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Message from Prof. (Dr.) Subodh Chandra Sarkar, President, Governing Body, City College



It was Monday early afternoon when I first entered the City College staff room after joining the department of English as the youngest faculty in the pipe line, I, in a flash, conjured up the face of poet Jibanananda Das who taught here and lost his job for writing an 'obscene' poem. 'Which one was his chair?' I used to ask all senior professors, they couldn't confirm. If they could, I would not sit on it as a mark of respect to him. I sat on a chair close to exit, chosen at random for 35 years with uncanny goosebumps that it might have been his.

My first class was Macbeth, and my last class was sleep walking scene in which lady Macbeth says 'all the perfumes of Arabia will not sweeten this little hand'. We think it is Lady Macbeth from history but I think there is a Lady Macbeth in every human psyche, sleep walking for the release of guilt. I took 5 classes every year to explain the role of Nemesis in every man's life.

I retired with a smile that now I don't have to be nervous if I'm stuck in a jam. I loved my students, they have been mostly from middle class families and from districts. They are the jems of my life, they didn't aspire for Oxford or Harvard, but they wanted ordinary jobs in their home towns. Some of them were smart academics who settled abroad with handsome salary package. I met lot of them in the UK and USA.

Now as the President of the Governing Body of the College, I have no right to advise you. I want all of you to be a free mind, a free mind is a valley of ideas, you check and crosscheck before you decide. It's now an era of Artificial Intelligence, everything is changing fast, may be there will a war not between man and man but between man and artificial machines, between man and his own Frankensteins. I have faith in the intelligence of my students with hearts to love home, care for aging parents, and respect human beings in distress and dilemma.

Without love for each other, we are AI from the global corporations run by billionaires like Elon Musk. Read a poem a day, it will take you a minute, and you will empower yourself with a rejuvenation to love your nearest ones, your neighbors, and your friends. And finally make your teachers your friends, philosophers and guides, you will never lose the lighthouse you are headed for.

Publishing a newsletter from City College is a wonderful idea to showcase our success and achievements. I thank you all for bringing out this journal which was not there before when we were in the staff room.

Place: Kolkata

Date: 15/04/2026

Message from Dr. Sital Prasad Chattopadhyay, Principal, City College



It is a great pleasure for me to announce that Central Library of City College is going to publish the first quarter of "City College E-newsletter" in the year 2026 in association with IQAC, City College after tireless efforts and dedication of the teaching and non-teaching staff. I felt proud myself when I was recommended from WBCSC and joined as Assistant Professor in Botany in July 1997 and afterwards also recommended from WBCSC and appointed as Principal in July 2015 in such a College that is endowed with the memory of Social reformer Raja Rammohan Roy who established Sadharan Brahma Sabha in 1828 which later formed into Sadharan Brahma Samaj, and played a prominent Social role in the wake of Bengal Renaissance of the nineteenth century. The members of Sadharan Brahma Samaj established City College at a time when countless underprivileged students could not get the opportunity to study in the only few existing Government Schools and Colleges. Sri Ananda Mohan Bose, Barrister-at-Law and the first Indian Wrangler of Cambridge University, receiving wholehearted support and Assistance from other Brahmo Stalwarts, viz. Pandit Shivanath Shastri, Rastraguru Surendranath Bandyopadhyay, Sri Umesh Chandra Dutta, etc. came forward and founded City College in an old house at 13, Mirzapur Street (now Surya Sen Street)—first as a high School on 6th January, 1879, later raised to the status of a College in 1881 and become affiliated with the University of Calcutta with an objective for educating the Indian Students on a plan to make them perfect and ideal for the society. Since then under careful guidance and administration of Brahma Samaj Education Society (BSSES), the College has reached a stature of mighty educational Institution and gradually attains a glorious position in the sphere of higher education in Bengal and India. The present mansion of City College at 102/1, Raja Rammohan Sarani, Kolkata-700 009 was erected in 1917 along with the Rammohan Hostel at 102, Raja Rmmohan Sarani, Kolkata-700 009. The new Building was inaugurated in 1918.

In 1961, the branches of City College were evolved into separate colleges under instructions of the UGC. While the original College retained the earliest title "City College", the branches were named as Rammohan College, Ananda Mohan College, Umesh Chandra College, City College of Commerce and Business Administration, Shivanath Shastri College, Heramba Chandra College and Prafulla Chandra College. In November 2017, the Higher Education Department, Government of West Bengal took over the administration of City College and since that time City College is running as a Government-aided College as per rules relevant for other Government-aided Colleges in West Bengal.

In today's dynamic world, a 360-degree development of an institution is of supreme importance. Our institution is committed to providing a holistic learning environment, and this E-newsletter will serve as a digital mirror reflecting the vibrant activities, academic achievements, and innovative research undertaken by our staff, faculty and students. It will also serve as a dynamic platform for faculty and student expression, institutional communication and skill development in a rapidly evolving digital environment. I congratulate the editorial Board, teachers, non-teaching staff, Librarian and IQAC of the College for their relentless effort and meticulous work in bringing out this issue of E-news letter in proper time. I would like to thank our Hon'ble President Sir Dr. Subodh Chandra Sarkar and other members of Governing Body of City College for their constant support and encouragement in the publication of this e-newsletter. This publication not only highlights our milestones but also fosters a sense of belonging and community among our stakeholders. Hope, this e-newsletter will allow College to share urgent updates on campus activities, global events and policy changes instantly ensuring that students, faculty and staff will be always up-to-date on digital-age skills. I wish our new e-newsletter a successful journey ahead.

Place: Kolkata

Date: 15/04/2026

নতুন বছরের “১৪৩৩” শুভেচ্ছা বার্তা

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সিটি কলেজের কেন্দ্রীয় গ্রন্থাগার ও সিটি কলেজ অভ্যন্তরীণ উৎকর্ষ নির্ণায়ক সমিতির যৌথ উদ্যোগে দ্বিভাষিক ও ত্রৈমাসিক নিউজলেটারের প্রথম প্রকাশ ঘটল। প্রতিবছর এই নিউজলেটারের চারটি সংখ্যা—মার্চ, জুন, সেপ্টেম্বর এবং ডিসেম্বরে প্রকাশ পাবে। সিটি কলেজের ছাত্রছাত্রী-অধ্যাপক-শিক্ষাকর্মী-বন্ধুদের সাফল্যের কাহিনী, শিক্ষার অগ্রগতি, শিক্ষাপ্রতিষ্ঠানের গুরুত্বপূর্ণ ঘটনা নিয়েই সমৃদ্ধ হবে নিউজলেটারের পাতাগুলি। একদিকে যেমন থাকবে ছাত্র-শিক্ষকের গবেষণা, সেমিনার, কর্মশালার সাতকাহন। অন্যদিকে থাকবে কলেজের বিভিন্ন বিভাগীয় কার্যক্রমের বিবরণ ও সাংস্কৃতিক অনুষ্ঠানের কথা। বাঙালির নতুন বঙ্গাব্দের প্রাক্কালে এই নিউজলেটার প্রকাশ করতে পেবে আমরা গর্বিত, আনন্দিত। এই নিউজলেটার তৈরিতে আমরা কলেজের পরিচালন সমিতি, শিক্ষক-শিক্ষিকা, কর্মচারী বন্ধু ও ছাত্র-ছাত্রী সহ সকলকে আন্তরিক কৃতজ্ঞতা জানাই আমাদের এই প্রচেষ্টাকে এগিয়ে নিয়ে যাওয়ার জন্য, আশা করি, নিউজলেটারটি কলেজের অভ্যন্তরীণ শিক্ষা-সংস্কৃতির প্রাণস্পন্দন হয়ে উঠবে।

আমাদের লক্ষ্য ও স্বপ্ন— কলেজের বিভিন্ন কার্যক্রমের তথ্যকে যথাযথভাবে সংরক্ষণ করা। আজকের সংরক্ষিত তথ্য হয়ে উঠুক আগামী দিনের ঐতিহাসিক দলিল।

নতুন বছরের শুভ সূচনায় কেন্দ্রীয় গ্রন্থাগার, অভ্যন্তরীণ উৎকর্ষ নির্ণায়ক সমিতি এবং সিটি কলেজের বৃহত্তর পরিবারের পক্ষ থেকে কলেজের পরিচালন সমিতি, অধ্যাপক-অধ্যাপিকা, শিক্ষাকর্মীবন্ধু এবং অগণিত গুণমুগ্ধ প্রাক্তন ও বর্তমান ছাত্র-ছাত্রীসহ সকলকে নববর্ষের শুভেচ্ছা ও অভিনন্দন জানাই। নতুন বছরের এই শুভক্ষণে আমরা কামনা করি—

- ♦ সিটি কলেজের প্রত্যেক শিক্ষার্থী জ্ঞান, নৈতিকতা ও মানবিকতার আলোয় ঋদ্ধ হোক।
- ♦ ছাত্রছাত্রী, শিক্ষক ও শিক্ষাকর্মীবৃন্দের অক্লান্ত পরিশ্রমে গড়ে ওঠা আমাদের প্রতিষ্ঠানটি শিক্ষায় ও গবেষণায় চরমোৎকর্ষ লাভ করুক।
- ♦ প্রাক্তন ছাত্র-ছাত্রী, শিক্ষক ও কর্মীবৃন্দের স্মৃতি, অবদান ও স্নেহ আমাদের পথচলাকে অনুপ্রাণিত করবে।
- ♦ নতুন বছর হোক সবার জীবনে শান্তি, সমৃদ্ধি ও সাফল্যের বার্তা বহনকারী। আমরা বিশ্বাস করি সিটি কলেজের পরিবার একসঙ্গে থেকে আগামী দিনের পথে এগিয়ে যাবে, জ্ঞানের আলো ছড়িয়ে দেবে এবং সমাজের কল্যাণে ব্যতিক্রমী, অনবদ্য অবদান রাখবে।

পয়লা বৈশাখ (১৪৩৩ বঙ্গাব্দ)

নিতাই রায়চৌধুরী
সুজিতা দত্ত ঘোষ

Celebrating Excellence: Students' Week 2026 (02.01.2026 — 08.01.2026)

City College successfully organized Students' Week 2026 from 2nd January to 8th January 2026 under the guidance of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC). The programme was conducted in collaboration with various committees, academic departments, faculty members, non-teaching staff members, and the Students' Union. The initiative was undertaken in accordance with the directive issued by the Higher Education Department, Government of West Bengal (Memo No. 265/PBSSM/83/M&D/2022-23 dated 10.12.2025).

