

## NEW ALIPORE COLLEGE

### COLLABORATION AND MOUS

#### Academic Session 20201-2022

Topic	Year of Activities	Name of Activities	Collaborative Institution	Venue	Number of Participants
'Media's Depiction of Corona Virus Issues: Case Studies'	22.09.2021	Special Lecture	Department of Philosophy , Dept. of Bengali, Dept. of Journalism and Mass Communication, Dept. of Economics & Dept of Sanskrit , New Alipore College and Vijaygarh Jyotish Ray College	Online Mode	34

#### Report of the Special Lecture on 'Media's Depiction of Corona Virus Issues: Case Studies'

In this presentation, Dr. Amartya Saha and Dr. Aniket Mahapatra discussed the portrayal of coronavirus-related issues by the media through a series of enlightening case studies. The objective of the presentation was to analyze how the media has influenced public perceptions, attitudes, and behaviours during the pandemic.

The speakers highlighted three notable case studies. First, they explored how different media outlets covered the origin of the virus, examining how sensationalism and misinformation affected public understanding. Second, they examined the coverage of lockdowns and their impact on mental health, emphasizing the role of media in shaping public opinion about government interventions. Lastly, the speakers delved into the vaccine rollout and its coverage, discussing the media's influence on vaccine acceptance and hesitancy.

In conclusion, the presentation shed light on the powerful influence of media in shaping public discourse on COVID-19. It underscored the need for responsible journalism, accurate reporting, and ethical dissemination of information to mitigate the potentially harmful effects of misinformation and sensationalism. By critically evaluating these case studies, the speakers emphasized the media's role in fostering a well-informed and resilient society during times of crisis.







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‘Understanding Financial Management from Artha-Sastra’	18.11.2021	Special lecture	Department of Philosophy , Dept. of Bengali, Dept. of Journalism and Mass Communication, Dept. of Economics & Dept of Sanskrit , New Alipore College and Vijaygarh Jyotish Ray College	New Alipore College	21

## Report of the Special lecture on ‘Understanding Financial Management from Artha-Sastra’

### Introduction:

A special lecture on "Understanding Financial Management of Arthashastra" was organized at New Alipore College in collaboration with Vijaygarh Jyotish Ray College. The event aimed to shed light on the ancient Indian treatise Arthashastra, written by the renowned scholar Kautilya (Chanakya), and its relevance to financial management in the present era. The lecture was delivered by Prof. Aniruddha Kar, an esteemed Assistant Professor of Sanskrit.

### Event Details:

The event took place on the 18th of November, 2021, at the New Alipore College in Kolkata. The lecture attracted a diverse audience consisting of students, faculty members, and scholars interested in Sanskrit, Bengali, Journalism and Mass Communication, Economics, and Philosophy.

### Lecture Content:

Prof. Aniruddha Kar commenced the lecture by providing an overview of Kautilya's Arthashastra and its historical significance. He emphasized the relevance of this ancient text in today's financial management practices. Prof. Kar eloquently elucidated the key principles and concepts put forth by Kautilya, which continue to hold relevance in contemporary economic scenarios.

Throughout the lecture, Prof. Kar highlighted various aspects of financial management as outlined in the Arthashastra. He discussed Kautilya's insights on taxation, revenue generation, trade policies, wealth management, and public finance. Prof. Kar explained how Kautilya's principles could be applied in modern contexts to enhance economic stability, fiscal planning, and governance.

The lecture delved into the Arthashastra's focus on ethical practices in financial management. Prof. Kar highlighted Kautilya's emphasis on honesty, transparency, and accountability in the administration of finances, mirroring the modern-day principles of corporate governance.

The audience actively participated in the lecture, asking thought-provoking questions and engaging in discussions. Prof. Kar encouraged a dynamic exchange of ideas, providing in-depth explanations and contextualizing the concepts within the framework of contemporary financial management.



