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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

I am glad to announce the Second year of the E-Newsletter (The third issue January 2020-June 2020) that highlights the activities and achievements of the various stakeholders of the College specially during the pandemic situation. It is noteworthy to say that the year 2020 has been a memorable year for all, as we are confined due to COVID-19 pandemic since March 2020. In spite of all odds, I appreciate the effort taken by the faculty members of all the departments who have worked relentlessly in preparing this issue. Hoping to cope with the present situation and bring out the best talents from this Institution.

Professor Papia Chakraborti

EDITOR'S NOTE

2020 has been an unprecedented year, a year when the pandemic changed our lives drastically. We went online as physical distancing was the order of the day. Located in our homes we tried to slowly carry on with our work. With online classes, examinations and evaluations, we also worked on organizing talks, and webinars on online platforms. Celebrations too went online, with videos being uploaded on YouTube. Things have been difficult, they still are, and we are trying to hold on, stay connected and reach out in ways that we can. Most of our events in the period January – June 2020 are online. We are really happy that in spite of various issues, our students have been able to participate in all events in various ways. Our reaching out to them continues.

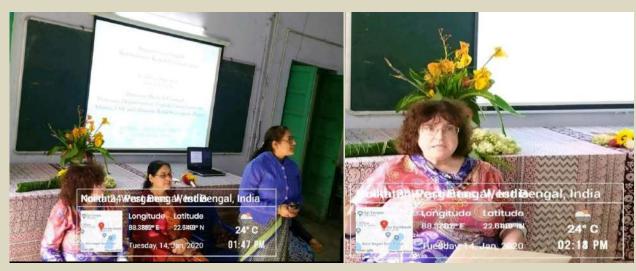
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JANUARY

Department of English organized a lecture on Shakespeare on 14.01.2020. Professor Sheila. T. Cavanagh, Department of English, Emory University, Atlanta, USA and Director, World Shakespeare Project delivered a Lecture on Shakespeare. The event was attended by the students of the department and faculty of the College.



The inauguration of the wall magazine of the Zoology Department "Zoo-Quest" took place on January 23, 2020. This edition of "Zoo-Quest" was devoted to path breaking work done by Noble Laureates in the field of Physiology from 2014 to 2019. SEM II students took all the necessary initiatives and actively participated actively in working on it.



Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's birth anniversary was celebrated in our college campus on 23rdJaunary2020. An introductory speech by the NSS coordinator was followed by flag hoisting by our respected Principal. The National Anthem was sung at the event. Principal, alumni, teaching and non-teaching faculty and the NSS volunteers paid their homage by offering flowers in memory of freedom fighters of our country.



The Reunion of Brahmananda Keshab Chandra College was held on 23rd January 2020 in the college. It was organized by the faculty, non-teaching staff and the Students Union in collaboration with the Alumni Association. The program was a grand success with more than 100 participants. The inaugural session began with homage and floral tributes to Netaji Subash Chandra Bose on his birth anniversary followed by the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Principal Dr. Papia Chakraborti, the President of the Alumni Association Shri Tridib Biswas, IQAC Coordinator Dr. Aparajita Nag, Organizing Secretary Dr. Biswarupa Ghosh and Students' Union General Secretary Shri Saiket Kiley. Dignatories were welcomed with bouquets, uttariya and a welcome song by NSS volunteers.

Dr. Alok Chattopadhyay and Dr. Indranil Chattopadhyay of the Department of History of the College delivered lectures on the relevance of Netaji. Noted poet and alumnus Shri Aryanak Basu, enthralled the audience with his recitation. Alumni shared their reminiscences of their college years on the occasion. The Newsletter of the College was released by the Principal on the occasion. The post lunch session had a cultural programme by invited guests, alumni, non-teaching staff and students of the College. All participants of the cultural function were felicitated and given a certificate of appreciation. The feedback forms were collected from all the participants.



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REUNION-2020

23RD JANUARY 2020 10 AM ONWARDS

VENUE: BRAHMANANDA KESHAB CHANDRA COLLEGE, KOLKATA.







The 36th Annual Conference of Paschim Banga Itihas Samsad was held at Brahmananda Keshab Chandra College in collaboration with the Department of History of the college from 24th January to 26th January 2020. The object of the conference was to encourage research and study of history in the Bengali language. The Conference registered a record attendance of registered participants. A total of 340 papers were presented in 3 days.