Throughout the week, the college organized a variety of academic, cultural, and awareness-oriented programmes aimed at enriching students' knowledge, promoting their well-being, and encouraging the development of creative talents, awareness programme on government schemes

02.01.2026 - Awareness Program of Govt. Schemes

The Students' Week commenced on 2nd January 2026 with an Awareness Programme on Government Schemes, designed to inform students about several government-sponsored educational support initiatives. The schemes highlighted during the programme included:

- A. *West Bengal Students Credit Card (WBSCC) Scheme*
- B. *Swami Vivekananda Merit-cum-Means Scholarship*
- C. *Aikyashree Scholarship*
- D. *Post Matric Scholarship*

The programme was inaugurated by the Principal Dr. Sital Prasad Chattopadhyay, who encouraged students to take full advantage of these schemes to support their academic aspirations and financial needs. Vice-Principal Dr. Mahitosh Gayen emphasized the importance and practical benefits of these government initiatives in facilitating access to higher education.

The session included a PowerPoint presentation and hands-on training to guide students through the registration procedures and application process. Faculty members present included the nodal officers Dr. Amitava Pal, Dr. Arunava Das, and Sri Syam Sundar Dhara. The WBSCC Help Desk Officer Dr. Balaram Karan along with Teacher Council Secretary Dr. Angshuman Nandy, other faculty members, non-teaching staff and student representative Sri Ajit Sarkar actively participated in the programme.

03.01.2026 - Freshers' Welcome

The Freshers' Welcome 2026 was organized on 3rd January 2026 to warmly receive the newly admitted students into the City College community. The event created an atmosphere of enthusiasm and camaraderie through cultural performances, motivational speeches, and interactive sessions.

The programme began with the traditional lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Principal and other dignitaries present on the occasion. In his address, the Hon'ble Principal encouraged students to pursue knowledge with dedication and to strive to become compassionate and responsible human beings.

Distinguished dignitaries present at the event included Principal Dr. Sital Prasad Chattopadhyay, Vice-Principal Dr. Mahitosh Gayen, Students' Union President Dr. Anirban Manna, and Bursar Sri Siddhartha Dutta, State Government Nominee of the Governing Body Sri Mrityunjoy Paul along with other members of the Governing Body, faculty members, non-teaching staff, eminent guests, well-wishers, and student representative Sri Ajit Sarkar. The audience was inspired by the motivational speeches delivered by Prof. Soumendra Laha and Dr. Anirban Manna as well as by eminent guests. The event also featured a soulful musical performance by Dr. Abu Hassan Sonai Abdul Jabbar Sheikh, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Commerce. The musical performance of the invited guest artist captivated everyone.

The preliminary session, including the felicitation of dignitaries and guests, was anchored by Sri Pintu Chowdhury, a member of the non-teaching staff.

05.01.2026 - Health Check-up Programme

On 5th January 2026, the Department of Physiology organized a Students' Health Check-up Programme aimed at promoting preventive healthcare and physical well-being among students. During the programme, basic health parameters were examined and valuable health guidance was provided to the participants. Faculty members present included Dr. Arnab Chaudhuri, Dr. Pallab Sarkar, Dr. Sanghamitra Pal, Dr. Sugata Das Kumar, Sri Avijit Dutta, Dr. Sagarika Mukhopadhyay, and Dr. Anurupa Sen. Volunteer students from the department, along with members of the Students' Union, actively assisted in conducting the programme.

06.01.2026 - College Foundation Day

On 6th January 2026, the Foundation Day of City College was observed with due solemnity and respect. In the morning, homage was paid to the founders of the institution through floral tributes and garlanding

ceremonies. In the second half of the day, teaching and non-teaching staff members organized annual get-together programmes among themselves to commemorate the occasion and celebrate the rich heritage of the institution.

07.01.2026 — Talent Hunt 2026

The Talent Hunt 2026, held on 7th January 2026, provided a vibrant platform for students to showcase their creative talents. Competitions were organized in various categories, including:

A. Drawing B. Singing C. Dance Instrumental
D. Music E. Acting

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students across different departments. The Principal, Vice-Principal, and the Coordinator of IQAC Dr. Sujita Datta Ghosh and convener Dr. Krishnendu Das addressed the participants and encouraged them to nurture their talents alongside academic pursuits.

The programme was successfully organized with the support of the Cultural Committee, its conveners and members, and faculty members including Dr. Anirban Manna, Sri Subrata Biswas, Smt Aradhana Murmu, Dr. Gargi Nag, Prof. Mohidul Sheikh, Dr. Tufan Giri Dr. Masiur Rahaman Sardar, Dr. Kausik Mukhopadhyay, Dr. Pampa Guha, Dr. Saiful Anam Mir, Dr. Pramita Garai, Dr. Sagarika Mukhopadhyay, Smt Sutapa Guha, Smt. Dona Banerjee and Non-teaching staff members Sri Asit Bhattacharjee, Sri Pintu Chowdhury also played an important role in organizing the event.

08.01.2026 — Hands-on training session on student welfare schemes & Seminar on Prevention of Sexual Harassment and Cyber Crime

The concluding day of Students' Week was observed on 8th January 2026 with two significant programmes. In the first half, a "hands-on training session on student welfare schemes" was conducted as an extension of the awareness programme held on 2nd January. This session provided further practical guidance to students regarding the application procedures for various government welfare schemes.

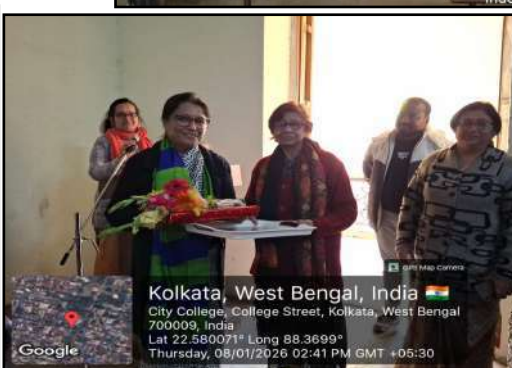
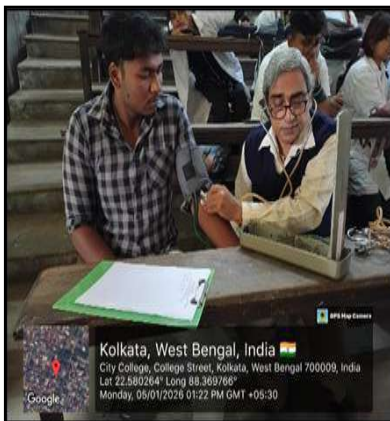
In the second half, a seminar on the prevention of sexual harassment and cybercrime was jointly organized by the Women's Cell, the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC), and the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of City College.

The programme was successfully coordinated by Dr. Pampa Guha, Dr. Sanghamitra Pal, and Dr. Sujita Datta Ghosh. The resource persons for the seminar were Prof.

Sarbari Sen, Former Head Dept. of Socio Economic Rehabilitation, National Institute of Locomotor Disabilities, and Prof. Bimal Kumar Roy, Padma Shri Awardee, ISEA Chair Prof. and former Director, ISI Kolkata, who delivered insightful lectures and engaged in interactive discussions with the students on these important social issues. The sessions aimed to promote awareness, safety, and responsible digital behaviour among students.

Students' Week 2026 at City College, Kolkata witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members, and staff throughout the week. The series of programmes successfully integrated academic awareness, health initiatives, cultural expression, and social responsibility, making the celebration both meaningful and memorable. The week-long celebration reflected the institution's commitment to the holistic development of students fostering not only academic excellence but also social awareness, creativity, and personal well-being.





Celebration of Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, 23rd January 2026

On 23rd January 2026, City College celebrated the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose with deep respect and patriotic fervor. The event brought together new and old students, teachers, and non-teaching staff, making it a collective tribute to one of India's greatest freedom fighters. The program began with floral tributes and the singing of the national anthem. Speeches by faculty and students highlighted Netaji's vision, courage, and enduring legacy in India's struggle for independence. The celebration fostered unity and inspired everyone to uphold the values of dedication and selfless service that Netaji stood for. It was not only a remembrance of his birth but also a reaffirmation of his ideals, making the 2026 celebration at City College a memorable and meaningful event.



