the presence of the students and teachers of both departments. After the inaugural ribbon cutting ceremony, the principal gave a short, impassioned speech on the importance of language laboratories while simultaneously thanking the departments for such initiative. After this, the teachers of the departments gave short lectures on the importance of language and how language transcends the boundaries of mere speech, and how modification of speech can lead to confidence and enhance body language.

The ceremony ended with a vote of thanks to the chief guest, the Principal.



Wall Magazine : EXPOSURE

Date: 1st December, 2023

Venue: Room 9, Sovarani Memorial College

Details:

On the auspicious occasion of our college's 53rd anniversary, the students of the Department published our yearly students' wall magazine titled EXPOSURE. A joint meeting of all the semesters (honours, general, major and minor) was held on 21st November in room 18 to finalise the topic for this year's magazine and to formulate a team of students with creative minds. In order to add relevance to the wall magazine, keeping in mind the current geopolitical environment, the topic of war was adopted by the students. The teachers reminded them that they must not publish anything caustic or corrosive. They were asked to uphold journalistic fervour while composing and finalising the collage. At this point, it must be mentioned that the teachers didn't interfere, giving the students utmost freedom to unleash their creativity. The wall magazine was published by our respected Principal during the Foundation Day programme. Later on the magazine was hung on the wall of room 18.



Wall Magazine : EXPOSURE

Date: 1st December, 2024

Venue: Room 9, Sovarani Memorial College

Details:

On the occasion of the college's 54th anniversary, the students of the department published the annual departmental magazine, EXPOSURE. A meeting was held on the 8th of November, 2024 to discuss the theme and plan of action for this issue. The theme chosen by the majority of the students was Romanticism. The teachers of the department worked in close cooperation with the students by providing them with literary and artistic ideas. The magazine was published by the Teacher-in-Charge and the President of the Governing Body. After the publication, the magazine was taken to the departmental room and hung from the wall.