The lecture on "Understanding Financial Management of Arthashastra of Kautilya" proved to be an enlightening and insightful event. Prof. Aniruddha Kar's expertise in Sanskrit and his ability to bridge the gap between ancient wisdom and present-day financial management captivated the audience. The collaboration between New Alipore College and Vijaygarh Jyotish Ray College through an MoU facilitated the successful organization of this knowledge-sharing initiative.

The lecture provided the attendees with a deeper understanding of the rich heritage of Indian economic thought and its relevance in the modern world. It served as a reminder that timeless principles and insights from ancient texts such as the Arthashastra can still contribute significantly to the field of financial management.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks to Prof. Aniruddha Kar for his insightful lecture and to the departments of Sanskrit, Bengali, Journalism and Mass Communication, Economics, and Philosophy, along with the collaborative efforts of New Alipore College and Vijaygarh Jyotish Ray College for organizing this intellectually stimulating event.

Topic	Year of Activities	Name of Activities	Collaborative Institution	Venue	Number of Participants
Prakṛti and Puruṣa in Sāṃkhya Philosophy	13.12.2021	Faculty Exchange Program	Department of Philosophy and Sanskrit, New Alipore College and Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women	Online	45

### **Report of the Faculty Exchange Program on Prakṛti and Puruṣa in Sāṃkhya Philosophy**

#### **Description:-**

The following program have been organized by the Department of Sanskrit and Department of Philosophy, New Alipore College with Hiralal Mazumder Memorial College For Women, under the MoU program on 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 at 1pm-2:30pm.

#### **Objective:**

Promoting collaboration and cooperation among academic institutions: Faculty exchange programmes allow professors and teachers from different countries to share their knowledge, expertise, and best practices in their respective fields, thereby promoting collaboration and cooperation among academic institutions. Enhancing the quality of education: By participating in faculty exchange programmes, professors can learn new teaching methods, curricula, and research techniques. This can enhance the quality of education offered by their home institution.



**Outcome:**

Collaborative research opportunities can arise from faculty exchanges, leading to the exchange of new ideas and approaches to research. This programs help to build relationships between two institution, paving the way for future collaborations and partnerships. This Exchange programme can also benefit students, who may have the opportunity to interact with visiting faculty members and gain exposure to different teaching and research styles.

Topic	Year of Activities	Name of Activities	Collaborative Institution	Venue	Number of Participants
“Śaṃkara's Concept of Brahma or Ātmā”	20.12.2021	Webinar	Department of Philosophy and Sanskrit, New Alipore College and Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women	Online	48

**Report of the Webinar on “Śaṃkara's Concept of Brahma or Ātmā”****Objectives of the Webinar:**

1. To provide an in-depth understanding of the philosophy of Advaita Vedanta as propounded by Śaṃkara.
2. To explain the concept of Brahma or Ātmā as the ultimate reality according to Śaṃkara's teachings.
3. To explore the relationship between the individual self (jiva) and the supreme self (Brahman) in Advaita Vedanta.
4. To highlight the relevance of Śaṃkara's teachings in contemporary times and their practical applications in daily life.

**Description of the Webinar:**

On December 20th, 2021, the Department of Philosophy and Sanskrit, New Alipore College and Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women organized a webinar on "Śaṃkara's Concept of Brahma or Ātmā". Professor Tulika Paul from the Department of Sanskrit, New Alipore College as the speaker.

During the webinar, Prof. Tulika Paul discussed the Advaita Vedanta philosophy of Śaṃkara and how he conceptualized Brahma or Ātmā. She explained that according to Śaṃkara, the ultimate reality is Brahman, which is pure consciousness, and that the self (ātman) is identical to Brahman. She also discussed the importance of realizing this identity through the process of self-inquiry (ātma-vichāra).

After the presentation, there was a question and answer session where attendees asked various questions related to the topic. Prof. Paul provided insightful answers, clarifying many of the complex concepts discussed in the presentation. Overall, the webinar provided a deep understanding of Śaṃkara's philosophy and his concept of Brahma or Ātmā.