Saraswati Puja 2026

On 23rd January 2026, Saraswati Puja at City College was performed with devotion and joy, uniting the entire college family in a vibrant atmosphere of learning and culture. New and old students, teachers, and non-teaching staff came together to honor Goddess Saraswati, the symbol of wisdom and knowledge. At the College main gate was adorned with flowers and rangoli, creating a festive setting for the rituals. The puja began with prayers and offerings. This celebration not only upheld tradition but also reinforced the spirit of togetherness, making Saraswati Puja 2026 at City College a memorable occasion for all.



Celebration of Republic Day, 26th January 2026

On 26th January 2026, City College celebrated Republic Day with pride and patriotism, bringing together new and old students, teachers, and non-teaching staff in a grand gathering. The campus was adorned with tricolor decorations, and the program began with the hoisting of the national flag, followed by the singing of the national anthem. Speeches by faculty and students



highlighted the significance of the Constitution and the values of justice, liberty, and equality. While the distribution of sweets created a joyful atmosphere. The event not only honored the nation's democratic spirit but also strengthened the bond among all members of the college community. Republic Day 2026 at City College was a memorable celebration that inspired everyone to uphold the ideals of unity and responsibility as citizens of India.



The Annual Sports 2025-26

The Annual Sports Meet of City College was held on 19th December 2025 at the Scottish Church College Baghmari Ground. The event was inaugurated at 10:00 a.m. by Dr. Sital Prasad Chattopadhyay, Principal of City College.

Teaching staff, non-teaching staff, and students from various departments actively participated in the event, contributing to its grand success. Approximately 600 students took part this year, which is significantly higher compared to previous years.

Events such as the 100m race, 200m race, balance race, and long jump witnessed enthusiastic and spontaneous participation from the students.

The Principal presided over the prize distribution ceremony. In addition to him, several esteemed faculty members delivered brief speeches highlighting the importance of balancing sports with academic pursuits.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by the Principal.



NSS Activity - Cleanliness Drive

The NSS unit, City College and IQAC, City College jointly organised a cleanliness drive in the college premises on 19th March, 2026 (Thursday). The programme successfully completed in presence of Principal Dr. Sital Prasad Chattopadhyay, Vice Principal Dr. Mahitosh Gayen , IQAC coordinator Dr. Sujita Datta Ghosh. The deferent Departmental teaching and non teaching members and also students actively participated in this programme. On that day cleanliness drive for cleaned the dust garbage, collected the plastic and useless papers .The programme has been successfully completed.



Departmental activities/Seminar

Department of Philosophy

One-Day Seminar on “Human Rights for All: Building a World of Dignity, Freedom and Justice”

The Department of Philosophy and NSS Unit in association with IQAC, City College, organized half day Seminar on “Human Rights for All: Building a World of Dignity, Freedom and Justice” on 11.12.2025 at Room No 5 from 2.00 p.m. to 3.30 pm. The invited speaker of the Seminar was Dr. Aparna Banerjee, Retired Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Calcutta.

The seminar started by highlighting the theme and remembering the significance of the "International Human Rights Day". Inaugural speech was delivered by our respected Principal, Dr. Sital Prasad Chattopadhyay. Our invited speaker, Dr. Aparna Banerjee started her lecture by highlighting the theme of the seminar. The Speaker highly glorified the motto of the celebration of "International Human Rights Day" every year. Man cannot properly flourish his humanity without the fulfillment of human rights. Human rights are like a safeguard for the fulfillment of our dreams and to live as a perfect human being. She has raised her concern about the universal implementation of human rights, because our society is unequal. As we are socially and economically unequal, it is very difficult to implement the human rights for all human beings. But she has very wisely tackled these difficulties and challenges. And she has revealed and recommended some alternative paths for tackling the challenges of universal implementation of human rights. She has continuously inspired the students and the audience for the awareness of human rights. And she has also reminded them to spread this idea outside of the classrooms. Having finished her lecture, question-answer session and open discussion was going for 30 minutes. After finished this session, vote of thanks was delivered by the NSS program officer, NSS Unit, City College, Prof. Aradhana Murmu; and the end of the program was finally announced by the HOD, Dept. of Philosophy, City College. 130 students and 19 teaching and non-teaching staff members of the college attended the seminar.

Department of Physics

One-Day Seminar on “Stellar Alchemy and the God Particle”

The Department of Physics, in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of City College, Kolkata, organized a one-day seminar titled “*Stellar Alchemy and the God Particle*” on 16th

December 2025, from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM in Room No. 5, Ground Floor. The seminar was graced by two eminent resource persons, Prof. Gautam Gangopadhyay and Prof. Anirban Kundu



from the Department of Physics, University of Calcutta, Kolkata- 9. The event witnessed active participation from 54 students, 18 teachers, and 2 non-teaching staff members, reflecting the keen interest of the academic community in exploring the frontiers of modern physics. The program began with an insightful discussion on stellar alchemy, the process by which stars forge heavier elements through nuclear fusion, thereby enriching the universe with the building blocks of life. This cosmic narrative was seamlessly connected to the discovery and significance of the Higgs boson, popularly known as the “God Particle,” which explains how fundamental particles acquire mass and thus enables the very structure of matter. Both speakers skillfully bridged the vast domains of astrophysics and quantum theory, demonstrating how the microcosmic world of particle physics is intertwined with the macrocosmic processes of stellar evolution. Their lucid explanations and engaging delivery made complex scientific concepts accessible to the audience, sparking curiosity and deeper reflection. The seminar was not only informative but also highly interactive, with participants posing thought-provoking questions and engaging in lively discussions. Teachers appreciated the way the speakers contextualized advanced theories within broader scientific narratives, while students found themselves inspired to pursue further studies in cosmology, particle

physics, and related fields. The presence of non-teaching staff also highlighted the inclusive nature of the program, fostering a collective spirit of learning. By connecting the mysteries of the stars with the fundamental particles that constitute matter, the seminar underscored the unity of scientific inquiry and the importance of interdisciplinary approaches in understanding the universe. Overall, the event was a resounding success, leaving a lasting impression on all attendees. It not only enhanced the participants' knowledge of modern physics but also reinforced the role of academic seminars in nurturing intellectual curiosity, encouraging collaborative learning, and inspiring the next generation of scientists to explore the



profound questions of existence. The seminar will be remembered as a significant academic initiative that brought together diverse members of the college community to engage with cutting-edge scientific ideas in a stimulating and accessible manner.



One-Day Seminar on “Interconnectedness in the Laws of Physics and Spirituality”

On 27th February 2026, City College, Kolkata, in collaboration with Raidighi College under the MoU agreement and in association with IQAC and the Seminar Organizing Sub-Committee of City College, hosted a one-day seminar titled “*Interconnectedness in the Laws of Physics and Spirituality*”. The event was held from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM in Room No. 5, Ground Floor, and was graced by the presence of Dr. Amitava



Moitra from the Department of Physics, Raidighi College, West Bengal. The seminar witnessed enthusiastic participation from 51 students, 20 teachers, and 2 non-teaching staff members, creating a diverse and intellectually vibrant audience. The session was designed to explore the fascinating parallels between the fundamental laws of physics and spiritual philosophies, emphasizing themes of unity, energy, and universal order. Dr. Moitra eloquently illustrated how scientific principles such as conservation of energy, symmetry, and interconnected systems resonate deeply with spiritual ideas of balance, harmony, and the oneness of existence. By drawing connections between the measurable realities of physics and the contemplative insights of spirituality, the seminar encouraged participants to adopt a holistic perspective on reality. The speaker's ability to bridge scientific reasoning with philosophical thought made the session both insightful and thought-provoking, sparking curiosity among students and teachers alike. The discussions highlighted how the pursuit of knowledge in physics does not stand in isolation but can be enriched by spiritual reflection, thereby fostering a more comprehensive understanding of the universe. The interactive nature of the seminar allowed participants to engage actively, raising questions and sharing perspectives that further deepened the dialogue. Teachers appreciated the interdisciplinary approach, while students found themselves inspired to think beyond conventional boundaries of science, exploring how physics and spirituality together can offer



profound insights into existence. The presence of non-

teaching staff also underscored the inclusive spirit of the program, making it a collective experience of learning and reflection. Overall, the seminar was a resounding success, leaving a lasting impression on all attendees. It not only enhanced academic knowledge but also encouraged participants to embrace a broader worldview where scientific inquiry and spiritual wisdom coexist harmoniously. The event will be remembered as a meaningful initiative that nurtured intellectual curiosity, promoted interdisciplinary dialogue, and inspired the college community to reflect on the deeper

The sessions were conducted by faculty members of the Department of Zoology, including Dr. Supriti Sarkar, Dr. Debasish Karmakar, Dr. Arkadeep Mitra, Dr. Krishnendu Das, Dr. Saiful Anam Mir, Dr. Pramita Garai, Dr. Indranil Roy, Ms. Dona Banerjee, and Dr. Soumen Roy, who served as resource persons. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Arkadeep Mitra, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology.

A total of 28 students actively participated in the internship programme. The interactive and practical nature of the sessions significantly contributed to skill development, fostering scientific aptitude and laboratory competence among the students.

The programme concluded successfully, equipping participants with essential technical skills and practical knowledge relevant to their academic and professional growth.