The conference was inaugurated by Prof. Saugata Roy, Honb'le Member of Parliament. Dr. Papia Chakraborti, the Principal of the College welcomed the members of the Samsad. The key note address was delivered by eminent historian Dr. Sugata Bose, Gardiner Professor of History, Harvard University. Prof. Bose spoke about the ideals of Gandhi-Subhas-Rabindranath in connection with the recent trend of nationalism in India. The conference was divided into four principal sections and various sessions. On the second day, Abdul Wahab Mahmud Memorial Lecture on 'Bharat Itihase Samanwoyee Bhabna' (Syncretic thoughts of Indian History) was organized and Prof. Amit Dey, Prof. Syed Ejaj Hussain and Prof. Chanda Chatterjee spoke on the topic. The seminar was chaired by Prof. Ranjit Sen, the President of the Paschim Banga Itihas Samsad. A seminar on Keshab Chandra Sen was organized and Dr. Shampa Bhattacharvya and eminent essayist Sri Sukhendu Das spoke on the contribution of Keshab Chandra Sen. Prof. Sujata Mukhopadhyay of Rabindra Bharati University presided over it. The conference ended with the Annual Meeting of the Samsad.

























A 'Career Fair 2020' was organized by the Career Counseling Cell of the College on 27thJaunary 2020. The programme was inaugurated by Mr. K. D. Bhattacharya, Director MSME, Kolkata. About 200 students actively participated and benefited from the fair. Students from nearby colleges and high schools also participated in the fair. About 10 companies, offering various career opportunities, participated in this Career Fair 2020.











Department of Physics along with Department of Chemistry organized an open air excursion on 28th January 2020. Most of the Physics Honours and General students participated in this programme.





FEBRUARY

Department of Botany organized an Extension Lecture on "Hands on Training on Angiosperm Taxonomy" by Prof. Gaur Gopal Maity, Kalyani University on 1st February 2020.



Mushroom cultivation in the Department of Botany was successfully initiated by Dr. Dinesh Halder, Associate Professor in Botany with the help of faculty members and students of this department on the 2nd February 2020.



The Department of Physics organized a National Seminar on "Soft Computing techniques and its application" on 3rdFebruary 2020. The speaker Dr. Anindya Halder, Assistant Professor, dept of Computer Application, North East Hill University is an alumnus of the College.

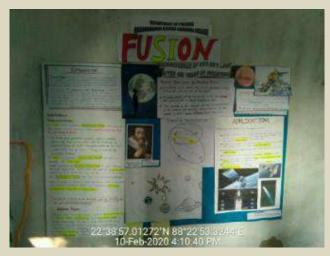




On 10th February 2020 an issue of the Wall Magazine "FUSION" of the department of Physics was put up. The first issue of this magazine was on 'Reminiscence of Kepler's laws after 400 years of invention'.







The students of Zoology SEM IV actively participated at the 8th International Poultry Fair at Ecopark, Rajarhat on the 12th February 2020. Faculty members guided the students to the fair and they were enriched with the knowledge of modern aspects of poultry farming and rearing methods.







The Annual Sports for the session of 2019-20 of the College was held on the 13thand 14th February2020. Students of the college and teaching and nonteaching staff actively participated in this event. The annual sports meet was inaugurated by eminent footballer Mr. Shankarlal Chakraborty. The events were:

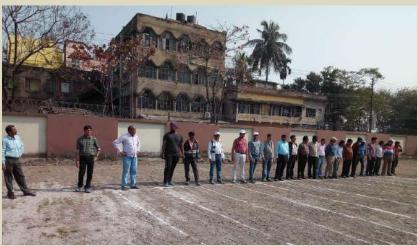
Boys

- 1. 100 meters run
- 2. 200 meters run
- 3. 400 meters run
- 4. 800 meters run
- 5. 1600 meters run
- 6. Javelin throwing
- 7. Discus throwing
- 8. Shot Put
- 9. High Jump
- 10. Long Jump
- 11. Marathon

Girls

- 1. 100 meters run
- 2. 200 meters run
- 3. 400 meters run
- 4. 800 meters run
- 5. 1600 meters run
- 6. Javelin throwing
- 7. Discus throwing
- 8. Shot Put
- 9. Long Jump

























The IQAC of the College organized an Awareness Programme on 18th February 2020 to sensitize students about on the problems faced by persons with special needs. Smt. Madhumita Banerjee from Bikashayan, an institution for children with special needs spoke at the event and interacted with students who showed a great sensitivity about the topic.