### Outcomes of the Webinar:

1. It is described as pure consciousness, the source of all knowledge.
2. Our experience of the world is illusory, based on false identification with the body, mind, and ego.
3. Spiritual disciplines lead to realizing the self as identical with Brahma or Ātmā.
4. This realization leads to liberation from the cycle of birth and death, and the limitations of the material world.

Topic	Year of Activities	Name of Activities	Collaborative Institution	Venue	Number of Participants
‘Contemporary Poems and Tribal Poems: A Comparison’	28.01.2022	Special Lecture	Department of Philosophy , Dept. of Bengali, Dept. of Journalism and Mass Communication, Dept. of Economics & Dept of Sanskrit , New Alipore College and Vijaygarh Jyotish Ray College	New Alipore College	32

## Report of the Special Lecture on ‘Contemporary Poems and Tribal Poems: A Comparison’

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## Academic Session 20201-2022

Topic	Year of Activities	Name of Activities	Collaborative Institution	Venue	Number of Participants
'Impact s of the Lockdo wn on Society and Literatu re'	7.02.2022	Special lecture	Department of Philosophy , Dept. of Bengali, Dept. of Journalism and Mass Communication, Dept. of Economics & Dept of Sanskrit , New Alipore College and Vijaygarh Jyotish Ray College	New Alipore College	41

### Report of the Special Lecture Special Lecture on 'Impacts of the Lockdown on Society and Literature'

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**উদ্দেশ্য :** ২০২০ সালের মার্চ মাস থেকে প্রায় দুই বছর ধরেই পশ্চিমবঙ্গের সমস্ত অংশেই লকডাউন চলছে। এই লকডাউন আমাদের জীবন ও কর্মজীবনে কতটা প্রভাব ফেলেছে তা জানতে এবং লকডাউনের প্রভাব কতটা গভীর তা জানতে।

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Topic	Year of Activities	Name of Activities	Collaborative Institution	Venue	Number of Participants
“Aṣṭāṅgikamārga in Bauddha Philosophy”	18.04.2022	Students’ Seminar	Department of Philosophy and Sanskrit, New Alipore College and Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women	New Alipore College	38

## Report of the Students’ Seminar on “Aṣṭāṅgikamārga in Bauddha Philosophy”

### Objectives of the Seminar:

The seminar would aim to achieve the following objectives:

1. To provide students with an opportunity to share their research, ideas, or perspectives on “Aṣṭāṅgikamārga in Bauddha Philosophy”\_ To encourage students to develop and improve their communication and presentation skills.
2. To foster critical thinking and analytical skills by engaging in discussion and debate with peers and experts.
3. To promote collaboration and networking among students and faculty members.
4. To showcase the achievements and contributions of students to the academic community.
5. To inspire students to pursue further research and academic pursuits in their field of interest.
6. To encourage creativity and innovation among students.
7. To develop leadership skills and confidence in students by organizing and coordinating the seminar.

### Description of the Seminar:

On April 18, 2022, the Department of Philosophy and Sanskrit, New Alipore College and Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women jointly organized a Students’ seminar on the topic of "Aṣṭāṅgikamārga in Bauddha Philosophy." The seminar was organized under a memorandum of understanding between the two colleges.

The seminar was conducted with the aim of providing students with an opportunity to present their research on the topic and to gain insights into the Buddhist philosophy. The paper presenters were students from the 2nd, 4th, and 6th semesters of both colleges.

The seminar began with an inaugural address by the head of the Department of Philosophy and Sanskrit, who welcomed the participants and highlighted the significance of the seminar topic. The paper presenters then shared their research on various aspects of Aṣṭāṅgikamārga in Bauddha Philosophy, including the eight-fold path, meditation, ethics, and the concept of nirvana.



The presentations were followed by a question and answer session, where the students and faculty members had the opportunity to clarify their doubts and engage in a fruitful discussion. The seminar concluded with a vote of thanks by the coordinator of the seminar, who expressed his gratitude to the participants and the organizing committee.

Overall, the seminar provided an excellent platform for the students to showcase their research and engage in a meaningful academic discussion on the topic of Buddhist philosophy. It was a valuable learning experience for all the participants, and it is hoped that such initiatives will continue to be organized in the future.

