

Principal's Message

Maharaja Bir Bikram College, being the premier seat of Higher Education in the State, has been breaking grounds in academic and non-academic fields for decades. The newsletter coming out from this college, is a fair indicator of that continuation of ceaseless efforts towards perfection. A plethora of activities, ranging from conducting international Seminar to publishing books and research-papers apart from various social and sporting endeavours reinforce that enviable position that this college holds. Moreover, the college has been, over the years, an abode of perfect peace and harmony, a melting-pot of mixed cultures and it is steadfast to retain that oneness amid many. Having reaffirmed that oath, I expect to see similar and much more activities in the college in the days to come. I also hereby congratulate all those who brought out this newsletter and the concerned who made it see the daylight.



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International Seminar

The Bengali Department of MBB College organised a three days UGC sponsored International Seminar, titled "20th Century Bengali Drama with special reference to Bijan Bhattacharya" on 26th, 27th, and 28th of November, 2016. The Seminar was inaugurated by the Finance Minister, Sri Bhanulal Saha and Dr. Dilip Sarkar, the Principal of the college presided the function. The eminent theatre artist and professor Dr. Ashoke Kr. Mukhopadhyay delivered the keynote address. Eminent personalities like Dr. Safiunnabi Samadi, Prof., Dept. of Bengali, Rajshahi University, Bangladesh and Dr. Bhishmadev Choudhury, Prof., Dept. of Bengali at Dhaka University, Bangladesh, were present at the Seminar as resource persons. About 52 research scholars and professors as well as the students of the Bengali Department presented papers at the Seminar.



NAAC Accreditation

The NAAC Peer Team had a three day visit to the college from 3rd to 5th August, 2016. The Executive Committee of the NAAC on the recommendation of the duly appointed Peer Team accredited the college on Sept. 16, 2016 with CGPA of 2.55 on seven point scale of B+ grade which is valid upto September 13, 2021.



Meet the Scientist

The Tripura State Council for Science & Technology jointly with Indian Association of Physics Teachers (IAPT) Regional Council, Tripura organised "Meet the Scientist" programme at Department of Physics, MBB College, Agartala on 27th January, 2017. Professor H.C. Pradhan, an Eminent Physicist and Former Director of Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education, TIFR, Mumbai was the keynote speaker in the programme and he spoke on thermodynamics, Quantum Mechanics, Nuclear Physics, Career Opportunities, etc.



Felicitations

A felicitation program was organized in a befitting manner on 27th April, 2017, in Rabindra Hall, MBB College. Eight (08) teaching and non-teaching staff of the College were felicitated at the program. The teaching staff include Dr. Samir Kr. Nag, Assoc. Prof., Dr. Samita Gupta, Assoc. Prof. and Dr. Tapan Kr. Som, PGT. The non-teaching staff include Sri Swapan Majumder, PA, Sri Sankar Lal Chakraborty, UDC, Sri Sankar Shyam Chakraborty, Sorter, Smt. Saraswati Banik, Library Assistant and Smt. Swapna Rani Deb, Group D.



Workshop & Awareness Programs

Anti-Tobacco Awareness Programme: Anti-Tobacco awareness programme was conducted at the MBB Central Library by the District Level Medical Office, Dhaleswar, West Tripura on 28th March, 2017. Among other members of the team Dr. Goutam Debnath, Chief Medical Officer demonstrated the different lethal effects of tobacco on human health & longevity. Mr. Pranoy Debbarma, District Programme Manager & Smt. Kabita Ghosh, Psychologist also addressed the same issue from their own perspectives.

An Illuminating Seminar on "Ambedkar's Retrospective; Pressing Problems of the Under Privileged Sections of the Indian Society" was jointly organized by the Dept. of Political Science, Economics and Sociology on 28th July, 2017. The Seminar was sponsored by the Department of SC & ST Welfare, Govt. of Tripura. The speakers of the Seminar were Dr. Dilip Sarkar, Principal, MBB College, Smt. Basana Talukdar, HOD, Dept. of Political Science, Dr. Umasankar Roy, Assoc. Prof., Dept. of Political Science & Dr. Souvik Bagchi, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Bengali. The welcome speech was delivered by Sri. Tapes Ranjan Chakraborty, HOD, Dept. of Economics and vote of thanks was given by Dr. Tripti Majumder, HOD, Dept. of Geography.



Programme on Fulbright - Nehru Master's Fellowship: Dr. Sudarshan Das on February, 2017 visited the college to apprise its teachers on different aspects & prospects of Fulbright-Nehru Master's Fellowship. The Programme was organised by the Dept. of Sociology. The Master's Fellowships are designed for outstanding Indians residing in India to pursue a master's degree program at selected US colleges and universities. The fellowships are for one to two years.



Talk: A popular talk on "Why be Moral?" was organized in the Dept. of Philosophy, MBB College on 21st February, 2017 and the lecture was delivered by Dr. Nirmalya Narayan Chakraborty, Assoc. Prof., Dept. of Philosophy, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata.