PG- Semester IV Botany students, Rwiti Clara Biswas, Madhuri Mishra and Anumita Guha Roy participated in the one day national level seminar 'A Students' Development Programme' & 'An Industry Related Training Programme for Students' held on 17th February 2020 organized by Department of Microbiology and Department of Zoology, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, Belur Math, Howrah.





The faculty and staff members of the Department of Botany organized a farewell ceremony of Mr. Sunil Sarkar, a non-teaching staff of the College on 18th February 2020.





NSS orientation programme and certificate distribution programme was held in the college on the 20thFebruary 2020. The NSS programme coordinator of the West Bengal State University, Dr. Pranam Dhar was invited. The NSS programme officer delivered the welcome speech. After the felicitation of the principal, Dr. Pranam Dhar and the IQAC coordinator of the college, a speech on NSS orientation was delivered by the principal- Dr. Papia Chakraborti and Dr. Pranam Dhar. At the end of the programme, certificates to the volunteers who completed the 2 years' NSS volunteers' duty hours were distributed.







The UG- Semester IV Botany (Honours) students participated in on the spot impromptu 'Micro story writing' competition at Sister Nivedita University, Rajarhat, Kolkata on 24th February 2020 and won third position.



The Semester II Botany Honours students participated and presented posters on 'Role of women in water management and conservation' in the poster competition held at East Calcutta Girls' College, Lake Town, Kolkata on 27th February 2020 to celebrate the National Science Day.

The students from Zoology Department presented posters on "The Women Saga" and "Renaissance of Bengali Scientists" at the event.







On 28th February 2020 the IQAC and Science Departments of the College organized the 'National Science Day-2020' celebration. A large number of students and faculty members of nearby schools also participated in the programme. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Papia Chakraborti, Principal. The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Aparajita Nag, the IQAC Coordinator.

Dr. Priyanka Dhar, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany delivered a popular lecture entitled "Doing Science in cold-arid-high altitude: Challenges, opportunities and attitude". A live demo of "Growing mushroom at home" by students attracted a lot of enthusiasm among the students and the faculty members of both our college and the visiting teams from the nearby schools. Dr. Manas Kumar Roy, Assistant Prof. of Physics Department delivered a lecture cum demonstration on the work of Satyendra Nath Bose (Bigyani Satyendra Nath Basu o tar hisebnikesh).

The school students visited the departmental laboratories of all science departments for live demonstration on the subjects related research equipment by faculty of all science departments. Science students of our College provided hands-on demonstration of different instruments to the school students. They also organized quiz a competition for the invited school students.























MARCH

The Department of Bengali published a Wall Magazine that was inaugurated by our Principal on the 3rd March 2020.









Basanta Utsab was celebrated by the cultural committee of the college on the 5th March 2020. The celebration started with 'Prabhat feri'. Students participated different in cultural events on this prize occasion. The distribution ceremony of the Annual cultural Competition took place on this day.





A Disaster Management & Awareness Programme was conducted by the NSS unit of the college on the 6th March 2020. Dr. Gopinath Bhandari, Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering and Coordinator, Centre for Disaster Management, Jadavpur University and Md. Abdul Gani, Special Secretary, Sundarban Affairs, Government of West Bengal were invited to deliver lectures. Students and volunteers along with teachers and non-teaching staff attended the programme.









Three students, Rwiti Clara Biswas, Madhuri Mishra and Anumita Guha Roy from PG-Semester IV Botany, participated and presented a poster entitled 'Proteomic biomarkers of cancer and preventive strategies with phytomolecules: An in silico approach' in the one day National Level Seminar 'How to Checkmate Cancer: the Emperor of Maladies' held on 6th March 2020. The seminar was organized by the Department of Zoology, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, Belur Math.