#### **Outcomes of the Seminar:**

1. Students learn new information, gain new insights, and deepen their understanding of a particular subject.
2. Seminars often require students to analyze and evaluate information, which help them develop their critical thinking skills.
3. Increased confidence
4. Improved research
5. Opportunities for feedback and evaluation - Students who participate in seminars may receive feedback and evaluation from their instructors which can help them identify areas for improvement and build on their strengths.
6. Exposure to different perspectives
7. Increased engagement and motivation

Topic	Year of Activities	Name of Activities	Collaborative Institution	Venue	Number of Participants
Children's Short Stories in Bengali Literature and Films"	20.04.2022	Special Lectures	Dept. of English, Dept. of Bengali, Dept. of Journalism and Mass Communication, Dept. of Philosophy, Dept. of Economics, Dept. of Sanskrit, New Alipore College. With Muralidhar Girls' College	New Alipore College	56



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Year of Activities	Name of Activities	Collaborative Institution	Venue	Number of Participants
23.04.2022	Student Exchange Programme	Dept. of Bengali, Dept. of Journalism and Mass Communication, Dept. of Philosophy, Dept. of Economics, New Alipore College. With Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women	Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women	11



# **Report of the Student Exchange Programme**

## **Introduction:**

The Student Exchange Programme for the academic session 2021-2022 was a collaborative initiative between New Alipore College and Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women. The programme aimed to facilitate academic and cultural exchange among students from various departments of both institutions. This report summarizes the key activities and outcomes of the programme.

## **Activities:**

The Student Exchange Programme consisted of a variety of activities designed to promote cross-disciplinary learning, intercultural understanding, and personal growth. The programme primarily involved students from the Departments of Bengali, Journalism and Mass Communication, Philosophy, and Economics from New Alipore College, and students from Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women.

Date: 23.04.2022

Activity: Student Exchange Programme

## **Collaborative Institutions:**

### **New Alipore College**

Department of Bengali, New Alipore College  
Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, New Alipore College  
Department of Philosophy, New Alipore College  
Department of Economics, New Alipore College

### **Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women**

## **Venue:**

Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women

## **Number of Participants:**

A total of 11 students participated in the Student Exchange Programme.

## **Synopsis of Activities:**

The Student Exchange Programme commenced on April 23, 2022, with a gathering of students from various participating departments at Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women. The students engaged in a series of interactive sessions, workshops, and cultural events aimed at fostering a deeper understanding of their respective disciplines and promoting cultural exchange.

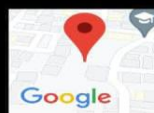
## **The programme included the following key activities:**

- **Academic Workshops:** Students participated in interdisciplinary academic workshops led by faculty members from both institutions. These workshops encouraged discussions on subjects such as literature, journalism, philosophy, and economics, fostering an environment of collaborative learning.
- **Cultural Showcases:** Participants from different departments presented cultural showcases representing their regions, adding a colorful and diverse dimension to the programme. This facilitated cultural exchange and appreciation among the students.
- **Panel Discussions:** Expert panels were organized to discuss relevant topics related to the disciplines involved. These discussions provided students with insights from professionals in their respective fields and encouraged critical thinking.



- **Campus Tours:** Students had the opportunity to explore the host institution's campus, interact with local students, and gain insights into the academic and cultural environment of Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women.
- **Interactive Sessions:** Informal interactive sessions were arranged to promote interaction and networking among students. This allowed participants to exchange ideas, experiences, and perspectives.

#### Photos of the Programme



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Topic	Year of Activities	Name of Activities	Collaborative Institution	Venue	Number of Participants
'Implementing Buddhist Philosophies in Everyday Life'	2.05.2022	Special lectures	Dept. of English, Dept. of Bengali, Dept. of Journalism and Mass Communication, Dept. of Philosophy, Dept. of Economics, Dept. of Sanskrit, New Alipore College. With Muralidhar Girls' College	New Alipore College	43

### Report of the Special Lectures on 'Implementing Buddhist Philosophies in Everyday Life'

#### Introduction:

In an effort to explore the relevance and practical applications of Buddhist philosophies in contemporary society, New Alipore College, in collaboration with Muralidhar Girls' College, organized a series of special lectures titled "Implementing Buddhist Philosophies in Everyday Life".