Department of Zoology

Summer Internship Programme for Semester-IV Zoology Major students (under CCF)

A Sixty-Hour Summer Internship Programme for Semester-IV Zoology Major students (under CCF) was organized by the Department of Zoology, City College, Kolkata, from 16th May to 10th June, 2025. The programme was designed to provide hands-on training and practical exposure to students, enhancing their laboratory skills and conceptual understanding.

The internship covered nine comprehensive modules, including Basic Laboratory Guidance; Use of Laboratory Glassware; Introduction to Common Laboratory Instruments and Accessories; Common Chemicals and Preparation of Reagents; Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis of Biomolecules; Zoological Museum Maintenance; Routine Histological and Histochemical Techniques; in silico Statistical Methods using MS-Excel for basic calculations; and Titrimetric Methods.



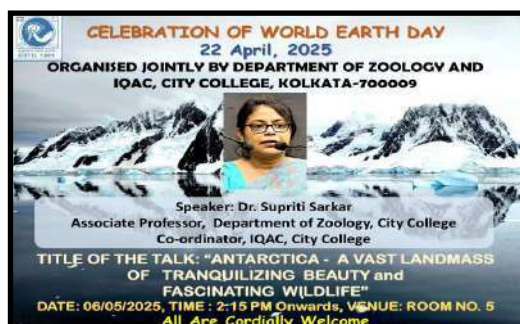
Seminar on “Antarctics - A Vast Landmass of Tranquilizing Beauty and Fascinating Wildlife”

A seminar titled “Antarctica – A Vast Landmass of Tranquilizing Beauty and Fascinating Wildlife” was organized by the Department of Zoology, City College, Kolkata, in collaboration with the IQAC on 6th May, 2025 to celebrate the World Earth Day (22nd April). The programme aimed to provide insights into the unique biodiversity, ecological significance, and experiential aspects of one of the most pristine regions on Earth.

The lecture was delivered by Dr. Supriti Sarkar, Associate Professor of Zoology and Coordinator of IQAC, City College, who served as the resource person. Having recently participated in an expedition to Antarctica, she shared her first-hand experiences, observations, and scientific insights with the audience.

Dr. Sarkar’s presentation vividly highlighted the serene beauty of the Antarctic landscape, its unique wildlife, and the challenges of conducting research in such extreme conditions. She also emphasized the importance of Antarctica in global climate regulation and the need for its conservation. Her narrative of the expedition, enriched with personal anecdotes and scientific perspectives, captivated both students and faculty members. The seminar witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and teachers across various departments. The interactive session that followed allowed participants to engage with the speaker and gain deeper understanding of Antarctic ecology and exploration.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the resource person and organizers for conducting such an informative and inspiring session.



Blood Donation Camp for Thalassaemic Children

In our society, a wide range of blood-related diseases exist in which patients require a continuous supply of blood throughout their lives. In addition, blood is essential during various emergency medical situations such as pregnancy, accidents, and other critical conditions. Blood is an invaluable biological resource that can neither be artificially manufactured nor stored for long periods.

The Department of Zoology, City College, Kolkata, in association with Birati Ichhedana Society, regularly organizes blood donation camps. One such camp was held at the Thalassemic Guardian Association on 14th September, 2025. The blood collected during the camp was provided to children suffering from thalassemia.

Many eligible volunteers, including current and former students, as well as young teaching and non-teaching staff of the college, donated blood with great enthusiasm. A considerable number of volunteers from different sections of society also participated in the camp on behalf of Ichhedana. To encourage participation in voluntary blood donation, children and young members of Ichhedana presented drama and musical performances.

Teachers of City College and members of Ichhedana also interacted with the children and young patients with thalassemia present at the camp to better understand their physical and emotional challenges. The camp concluded with a felicitation ceremony, during which each donor and patient was presented with flower plants and decorated cards prepared by the volunteers of Ichhedana.



Value-Added Course on Biostatistics

Organized by: Department of Zoology and IQAC

A 30-hours Value Added Course on Biostatistics was successfully conducted for the students of Semester VI Zoology (Honours) with the objective of strengthening their quantitative and analytical skills in biological research. The programme witnessed the participation of 25 students, including both in-house students from City College and participants from other colleges, reflecting its wider academic appeal.

The course was enriched by the presence of eminent academicians and experienced faculty members who served as resource persons. Distinguished experts such as Prof. (Dr.) Nirmal Kumar Sarkar, Prof. (Dr.) Biswatosh Sengupta, and Prof. (Dr.) Sumit Homechaudhuri delivered insightful lectures on fundamental and advanced aspects of biostatistics. They were ably supported by faculty members of the Department of Zoology—Dr. Supriti Sarkar, Dr. Debasish Karmakar, Dr. Arkadeep Mitra, Dr. Krishnendu Das, and Dr. Saiful Anam Mir—who conducted interactive sessions and practical demonstrations. Dr. Arkadeep Mitra, Assistant Professor of Dept. of Zoology, City College co-ordinated the course.

The course covered key topics including data collection, measures of central tendency and dispersion, hypothesis testing, correlation and regression analysis, and the application of statistical tools in biological research. Hands-on training and real-life data analysis exercises enabled students to develop practical competence in statistical software and interpretation of results.

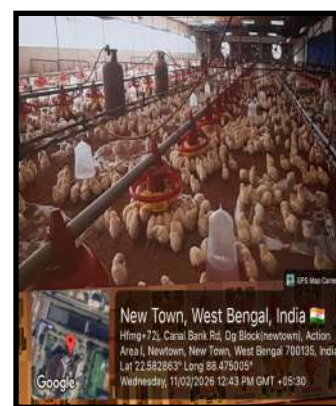
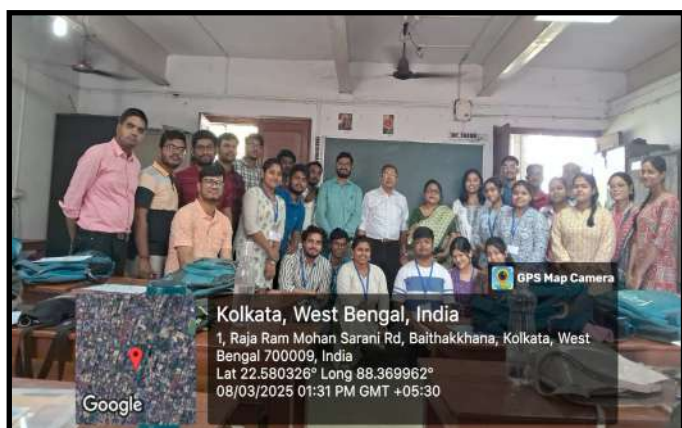
Overall, the programme proved to be highly beneficial, equipping students with essential skills required for higher studies and research. It also fostered critical thinking and enhanced their ability to analyze and present scientific data effectively.



Visit to 12th Kolkata International Poultry Fair

The students of Semester I Zoology (Major) participated in an educational visit to the 12th Kolkata International Poultry Fair as part of their experiential learning initiative. The visit aimed to provide practical exposure to the poultry industry, its management practices, and recent technological advancements. The students were accompanied and guided by faculty members of the Department of Zoology—Dr. Supriti Sarkar, Dr. Pramita Garai, and Ms. Dona Banerjee—who ensured a well-coordinated and informative experience throughout the program. The visit also enhanced students' understanding of the economic and scientific aspects of poultry farming, including sustainability and biosecurity measures. Exposure to live demonstrations and innovative technologies enriched their learning beyond the classroom.

Overall, the visit to the 12th Kolkata International Poultry Fair was highly beneficial and informative. It successfully bridged the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application, fostering curiosity and professional awareness among the students.



One-Day Webinar to celebrate "International Day for Biodiversity"

A one-day webinar was organized by the Department of Botany and the Department of Zoology, City College, Kolkata, in collaboration with the IQAC, to celebrate the International Day for Biodiversity on 22nd May. The programme aimed to raise awareness about the importance of biodiversity conservation and sustainable



practices.

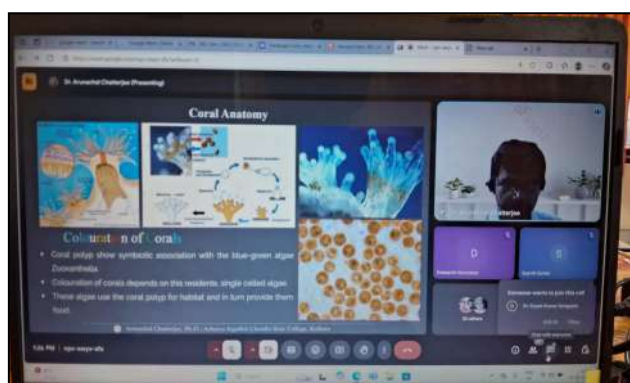
The webinar featured distinguished invited speakers. Dr. Sankharoop Ghoshal, Geospatial Data Scientist at Geminus Tech/Space Pvt. Ltd., Pune, delivered an insightful lecture on the application of geospatial technologies in biodiversity assessment and conservation. Dr. Arunachal Chatterjee, Assistant Professor and Head of the



Department of Zoology, AJC Bose College, Kolkata, spoke on contemporary issues and challenges in biodiversity conservation, emphasizing the role of education and research.

The programme also provided a platform for student participation. Snehasis Das and Snigdhabeb Sinha from Semester VI, Botany (Hons.), and Swarnadwip Mukherjee and Pijush Majhi from Semester VI, Zoology (Hons.),

presented their work, reflecting their academic engagement and awareness of biodiversity-related issues.