A Seminar on "Ethics: Indian and Western Perspective" was organized by the Department of Philosophy along with the Department of Sanskrit on the 6th March 2020. Mandira Ghosh of the Department of Philosophy from Maharani Kasiswari College and Ishita Dey of the Department of Sanskrit from Hingalgani Mahavidyalaya delivered lectures on Medical Ethics and Vedic Ethics, respectively.







The Bengali department organized an invited lecture on the 6th March 2020 on "Vidyasagarer Shikkshachinta" and the speaker was Professor Baridbaran Ghosh.









Inauguration of ornamental fish culture unit was carried out by the Industrial Fish and Fisheries department on the 6th March, 2020.





A Dengue awareness and college campus sanitization programme was conducted by the NSS unit of the college on the 13th March 2020. NSS volunteers distributed dengue awareness leaflets to the students and staff of the college. They carried out campus sanitization with bleaching powder.





APRIL

A video for public awareness and prevention of Covid-19 was prepared by the NSS unit of the college and uploaded on YouTube by NSS volunteer Shibeshnu Roy and the Programme Officer Dr. Amit Mondal on the 8th April 2020.





NSS volunteers and programme officer participated in a webinar on the 14th April 2020 which was conducted by the nodal officer of North 24 Parganas, Dr. Pranam Dhar, on awareness and prevention of COVID-19.



In the pandemic situation, the NSS volunteers prepared poster for Covid-19 awareness and it was uploaded on the Facebook page of the college on the 18th April 2020.



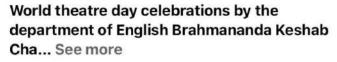


On the 23rdApril 2020 the 456th Birth Anniversary of William Shakespeare was celebrated by the students and teachers of the Department of English. The participants posted videos of their readings which were later compiled into a video by a fourth semester student, Pritam Majumdar. The video was uploaded on YouTube.

https://youtu.be/sb7qRzH3_Jw

The students and faculty of the department of English celebrated World Theatre day on the 27th of April in the department WhatsApp group. The videos were later collated and uploaded on YouTube. Here is the link -

https://youtu.be/Vbr0Dnot3Xc





YOUTUBE.COM **World Theatre Day 2020**

The NSS unit of the college conducted a webinar on Integrated Govt. Online Training Programme (Igot-DIKSHA) on the 27th April .2020. In this webinar, our respected principal Dr. Chakraborti delivered a speech to NSS volunteers on awareness and prevention of Covid-19 and Igot-DIKSHA training programme was completed by the programme officer Dr. Amit Mondal.



MAY

The 1st and 2nd Webinar series on Thalassemia & Blood Donation Awareness by Baranagar Udyog in association with Department of Botany of the College was held on the 8th and the 19th May 2020. Dr. Prasanto Kumar Chowdhury and Mr. Puspendu Bikash Acharyya were the speakers of this webinar.



On 8th May 2020 Rabindra Jayanti was celebrated by the students, teachers and nonteaching staff of the college through many performances through videos which were posted and later collated in this pandemic situation. Here is the YouTube link https://voutu.be/KOph25vh-ig

Rabindra Jayanti was also celebrated by the students and teachers of the Department of English on 8th May 2020 through artwork, recitation, songs and dance performances through videos which were posted and later collated.





Two videos were prepared one by SEM II which SEM IV Zoology Students celebrating Rabindra Jayanti.

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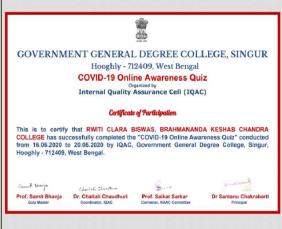
Two students of second semester, Physics Honours, Nandadulal Ghosh and Abhishek Rajak, participated in a research programme called "International Asteroid Search Campaign", held from May14 to June10, 2020 and run by NASA. This programme's main motto was to discover new minor bodies which are not discovered yet. The students accessed the software "Astrometrica", using which they tried to examine images of objects captured from PAN-starrs telescope set at 'Institute for Astronomy University of Hawai'