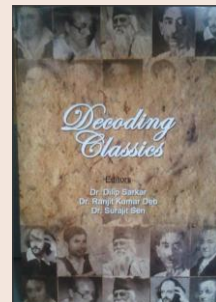


A Workshop on Statistical Data Analysis was held on 21st to 25th Nov, 2016 at Dept of Statistics, MBB College, Agartala. It was conducted by Applied Statistics Unit, ISI, Kolkata and was attended by 25 participants. The resource persons were from ASU, ISI, Kolkata.



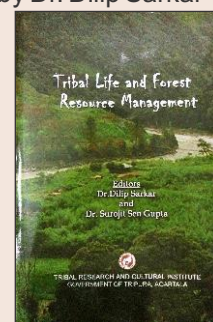
Book Release

An edited book by Dr. Dilip Sarkar, Dr. Ranjit Kr. Deb and Dr. Surajit Sen "Decoding Classic" was published by Akshar Publication on 20th Feb, 2017. The book was released in the presence of Hon'ble C.M. Sri Manik Sarkar, Hon'ble Cultural &

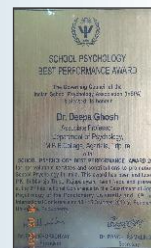


Finance Minister, Sri Bhanulal Saha and MP Sri Sankar Prasad Datta. A book edited by Dr. Dilip Sarkar and

Dr. Surojit Sen Gupta on "Tribal Life and Forest Resource Management" containing 29 articles was published by TR&CI, Govt. of Tripura bearing ISBN: 978-81-932589-9-6 in the month of May 2017. This book is an outcome of the National Seminar organised by the Dept. of Sociology, MBB College, which was held on March, 2015.



Special Award: Dr. Deepa Ghosh, Assoc. Prof., Dept. of Psychology, was awarded with the School Psychology Best Performance Award 2016 by The Governing Council of the Indian School Psychology Association (InSPA) for her valuable service and contribution to promotion of School Psychology in India.



Days Observed

Kokborok Day: Kokborok Day was observed amidst enthusiastic teachers & students participants in the Rabindra Hall on 19th January, 2017. Deptt. of Kokborok with the active support of Teacher's Council organized the programme. Sri Budhram Debbarma, the Chief Guest, spoke about the richness of Kokborok language in terms of its vocabularies & literary expressions at length. He also stressed the need of expanding the popularity of Kokborok in the State.



Rabindra Jayanti was observed on 9th May, 2017, at Central Library Hall, MBB College. The Special guests of the occasion were Prof. Gautam Kr. Basu, Vice-Chancellor, MBB University, Dr. Sumanta Chakraborty, Registrar, MBBU, Sri. Jyoti Prasad Debbarma, Controller, MBBU and Dr. Dilip Sarkar, Principal, MBB College.



Visitors of the College

Visits of luminaries from Bangladesh: On 28th March, 2017 two academic luminaries from Bangladesh (Kalam & Hossain) visited the college campus and met the teachers & students at the MBB Central Library. Dr. Souvik Bagchi & other colleagues of Deptt of Bengali initiated the event.



Visit by the MP of Tripura: Sri Sankar Prasad Datta, MP, visited MBB College on 5th May, 2017. During his visit he went to the different science departments and their laboratories. He sanctioned Rs. 22 lakhs towards the upgradation of different science laboratories, drinking water facilities and construction of new cycle stand. The College is grateful for his purposeful visit.

Visit by Professor: Dr. A.K. Banerjee, Associate Professor, IISER, Pune, also an ex-student of Department of Botany of MBB College visited the Department of Botany on 18th April, 2017 and gave an inspiring lecture to the students of the Department. The students had a meaningful interaction with him.

Van Mahotsav



Van Mahotsav was observed in the college on 28th July, 2017 with plantation of tree saplings in the college premises. It was organised by NSS where the Principal, teachers and the students actively participated by planting trees.



Blood Donation Camp

The Dept. of Psychology organized a blood donation camp on 7th September, 2016. Swami Hitakamananda, Honourable Secretary, Ramakrishna Math and Mission, was the Chief Guest. He delivered an



encouraging message to the students and teachers present in the camp. A total of 31 students from the college donated blood, with female students being the maximum in numbers.

Students' Union Council Activities

Saraswati Puja:

Saraswati Puja was organised in a colourful manner by the students on 1st February, 2017 at the college premises. The Puja was attended by the students as well as the staff of the college.



Agomoni Utsav: Agomoni Utsav was organized by the Students' Council where the Chief Guest was Smt. Pulan Bhattacharjee, Ward Councillor, AMC.



Blood Donation Camp: To mark the 100th Birth Anniversary of Karl Marx, the Students' Union Council organized a Blood Donation Camp on 5th May, 2017. Sri Sankar Prasad Datta, MP, was the Chief Guest of the program. On the occasion 26 students donated blood.



Health Camp: A Health Camp was organized by the Students' Union Council to mark the Death Anniversary of Shahid Bhagat Singh on 23rd March, 2017. The Camp was organized in collaboration with ILS Hospital, Agartala, where two doctors and six staff of the hospital were present to conduct the camp.



Shapath Grahani: An Oath taking ceremony of the Students' Union Council was conducted after the Council election of the college.