The webinar witnessed active participation from students and faculty members. The interactive sessions enriched the understanding of biodiversity conservation and encouraged critical thinking among participants.

The programme concluded successfully with a vote of thanks by Dr. Supriti Sarkar, Co-ordinator, IQAC, acknowledging the contributions of the speakers, organizers, and participants in making the event meaningful and informative.

Central Library

Half Day Lecture: "Open Educational Resources: An Overview"

The Half Day Lecture on "Open Educational Resources: An Overview" organized by the Central Library and Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of City College, Kolkata, on 25th April 2025, from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm at Room No. 6 (Ground Floor), proved to be a highly enriching academic event. The program was chaired by Prof. Krishnapada Majumder, Former Prabir Roychoudhury Chair Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Jadavpur University, with Dr. Tridib Chattopadhyay, Librarian, St. Paul's Cathedral Mission College, Kolkata, as the distinguished speaker, and coordinated by Dr. Anirban Manna, Associate Professor, Department of Bengali, City College. The lecture drew an enthusiastic audience of 121 students and 30 faculty members and non-teaching staff, reflecting the growing interest in Open Educational Resources (OER). The session began with a warm welcome ceremony, where dignitaries including the Principal of City College and the invited guests were greeted with potted Jasmine plants as tokens of respect. Dr. Anirban Manna skillfully anchored the proceedings, ensuring a smooth transition to the academic discussions. Prof. Majumder delivered an insightful address on the availability of OERs across websites, emphasizing their accessibility, diversity, and transformative potential in democratizing education. He highlighted how OERs empower both educators and learners by enabling free access, adaptation, and dissemination of knowledge, thereby fostering inclusivity and collaboration in academia. Following this, Dr. Tridib Chattopadhyay presented a comprehensive overview of OER, demystifying the concept for the audience. His lecture was marked by clarity and depth, as he explained the definition, scope, and practical applications of OER, stressing their role in reshaping traditional educational practices. With hands-on demonstrations, Dr. Chattopadhyay illustrated how OERs can be discovered, adapted, and integrated into

teaching and learning, making the session interactive and engaging. His passion and expertise resonated with the audience, who actively participated by taking notes and reflecting on the relevance of OER in their academic and professional contexts. The lecture not only broadened awareness about OER but also inspired participants to explore its potential in enhancing educational quality and accessibility. Overall, the event was a resounding success, leaving a lasting impression on the attendees and reinforcing City College's commitment to fostering innovative and inclusive educational practices.



Summer Internship 2025 on “Library automation and management with preservation & conservation”

The Summer Internship 2025 on “**Library automation and management with preservation & conservation**” at the Central Library, jointly organized by the City College Central Library and the Department of Economics, is a landmark initiative conducted under the framework of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Scheduled from 19th May 2025 to 16th June 2025, the program is designed to provide students with practical exposure to library science, resource management, and academic research, while simultaneously fostering interdisciplinary learning. The participants of this internship are Smt. Megha Das, student of Semester - IV, Department of Economics, and Mr. Soham Chatterjee, student of Semester- IV, Department of Economics, who will be guided and mentored by Sri Sandipan Das, Assistant Professor, Head of the Department of Economics and Dr. Nitai Raychoudhary, Librarian, Sri Sourav Kanti Das, Library Assistant. The internship curriculum is carefully structured to align with NEP 2020's emphasis on experiential learning, skill development, and holistic

education. The external expert of the summer internship was Sri Abhijit Kumar, Librarian (in-charge) of Rabindra Bharati University. Students will learn how to effectively use library resources, organize them systematically, and share knowledge with the wider community to contribute toward building a better society. Core training modules include basic cataloguing and classification techniques, the use of library automation software Koha, and methods of preserving old books for future reference. A special highlight of the program is a one-day educational visit to Rabindra Bharati University (RBU), which will broaden the participants' understanding of library practices in diverse institutional settings. By engaging in hands-on activities such as cataloguing, digital archiving, and resource-sharing, students will gain insights into the evolving role of libraries in academic and social development. The internship also emphasizes the importance of preservation and digitization, ensuring that valuable texts and rare collections remain accessible for future generations. Through workshops, interactive sessions, and collaborative projects, Mr. Soham Chatterjee and Smt. Megha Das will develop essential skills in teamwork, communication, and problem-solving, while also strengthening their academic foundation in economics and information management. The program culminates in presentations and reports, allowing participants to demonstrate their learning outcomes and contribute to the intellectual growth of City College. Ultimately, the Summer Internship 2025 embodies the vision of NEP 2020 by promoting interdisciplinary education, practical exposure, and community engagement, while reinforcing the Central Library's role as a dynamic hub of knowledge and innovation. It stands as a model initiative that not only nurtures academic excellence but also instills values of responsibility, collaboration, and lifelong learning in its participants.



বাংলা বিভাগ

রবীন্দ্র-জন্মজয়ন্তী-পালন ও বাংলা বিভাগীয় দেয়ালপত্রিকা 'প্রবাহ'-র শুভ উদ্বোধন

৮ মে, ২০২৫, সিটি কলেজ, কালচারাল অ্যাফেয়ার সাবকমিটি ও আই.কিউ.এ.সি.-র উদ্যোগে রবীন্দ্রনাথ ঠাকুরের জন্মদিন মহা সমারোহে পালিত হল। অনুষ্ঠানে শিক্ষক ও ছাত্রছাত্রীদের অনবদ্য



উপস্থাপনায় রবীন্দ্রনাথের গান, কবিতা-আবৃত্তি, নৃত্য ও প্রাসঙ্গিক বক্তব্যে 'রবির আলোয়' আলোকিত হল সিটি কলেজের ৬ নম্বর কক্ষ।

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অধ্যক্ষ ড. শীতলপ্রসাদ চট্টোপাধ্যায়। এই দেয়ালপত্রিকায় যার লেখা প্রথম প্রকাশ পেল আগামীতে হয়তো সে-ই একজন বড় লেখক হয়ে উঠবে।



নাট্য-বিষয়ক অনুসন্ধান : একটি ক্ষেত্রসমীক্ষা

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চব্বিশ পরগণার গোবরডাঙায় একটি ক্ষেত্রসমীক্ষা সংঘটিত হল। ক্ষেত্রসমীক্ষার বিষয় ছিল : "নাট্য-বিষয়ক অনুসন্ধান"। ৩০ জন ছাত্রছাত্রী এই ক্ষেত্রসমীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণ করেছিল। শিক্ষকদের মধ্যে উপস্থিত ছিলেন শ্রী বিপুল মণ্ডল, শ্রীমতি মামণি মণ্ডল, ড. অরুণাভ দাস এবং বিভাগীয় প্রধান ড. অনিবার্ণ মান্না। ছাত্রছাত্রীরা প্রথমে প্রখ্যাত নাট্যব্যক্তিত্ব, বাংলা নাট্য আকাদেমির অন্যতম সদস্য শ্রী আশিস চট্টোপাধ্যায়ের কাছে যায়। তাঁর স্বপ্নের নির্মাণ "গোবরডাঙা শিল্পায়ন স্টুডিও থিয়েটারে" গিয়ে শ্রী চট্টোপাধ্যায়ের সঙ্গে ছাত্রছাত্রীরা নাটকের নানা প্রসঙ্গ নিয়ে স্বতঃস্ফূর্ত আলোচনায় অংশগ্রহণ করে। মননশীলতায় ঋদ্ধ এই আলোচনায় সাম্প্রতিক নাটকের গতিপ্রকৃতির পাশাপাশি মহানগরের সমান্তরালে মফস্বলের নাটকের অবস্থান কেমন, তার সুবিধা-অসুবিধার প্রসঙ্গও উঠে আসে। পরবর্তীতে প্রকৃতির নিবিড় সান্নিধ্যে মধ্যাহ্নভোজন সম্পন্ন হয়। এই শিক্ষামূলক ভ্রমণ নিশ্চিতভাবে ছাত্রছাত্রীদের প্রথাগত শিক্ষাভারের ধারাকে প্রভাবিত করে তাদেরকে আরো বেশি উৎসাহিত করবে।



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২১ ফেব্রুয়ারী— ২০২৬, সিটি কলেজ, বাংলা বিভাগের
সুললিত আয়োজনে পালিত হল আন্তর্জাতিক মাতৃভাষা



দিবস। প্রদীপ প্রজ্জ্বলনের মাধ্যমে অনুষ্ঠানের শুভ সূচনা করেন সম্মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ ড. শীতলপ্রসাদ চট্টোপাধ্যায়। উপস্থিত ছিলেন বিভিন্ন বিভাগীয় শিক্ষক-শিক্ষিক, শিক্ষাকর্মীবন্ধুরা এবং অন্যতম ছাত্র-প্রতিনিধি অজিত সরকার। বাংলা বিভাগ-সহ অন্যান্য বিভাগের ছাত্রছাত্রীদেরও গান, আবৃত্তি, নাচ, মননশীল বক্তব্য ইত্যাদির প্রাণবন্ত উপস্থাপনায় আকর্ষণীয় হয়ে ওঠে অনুষ্ঠানটি। উদ্বোধনী সংগীত পরিবেশন করে বাংলা বিভাগেরই ছাত্রী রীচা মণ্ডল। ড. দেবাশিস সরদার, শ্রী বিপুল মণ্ডলের বক্তব্যে অমর একুশের প্রাসঙ্গিকতার বিষয়টি আলোকিত হয়। ড. পল্লব সরকার বিভিন্ন দৃষ্টান্ত-সহযোগে বাংলা ভাষার ঐশ্বর্যময় দিকটিকে তুলে ধরেন। স্বরচিত কবিতা পাঠ করেন শ্রী অসিত ভট্টাচার্য। বাংলা ভাষার অস্মিতা-সম্পর্কিত গানে নৃত্য পরিবেশন করে অনুষ্ঠানে উপস্থিত দর্শকদের মন জয় করে নেয় দুই ছাত্রী-ঐশ্বর্য মাল্লা এবং সুপর্ণা মণ্ডল। সিটি কলেজেরই ছাত্রছাত্রী-অমৃতা সরকার, শুভ্রজিৎ বর্মণ, বিনীত সেনগুপ্তের গানে অনুষ্ঠানটি অনোন্যসাধারণ হয়ে ওঠে। বাদ্যযন্ত্র সহযোগিতায় সোহম চ্যাটার্জী অনবদ্য।