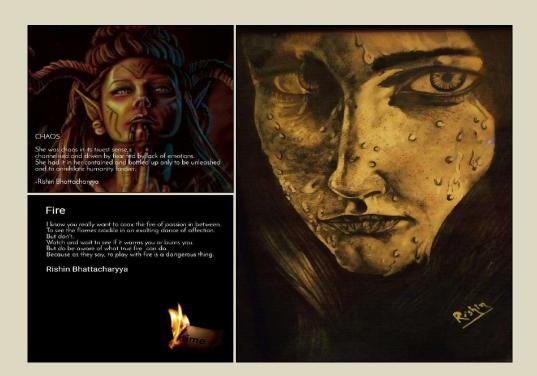




Rishin Bhattacharya and Rwiti Clara Biswas, students of PG-Semester IV-Botany actively participated in different online scientific competitions and also created various arts during the COVID-19 lock down period.







Students, teachers and non-teaching staff of the College actively participated in the Nazrul Jayanti Celebration on the 25th May 2020 from their homes. The collated videos were uploaded on YouTube.

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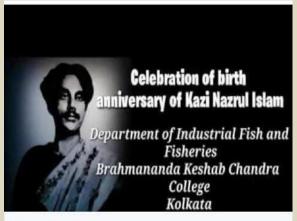
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YOUTUBE.COM A tribute to the bidrohi poet Kazi Nazrul Islam.



YOUTUBE.COM 121th birth anniversary celebration of Kazi Nazrul Islam

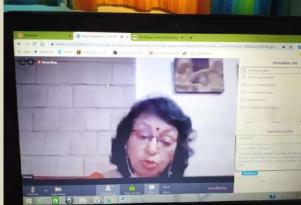
National Webinar on "Literature in the time of Epidemic/ Pandemic" was organized by the Department of English, Brahmananda Keshab Chandra College in collaboration with Bamanpukur Humayun Kabir Mahavidyalaya and Sarsuna College on 30th May 2020.

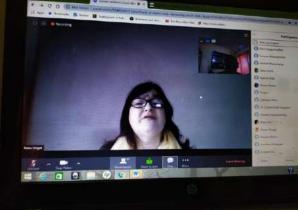
The plenary speakers were Professor Ranu Unival and Deepa Aggarwal. The webinar had papers by Dr. Nishi Pulugurtha, Dr. Nabanita Sengupta, Madhu Sriwastav and two students including one by Sayan Mukherjee, a 2nd semester student of the College.

The Webinar was well attended by faculty from various colleges, scholars and students. It was held on Zoom and was streamed live on Facebook.

YouTube Link - https://youtu.be/rXYczYUt7SE

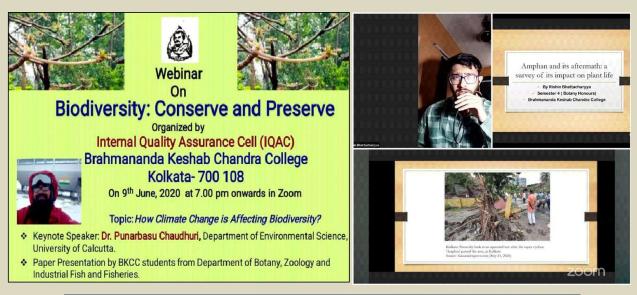


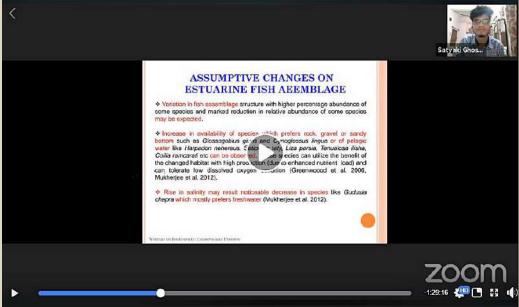




Dr. Punarbasu Chaudhuri, Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Science, University of Calcutta delivered a lecture on "How climate change is affecting biodiversity?" at the webinar "Biodiversity- Conserve and Preserve" organized by the IQAC of the College on 9th June 2020. Rishin Bhattacharya of UG-Sem-IV-Botany (Honours) presented a paper entitled 'Amphan and its aftermath: A survey of its impact on plant life.' Arghyadeepa Ghosh and Rupsa Chatteriee, students of SEM II Zoology Honours also made a presentation on "A Brief Account of Mammalian Diversity and Conservation Issues of Sunderbans" and Satyaki Ghosh, student of IFF spoke on "Loss of fish diversity due to Amphan: An assumptive approach" at the webinar.