Visit: The Students' Union Council was visited by Sri Bhanulal Saha, Finance Minister, Govt. of Tripura.



The students had a productive and constructive interaction with the Minister.

Achievements/Sports

Seven Students of the college were part of the Tripura University Football team in which the team took part in

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the East Zone Inter-University Football Championship, 2017 at Vidyasagar University.

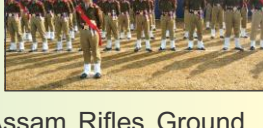
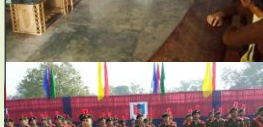
- The MBB College Team participated in various Inter-College Tournaments and won Medals like Team Championship in Men's category and Runners-Up in Women's category in Yoga. The students also won in the Track Field category, securing 1st and 2nd position.
- The Department of Physical Education organized Inter-Departmental Cricket Tournament on March, 2017 in the College Campus.
- Five students (Men & Women Category) participated in the All India Inter-University Yoga competition from 16-19 March, 2017 at Kurukshetra University.
- Eight students of the college were the playing members of the Tripura University Team in East Zone Inter-University Cricket(M) held at Vidyasagar University, West Bengal from 5th to 19th January, 2017.
- Two students of the college were part of the team who participated in the All India Inter-University Volleyball (M) Championship from 5th to 8th November, 2016 at Guwahati University, Assam.
- Two students from the Department of Geography (Honours) got admission in M.Sc. Geo-informatics to study Remote Sensing & GIS in Symbiosis International University, Pune.

**NSS**

Special NSS Camp was organised in the College from 20th to 26th January, 2017. The students of NSS enthusiastically participated in the Camp and performed many activities like cleaning the College Compound, trimming the trees and shrubs, etc. A colourful Cultural Programme was also organised at the Camp.

**NCC**

An awareness programme on "Benefits of Joining NCC" was organised on 21st July, 2017 by the NCC Unit of MBB College. Commanding Officer, 13 Tripura Bn NCC delivered the motivational lecture to address the aspiring students. NCC cadets of MBB College Unit actively participated in the parade rehearsal of Independence Day, 2017 in Assam Rifles Ground from 25th July, 2017.

**Publications & Research**

- **Dr. Sudhan Debnath:** Inhibiting Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor Signalling Potentiates Mesenchymal-Epithelial Transition of Breast Cancer Stem Cells and their Responsiveness to Anticancer Drugs, Published in 'The FEBS Journal' in the year 2017, It is a collaborative work. Design and synthesis part done by Dr. Sudhan Debnath and his team and Biological Activity Study done by Dr. Amitava Das, Senior Scientist, IICT, Hyderabad and his team.
- **Dr. Surajit Sen:** Edited a book entitled "Essays on post-war drama", eds. Dr. Surajit Sen & Dr. Dipankar Chakraborti, Wizcraft publications, Maharashtra, ISBN- 978-93-86013-51-4, April 2017.
- **Dr. Gautam Saha:** a) Brought out a paper entitled as Estimation of Transition Probability Matrix in Continuous Evaluation Process of School Examination. Journal of Statistics, Lahore, Pakistan. ISSN 1684-8403, Vol - 23, 2016, Pp: 86-101. b) Authored a Book entitled as "Statistical Methods for Education" ISBN: 978-81-8324-747-4, Mittal Publications, New Delhi, India, Page: 165, January-2017. c) Elementary Educational Status of Tribal Students in West Tripura District: A Predictive Analysis. Conflux Journal of Education (CJoE). ISSN: 2320-9305 (Print), 2347-5706 (Electronic), Vol-3, Issue-8, Pp: 6-11, 2016. ICV: 5.31. (Jointly with T. R. Chakraborty) d) Implementation of Total Quality Management (TQM) in Educational Institutions. International Education & Research Journal (IERJ). ISSN: 2454-9916 (Electronic), Vol-2, Issue-, Pp: 63-64, June-2016. DOI 10.21276/2454-9916. IF: 3.53. e) Completed Research Project entitled "Status of Tribal Education of North-East India" sponsored from Tribal Research and Cultural Institute (TR&IC), Govt. of Tripura, Agartala of Rs. 3,00,000/- vide letter No. F.2(101)-TRI/RES(PROJECT)/2014/956-58. Dated: 10/10/2014, during the period November-2014 to February-2016.
- **Dr. Baburam Swami:** a) Gandhian Humanism and Kanthapura, Page Numbers: 01-15, Pune Research, Mar 2017 ISSN: 2454-3454. b) Inclusive Quality Education: Understanding the Problems of Minority and Dalits, Pune Research Scholar, Mar 2017 ISSN: 2455-314X
- **Dr. Deepa Ghosh:** Adolescent girls' attitude to eve teasing: Does it have any relation with self-esteem and anxiety?. Indian association of health, Research and Welfare.

OBITUARY

Dr. Soma Sengupta, Assoc. Proff., Dept of Education, MBB college, departed from our midst for her heavenly abode on 16th Nov, 2016. She was an inspiring educator, loving mother and selfless human being. She was 52.



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