আবৃত্তি পরিবেশন করে বাংলা বিভাগের প্রাক্তন ছাত্র রাজ ঘোষ। সুশান্ত ঘোষেরও কর্ণে ধ্বনিত হয়ে বাংলা ভাষার রিক্তা। অনুষ্ঠানের অন্তিমের এসে অধ্যাপক প্রমিতা গরাই এবং সইফুল আনম মীরের গানে মুগ্ধ হয়ে ওঠে উপস্থিত শিক্ষক ও ছাত্রছাত্রীদের মন। শিক্ষক-শিক্ষাকর্মী-শিক্ষার্থীর গৌরবময় উপস্থিতিতে আলোকিত সামগ্রিক অনুষ্ঠানটির সঞ্চালনায় ছিলেন বাংলা বিভাগের বিভাগীয় প্রধান ড. অনিবার্ণ মাল্লা।

মাতৃভাষার প্রতি সম্মাননা-স্তোত্ৰ আপন সত্তা এবং স্বাভিমানকে শ্রদ্ধা জানানো। সমান্তরালে একটি পবিত্র



সাংস্কৃতিক পরিমণ্ডলের মধ্য দিয়ে ছাত্রছাত্রীরা নিজের প্রতিভাকে আবিষ্কার করে নেবে। পুঁথিগত শিক্ষার বাইরে বেরিয়ে এই জাতীয় অনুশীলন একটি শিক্ষাপ্রতিষ্ঠানকে নিঃসন্দ্বিহানভাবে স্বমহিমায় প্রতিষ্ঠিত করে-নিশ্চিতভাবে বলা যায়।

Parent Teacher Meeting at City College

Department of Bengali—09.01.2026

On 9th January 2026, the Bengali Department of City College organized a special meeting that brought together Semester - I to VI all students' of Bengali department of City College (Honours and General) their guardians, and esteemed faculty members including Dr. Sheetal Prasad Chattopadhyay, Dr. Anirban Manna, and others. The gathering aimed to strengthen the bond between teachers, learners, and families by discussing academic progress, challenges, and future opportunities. Students actively shared their experiences, while guardians expressed their perspectives, creating a meaningful dialogue that enriched mutual understanding. The professors offered valuable guidance on both academic and personal development, emphasizing discipline, creativity, and responsibility as key pillars of success. The program concluded with an engaging question-and-answer session, where participants clarified doubts and received thoughtful advice. At the end, a powerful motto was shared for the future of all students: **"Knowledge with character builds destiny."** This inspiring message left a lasting impression, motivating everyone to strive for excellence with integrity and determination.



Department of Commerce—07.01.2025

The Department of Commerce at City College, Kolkata, organized a Parents-Teachers Meeting (PTM) on January 7, 2025, with the aim of strengthening academic communication and collaboration among faculty, students, and guardians. The meeting was specifically arranged for students enrolled in B.Com Honours and B. Com General programmes under Semester I and Semester III. The primary objectives were to inform parents about their wards' academic performance and attendance, explain the examination pattern and internal assessment criteria under the CBCS/NEP framework, address individual concerns, and reinforce discipline norms and counselling provisions.

The proceedings began at 11:40 AM in Room No. 5, where faculty members collectively addressed students and guardians, providing a detailed orientation on semester-wise requirements, the importance of attendance, and internal evaluation components. Queries regarding subject choices, practicals, and project work were clarified. Simultaneously, the Commerce IT Department computer lab facilitated smaller group discussions and one-on-one consultations, where performance records, attendance sheets, and feedback forms were reviewed. Faculty members patiently listened to parents' concerns and provided guidance, while guardians expressed satisfaction with the initiative. Photographic documentation of the event was undertaken, with geo-tagged and time-stamped images capturing key moments of the meeting. The PTM concluded with several resolutions: faculty will maintain regular communication with parents through notice boards and digital channels; students with attendance shortfalls will be counselled with guardians informed; periodic workshops and remedial classes will be organized for academic support; and parents were encouraged to actively engage with the academic calendar and examination schedule. Overall, the meeting reinforced the college's commitment to transparency, accountability, and collaborative academic progress, ensuring that students receive both institutional support and parental involvement in their educational journey.



NAAC Peer Team visit (2nd Cycle)

12/09/2024 & 13/09/2024

After a prolonged gap of 17 years, including 12 years beyond the validity of its previous NAAC accreditation, City College, Kolkata underwent its second cycle of assessment when the NAAC Peer Team visited the institution on 12th and 13th September 2024. This visit marked a significant milestone for the College, providing an opportunity to evaluate its academic, administrative, and infrastructural progress over an extended period. Established in 1881, the institution continues to uphold its legacy as one of the oldest and reputed Colleges in West Bengal, benefiting from its strategic location in the heart of Kolkata and its longstanding commitment to higher education. The College currently operates with 15 departments, offers 14 academic programmes, and serves over 2400 students with the support of 74 faculty members.

The Peer Team observed that the College has maintained a structured and systematic approach to curriculum planning and delivery. Academic activities are conducted in accordance with a well-prepared academic calendar aligned with the affiliating university, ensuring timely completion of syllabi. Teaching methodologies have evolved to include both traditional and digital modes, with the institution demonstrating adaptability during the pandemic through the use of online platforms. Continuous internal assessment, mentorship, and remedial classes contribute to a supportive academic environment, particularly benefiting slow learners. Feedback from stakeholders is regularly collected and reviewed, reflecting a commitment to quality enhancement. However, the College faces inherent limitations in curricular flexibility due to its affiliation, which restricts the integration of interdisciplinary and emerging themes within the formal curriculum. Participation in certificate courses and online learning platforms remains limited, indicating scope for further academic enrichment.

In the domain of teaching-learning and evaluation, the College adopts student-centric approaches such as experiential learning, fieldwork, laboratory-based

instruction, and participative activities including seminars and workshops. The availability of ICT-enabled tools and access to digital resources supports an engaging learning environment. The faculty profile is strong, with a high percentage of qualified teachers contributing to academic delivery. Nevertheless, the institution faces challenges in achieving optimal student enrollment, as a considerable gap exists between sanctioned and filled seats. Additionally, the evaluation system is largely governed by the affiliating university, limiting institutional autonomy in assessment processes and grievance redressal. Despite these constraints, the College has established a transparent internal evaluation mechanism and continues to strive for improvement in learning outcomes.

The institution has shown a growing interest in research, innovation, and extension activities. Over the past five years, it has mobilized moderate research funding and conducted several workshops and seminars, including those focusing on research methodology and intellectual property rights. The establishment of an IPR cell and efforts toward creating an innovation ecosystem are noteworthy, although the scale and impact of these initiatives require further expansion. Research output, while present, remains modest, and there is potential for increased publication and patent activity. The College demonstrates a strong sense of social responsibility through extension activities such as blood donation camps, disaster relief, and community engagement programmes organized by its Social Service Cell. However, the absence of formal NSS or NCC units suggests an area where institutional outreach can be further structured and strengthened.

The infrastructure and learning resources of the College are generally adequate to support its academic programmes. The institution has a substantial number of classrooms and laboratories equipped with essential teaching and research instruments. The central library, with its extensive collection and digital integration through systems like KOHA and access to national digital resources, serves as a vital academic asset. At the same time, the Peer Team noted the need for modernization of infrastructure, particularly in terms of

increasing the number of smart classrooms and expanding ICT facilities across departments. The student-to-computer ratio indicates limited access to computing resources, and further investment in technology would enhance the overall learning experience. While the College has made efforts to maintain and upgrade its facilities, continued attention to infrastructure development remains necessary.

Student support mechanisms at the College are commendable, particularly in terms of financial assistance through scholarships and freeships, benefiting a significant proportion of students. The institution also encourages participation in sports and cultural activities, with students achieving recognition at various levels. However, the rate of progression to higher education and employment remains relatively low, highlighting the need for more robust career guidance and placement services. While systems for grievance redressal and student welfare are in place, further strengthening of these mechanisms would enhance student confidence and institutional effectiveness.

The governance and management of the College reflect a participatory and transparent approach aligned with its vision and mission. The leadership fosters decentralization and encourages involvement of stakeholders in decision-making processes. The Internal Quality Assurance Cell plays a crucial role in monitoring academic and administrative functions and promoting continuous improvement. Financial management practices are sound, with regular audits ensuring accountability and optimal utilization of resources. The institution has also taken steps toward implementing e-governance and aligning with the National Education Policy. However, there is scope for improving communication across different levels of administration, expanding industry collaborations, and scaling innovative academic initiatives.