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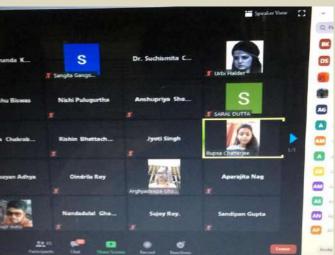


JUNE

In order to celebrate World Environment Day in the pandemic period, a webinar was held on 10th June 2020 via Zoom. PPT on Jal Shakti and Swaccha Campus was presented by Anirban Barman for the NSS volunteers.







The International Webinar Series on 'Role of Biotechnology in Covid-19 Pandemic: Issues and Challenges' was held during 11th to 13th June 2020. This program was jointly organized by Departments of Botany, Zoology, Industrial Fish & Fisheries and Molecular Biology of Brahmananda Keshab Chandra College, Kolkata. A total of nine eminent scientists and academicians from four different countries - Canada, USA, Bangladesh, and India - were invited to deliver their talk and share their vast experience on the subject areas of this webinar. The Webinar was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Papia Chakraborti, Principal, Brahmananda Keshab Chandra College, Kolkata with the Welcome Address.

The YouTube Links for the 3 day International Webinar is shared below.

The webinar platforms Zoom and Facebook live were used for successful online live streaming of the program.

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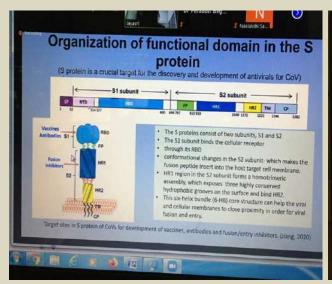


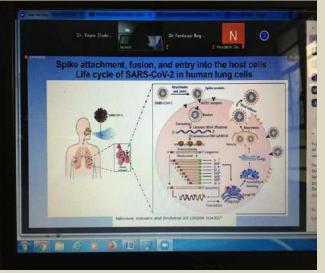












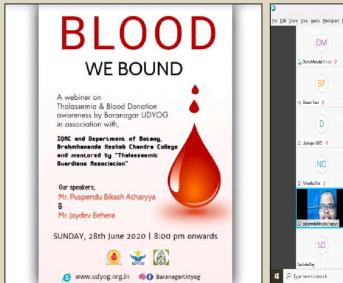
A Blood donation campaign and free distribution of vegetables for the unprivileged affected by Amphan and COVID-19" was organized by the Baranagar Trinamool Students Union in collaboration with Students Union of the College on 12th June 2020.

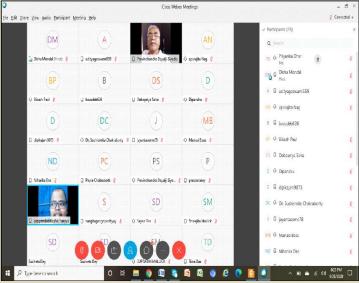


Mathematics department organized an International Webinar on "Biomathematical Modeling of Epidemics: Focus on COVID-19" on the 25th and 26th June 2020. The speakers were Prof. Malay Banerjee from IIT Kanpur, India and Dr. Ayan Chatterjee from University of Agder-Norway.



The 3rd Webinar series on Thalassemia & Blood Donation Awareness by Baranagar Udyog in association with Department of Botany of the College was held on 28th June 2020. Mr. Puspendu Bikash Achayya and Mr. Joydeb Behera acted as the eminent speakers of this webinar.





The Department of English in association with the IQAC of the College organized a webinar '100 Years of Satyajit Ray' held on 29th June 2020 organized by the Department of English in collaboration with the IQAC of B.K.C. College. Dr. Shoma A. Chatterjee, Dr. Pinaki de, Amitava Nag and Turni Dhar were the eminent speakers at the Webinar which was well attended. The Webinar was streamed live on Facebook.









In order to provide a platform to students for expressing their creativity, а Literary Society page of the College was created on Facebook by Dr. Nishi Pulugurtha of the Department of English. Poems and art work by students are regularly shared on the page.