The institutional values and best practices of the College emphasize inclusivity, gender equity, environmental sustainability, and social responsibility. Measures such as the functioning of the Internal Complaints Committee, gender sensitization programmes, and

provision of facilities for female students contribute to a safe and equitable campus environment. Environmental initiatives, including green practices and energy audits, reflect the institution's commitment to sustainability. The College actively promotes cultural harmony and civic responsibility through various outreach and awareness programmes. Despite these strengths, financial constraints limit the expansion of such initiatives on a larger scale.

Overall, the Peer Team recognized City College as a historically significant institution with strong academic foundations, experienced faculty, and a commitment to student development and community engagement. At the same time, it identified key areas requiring attention, including enhancement of ICT infrastructure, improvement in student enrollment and progression, expansion of research activities, and strengthening of industry and alumni linkages. Addressing these challenges while leveraging existing strengths and opportunities will enable the institution to further enhance its quality and relevance in the evolving landscape of higher education.





Teachers' Council Corner

The Teachers' Council continued to play an active role in fostering academic coordination and collegial interaction among faculty members. During the period November 2025 – March 2026, several activities and meetings were organized under the initiative of the Teachers' Council.

Activities During the Period: Teachers' Council Meeting, A meeting of the Teachers' Council was held on 20 November 2025 (Thursday) from 2:00 PM onwards in Room No. 16. Various academic and administrative matters related to the functioning of the college were discussed.

Teachers' Council Get-Together: A get-together of present and retired teachers was organized on 9th December 2025 (Tuesday) in Room No. 17 from 1:00 PM onwards. The event witnessed the participation of around 100 members. The gathering provided an excellent opportunity for interaction between current and former faculty members and strengthened the sense of community within the institution.



Farewell Programme: A farewell programme was organized on 23 December 2025 (Tuesday) in Room No. 16 from 2:00 PM onwards to honour two esteemed teachers—Prof. Siddhartha Majumdar (Department of



Economics) and Dr. Sharmila Ray (Department of History). Faculty members shared their experiences and expressed their appreciation for the valuable contributions made by the departing colleagues.

Annual Picnic of City College Teachers' Council: The annual picnic of the Teachers' Council was held on 6 January 2026 at Bhaumic Picnic Garden, Badu, Madhyamgram. A total of 45 members participated in the event. The picnic provided a refreshing break from rou-



tine academic activities and encouraged informal interaction among colleagues.

Teachers' Council Meeting: Another meeting of the Teachers' Council was held on 16th February 2026 (Monday) from 1:00 PM onwards in Room No. 16, where members deliberated on important academic and institutional matters.

Faculty Achievements:

- ◆ Shri Tularam Singha has been appointed as the new Coordinator of NCC, City College.
- ◆ Dr. Kausik Mukhopadhyay and Dr. Aditya Kant Ghishing have been elected as Teachers' Representatives to the Governing Body of the college.
- ◆ A mutual transfer between Dr. Biswajit Panda, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, City College, Kolkata, and Dr. Md. Yousuf, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, Ramnagar College, Purba Medinipur, has taken place.

Secretary's Note: The Teachers' Council remains committed to fostering academic cooperation and a sense of collegiality among faculty members. During the past quarter, the Council organized meetings as well as several community-oriented activities, including a get-together with retired teachers, a farewell programme for esteemed colleagues, and the annual Teachers' Council picnic. These initiatives provided valuable opportunities for interaction and strengthened the spirit of unity within the institution.



Students' achievements

Acharya Prafulla Chandra Ray Memorial Chemistry Olympiad 2.0

Smt. Rupsa Maity, Sri Arko Bhattacharya and Sri Debayan Rana, students of Semester II of the Department of Chemistry in the Acharya Prafulla Chandra Ray Memorial Chemistry Olympiad 2.0 organized by Sister Nivedita University and coordinated by Indian Chemical Council at the campus of Sister Nivedita University on 28th and 29th July, 2025 and secured 3rd position. The problem of the Olympiad was "Textile industries discharge toxic dye effluent into water bodies". Their Innovative Idea: Fenton reaction and CFA - Activated charcoal ceramic UF membrane. The students have been awarded with medal and a cash prize of Rs. 6000/-

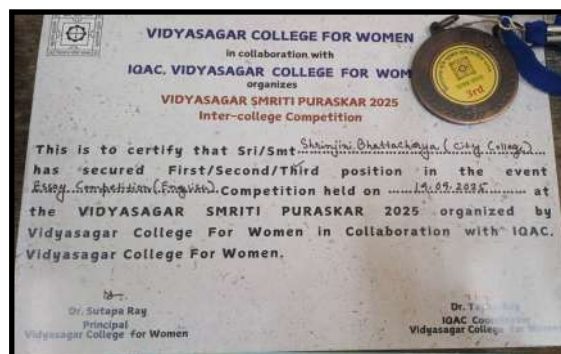


International Seminar and Poster Competition – “Frontiers of Chemistry: Redefining Molecules, Redesigning the Future”

Sri Debayan Rana, Semester—III, a student of the Department of Chemistry participated in the International Seminar and Poster Competition – “Frontiers of Chemistry: Redefining Molecules, Redesigning the Future” organized by the Department of Chemistry, New Alipore College, Kolkata on 10.12.2025. The topic was “Salt Water Dissolve Bioplastic.”

An essay competition, Vidyasagar College for women

Shrinjini Bhattacharya, Semester—I, Major student of Political Science Department, has secured third place in an essay competition at the Vidyasagar Smriti Puraskar, organized by Vidyasagar College for women on 19.9.2025.



Activity of Women's Cell—06.08.2025

On 6th August 2025, the Women's Cell of City College, Kolkata, in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and supported by Whisper and Venus (P & G India), organized a significant awareness programme titled “*SELENA – A Menstrual Hygiene and Feminine Wellness Session for Female Students.*” The event was conducted in Room No. 6 of City College from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM and was attended by 71 female students and 20 teachers, making it a well-represented gathering of both learners and educators. The purpose of the seminar was to raise awareness about menstrual hygiene, promote healthy practices, and empower young women with knowledge that is often overlooked in traditional educational settings. The session began with an inaugural speech by the honorable Principal, Dr. Sital Prasad Chattopadhyay, who emphasized the importance of such initiatives in breaking social taboos and ensuring that students are equipped with the right information to safeguard their health. His words set the tone for the programme, highlighting the role of the institution in fostering holistic development beyond academics. Following the inauguration, representatives from Whisper and Venus (P & G India) delivered a detailed presentation that covered essential aspects of menstrual hygiene, including the use of sanitary products, the importance of maintaining cleanliness during menstruation, and dispelling common myths associated with the subject. The presentation was interactive, encouraging students to ask questions and share their experiences, thereby creating a safe and supportive environment for dialogue.

Informative materials were distributed to participants, ensuring that the knowledge imparted during the session could be carried forward and shared with peers and family members. Teachers present at the event played a crucial role in motivating students to engage actively, reinforcing the message that menstrual health is not just a personal concern but a collective responsibility. The session concluded with a Vote of Thanks, acknowledging the contributions of the Principal, the organizers, the collaborating partners, and the participants whose involvement made the programme a success. The Women's Cell and IQAC ensured that the event was not only educational but also empowering, instilling confidence in students to manage their menstrual health with dignity and awareness. By addressing a topic often shrouded in silence, the programme marked a progressive step in normalizing conversations around menstruation and feminine wellness. The collaboration with Whisper and Venus added practical value, bridging the gap between awareness and accessible solutions. Overall, the activity of the Women's Cell on 06.08.2025 stood as a testament to City College's commitment to student welfare, gender sensitivity, and holistic education. It left a lasting impact on the participants, who expressed that the session helped them gain clarity, confidence, and a sense of responsibility toward their own health and that of others. This initiative will undoubtedly be remembered as a milestone in the college's journey of promoting wellness and empowerment among its female students.

City College Placement Highlights – 2025

Every year, City College organizes campus placement drives to connect students with reputed organizations. This year, Pushpa Jewellers Ltd. visited the campus on 16th May 2025 and, after a thorough selection process, hired 3 students from the Commerce Department for key roles in the Human Resources and Accounts departments.

The Training and Placement Cell proudly recognizes their hard work, dedication, and strong academic performance, which helped them secure these valuable opportunities.

PLACED STUDENTS:

1. Preeti Chowdhury

Role: HR Recruiter

Department: B.Com (Honours), Semester: VI (CBCS)

Year of Passing: 2025

2. Sunita Das

Role: Jr. Accountant

Department: B.Com (General), Semester: VI (CBCS)

Year of Passing: 2025

3. Debasish Sardar

Role: Jr. Accountant

Department: B.Com (Honours), Semester: VI (CBCS)

Year of Passing: 2025

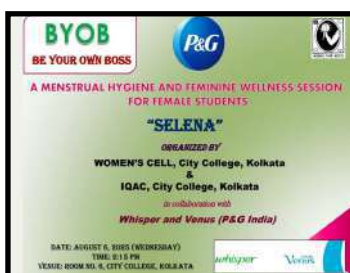


Participation of Faculty Induction Programme organized by UGC and MMTTC

1. **Dr. Ayan Mitra**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Physics, Dr. Abu Hasan Sonai Abdul Jabbar Sheikh, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Commerce and Dr. Pramita Gorai, Dept of Zoology participated in the 24th On-line FIP at Aligarh Muslim University during 02.07.2025—30.07.2025.

2. **Dr. Sanghamitra Pal**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Physiology and Dr. Sugata Das Kumar, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Physiology and Dr. Sachina Yonzone, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Botany participated at Iswar Saran P. G. College, Prayagraj during 21.11.25—20.12.25.

3. **Dr. Arunava Das**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Bengali and Dr. Mamani Mondal, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Bengali participated in the 20th FIP at North Bengal University during 16.02.2026—16.03.2026



Retirement

Retirement Tribute to Sri Anupam Roychowdhury



City College bid farewell to **Sri Anupam Roychowdhury**, Head Clerk (Acting) and Cashier, who retired on 31st January 2026 after thirty-five years of service. Two programmes were held—on 28th January by the NTS Farewell Committee and on 31st January by the Teachers' Council—attended by the Principal, Vice Principal, faculty, staff, and retired colleagues, making the gatherings heartfelt and memorable.

Mr. Roychowdhury recalled joining on 2nd January,



1990 as Group-C staff in Accounts under Principal Dr. Priyotosh Ray, Vice Principal Prof.

Gobindo Chandra Saha, and Librarian Sri Amrendra Nath Bhattacharya, who were on his interview board. On 16th April 1994, he became permanent Cashier, serving during a time when the college was crowded with students and more than a hundred non-teaching staff, creating a vibrant, bustling office atmosphere. In 2018, he assumed duties as Head Clerk, continuing his



service with sincerity and dedication.

As he bid farewell, Mr. Roychowdhury expressed gratitude for the support and camaraderie he enjoyed throughout his career. City College extended warm wishes for his retired life, hoping it will be healthy, peaceful, and fulfilling. His departure marked the end of an era, but his legacy of loyalty, dedication, and humanity will remain etched in the institution's history, inspiring future generations.

Promotion



Sri Subrata Das, write few words on my journey with City College, has been nothing short of remarkable, filled with memories that continue to inspire me every day. I first stepped into the college in 1990 as a young student of Class 11 in the Arts department, full of dreams and curiosity. Those formative years shaped my outlook on life, and by 1993, I proudly completed my graduation degree from this very institution. Destiny had more in store for me here, and on 16th June 1996, I was fortunate enough to begin my professional career as an office clerk at City College. I still vividly recall the moment when the then Principal, Prof. Govind Chandra Saha, acknowledged my appointment and encouraged me to embrace this new responsibility. Over the years, the college became more than just a workplace—it became my second home, a place where I grew both personally and professionally. Each corridor, classroom, and office space holds countless memories of my journey, from the nervous excitement of my student days to the steady dedication of my service as a staff member. Recently, on 1st March 2026, I was promoted to the position of Head Clerk (Acting), a milestone that fills me with immense pride and gratitude. The present Principal of City College congratulated me warmly, reminding me once again of the strong bond I share with this institution. As I look back, the first days of my journey remain crystal clear in my mind, as if they happened just yesterday. City College has been the foundation of my education, the platform of my career, and the guiding light of my achievements. *We congratulate Mr. Das, for his job achievement.*



Sri Kalpataru Nayek has had a remarkable journey of dedication and growth within the organization. He first joined on 3rd April 1995 as part of the NTS staff group, where he began laying the foundation of his career with sincerity and hard work. Over the years, his commitment and reliability earned him a permanent position on 19th October 2012 as an Electrician cum Caretaker, a role in which he consistently demonstrated technical skill, responsibility, and loyalty to the institution. His steady performance and unwavering service have now been recognized with a significant career milestone. On 1st February 2026, he was promoted to the position of Cashier (Acting), a role that reflects both his competence and the trust placed in him by the management. This promotion is not only a testament to his perseverance and professionalism but also an inspiration to his colleagues, showing how dedication and integrity lead to well-deserved success. *We congratulate Mr. Nayek, for his job achievement.*

New Recruitments

On 16.01.2026, **Dr. Md. Yousuf** joined as Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemistry at City College, Kolkata. Previously, he served as an Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Ramnagar College, Purba Medinipur, West Bengal.

Dr. Md. Yousuf joined City College as Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry with the mutual transfer between Dr. Biswajit Panda, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, City College, Kolkata.

On 13.03.2026, **Dr. Sutanuva Mandal** joined as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemistry at City College, Kolkata on general transfer from the Department of Higher Education. Previously, she served as an Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, Banwarilal Bhalotia College, Asansol West Bengal during 20.07.2015 to 12.03.2026.

On 19.03.2026 **Sri Samik Dasgupta** joined as an Assistant Professor in the Department of English on general transfer system from the Department of Higher Education. Sri Samik Dasgupta previously served as Assistant Professor at Ananda Chandra College, Jalpaiguri.

On 24.03.2026 **Dr. Piyali Dan** joined as an Assistant Professor in the Department of History on general transfer system from the Department of Higher Education. Dr. Dan previously served as Assistant Professor at Hazi A.K. Khan College, Murshibad.

Personalia

Dr. Anirban Manna, achieved D. Litt Degree

Dr. Anirban Manna, Associate Professor of Dept. of Bengali, City College, Kolkata has been awarded **Doctor of Literature degree (D.Litt.)** by **Ranchi University**, Ranchi - 834001, Jharkhand, India for his thesis entitled "নারায়ণ গঙ্গোপাধ্যায় : জীবন ও সাহিত্য". Dr. Anirban Manna has pursued his research work under the supervision of Dr. Subrata Kumar Pal, former. Professor, Ranchi University, Ranchi, Jharkhand. Dr. Anirban Manna, received D. Litt degree from Hon'ble



Governor Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar at the 38th convocation ceremony of Ranchi University on 07.03.2025. *We congratulate Dr. Manna, for his achievement.*

Dr. Masur Rahaman Sardar awarded Ph.D. Degree

Dr. Masiur Rahaman Sardar, Assistant professor, Dept. of Mathematics received Ph.D. Certificate from the hands of Honourable Governor, West Bengal, R. N. Ravi (Chancellor of Calcutta University) and Vice-chancellor Prof. Ashutosh Ghosh of Calcutta University at the Convocation 2026 held on 23.03.2026. The title of the Thesis "A Study of implication operators in various algebras and corresponding logics" under the supervision and guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Mihir Kumar Chakraborty, Dept. of Pure Mathematics, CU. *We congratulate Dr. Sardar for his achievement.*

Dr. Rituparna Das, awarded Ph.D. Degree

Dr. Rituparna Das, Assistant Professor, Department of English, received Ph.D. Certificate from the hands of Honourable Governor, West Bengal, R. N. Ravi (Chancellor of Calcutta University) and Vice-chancellor Prof. Ashutosh Ghosh of Calcutta University at the Convocation 2026 held on 23.03.2026. The title of the thesis "Developing Effective ESL Writing Skills for the Students at Secondary Level in Bengali Medium Schools affiliated to West Bengal Board of Secondary Education" under the supervision and guidance of Prof. Tanmay Ghosh, Dept. of English, CU. *We congratulate Dr. Das for her achievement.*

Dr. Subhadeep Roy awarded Ph.D. Degree

Dr. Subhadeep Roy, State Aided College Teacher (SACT-II) received Ph.D. Certificate from the hands of Honourable Governor, West Bengal, R. N. Ravi (Chancellor of Calcutta University) and Vice-chancellor Prof. Ashutosh Ghosh of Calcutta University at the Convocation 2026 held on 23.03.2026. The title of the thesis "dvaite Tu Vidhir Neti." under the supervision and guidance of Prof. Dr. Sipra Chakravarti, Department of Sanskrit, CU. *We congratulate Dr. Roy for his achievement.*

Dr. Tufan Giri awarded Ph.D. Degree

Dr. Tufan Giri, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy has been awarded Ph.D. on successfully completing his Ph.D. on 13.06.2025 from Vidyasagar University, marking a significant academic milestone. The title of the thesis "ACINTYABHEDĀBHEDAVĀDA

Obituary



21 Feb 1947 – 22 Dec 2025

Dr. Modak passed Higher Secondary Examination with distinction in the year 1965 and admitted in Chemistry Honours at this college. He graduated in the year 1968 from CU. He worked on Applied Chemistry.

His life was defined by knowledge, integrity, and service to humanity. A proud MSc and PhD holder, he was deeply committed to his field and to the success of his students, always striving to guide and uplift those around him. He believed in the power of education and lived his life with honesty, discipline, and a strong sense of purpose.

Beyond his academic accomplishments, he was a compassionate and selfless individual who found true fulfillment in helping others. He will be profoundly missed, but his legacy of learning, kindness, and service will continue to inspire all who knew him.

Dr. Modak was an alumnus of City College and retired from service in February, 2007. We express our deep condolence to the beloved family members

Award

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**Outstanding Paper Award in the discipline Zoology
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AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PAPER PRESENTATION

Dr. Biswajit Panda, Assistant Professor, Department of chemistry received "***Outstanding Presenter Award***" in The Regional Science & Technology Congress (Region -3), organised by Department of Science, Technology and Biotechnology (DSTBT), Govt. of West Bengal. Held on 20-21 January 2026. Dr. Panda joined at Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Ramnagar College, Purba Medinipur, West Bengal.



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