This program took place on May 2nd, 2022, at the premises of New Alipore College. The event aimed to delve into the profound teachings of Buddhism and how they can be integrated into our daily lives for personal growth, ethical living, and overall well-being.

### **Activities and Sessions:**

The program consisted of a series of enlightening sessions conducted by esteemed resource persons from various academic disciplines. The participating departments included the Department of English, Department of Bengali, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Department of Philosophy, Department of Economics, and Department of Sanskrit.

The main speaker for the event was Professor Bulu Mukhopadhyay from the Department of English at New Alipore College. He delivered a comprehensive lecture on the core principles of Buddhism and their applicability in modern times. The session highlighted the significance of mindfulness, compassion, and detachment in overcoming the challenges of everyday life.

Dr. Nilanjana Bhattacharyya, Joint Convener of the Research Cell at New Alipore College, also contributed to the event. She elaborated on the research initiatives undertaken by the institution to explore the integration of Buddhist philosophies into contemporary psychological and sociological frameworks.

Furthermore, Professor Jayita Dutta, representing the Department of Philosophy, emphasized the ethical aspects of Buddhist teachings. She discussed how concepts such as the Noble Eightfold Path and the Five Precepts can guide individuals in making moral choices and fostering harmonious relationships.

Dr. Aniruddha Kar from the Department of Sanskrit shed light on the linguistic and cultural aspects of Buddhism. He explained the influence of Buddhist thought on ancient Indian literature and its lasting impact on language and expression.

Dr. Aniket Mahapatra, from the Department of Bengali, examined the resonance of Buddhist philosophies in literature, particularly within the Bengali literary tradition. He highlighted the works of renowned authors who drew inspiration from Buddhist ideals to shape their narratives.

Prof. Mauli Sanyal concluded the session by pointing out that serving the society as a whole in the pursuit of self interest is where the main ideas of economics and buddhist philosophy meet. The concept of “dana” and that of the “invisible hand” becomes identical when deeply studied.Both talk of rational individuals unknowingly invoking buddhisht principles of economy of merit in their everyday life.

### **Collaborative Efforts:**

The collaborative nature of the program between New Alipore College and Muralidhar Girls’ College added depth and diversity to the discussions. The combined expertise of faculty members from different disciplines fostered a holistic exploration of Buddhist philosophies from various angles, providing participants with a well-rounded understanding of the subject matter.

### **Participant Engagement:**

The event attracted a total of 43 participants, including students, faculty members, and enthusiasts from both colleges. The diverse audience enriched the discussions through their active engagement



and thought-provoking questions. The participants showed a keen interest in exploring how Buddhist principles could be practically implemented to navigate challenges and enhance their personal lives.

Topic	Year of Activities	Name of Activities	Collaborative Institution	Venue	Number of Participants
Ei Lobhinu Sanga Tabo	12.05.2022	Rabindra Jayanti	Dept. of Bengali, Dept. of Journalism and Mass Communication, Dept. of Philosophy, Dept. of Sanskrit, New Alipore College. With Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women	Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women	87

## Report of the Rabindra Jayanti (Ei Lobhinu Sanga Tabo)

### Introduction:

Rabindra Jayanti, also known as the birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore, is a significant cultural and educational event celebrated by numerous educational institutions and organizations across the world. The program titled "Ei Lobhinu Sanga Tabo" was held on May 12th, 2022, as a collaborative effort between the New Alipore College and Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women.

### Objective:

The primary objective of the event was to commemorate the life, works, and contributions of Rabindranath Tagore, a prominent poet, philosopher, musician, and Nobel laureate in Literature. Through various activities and presentations, the program aimed to showcase Tagore's influence on various academic disciplines and his enduring impact on society.

### Activities:

The event featured a diverse range of activities that highlighted different aspects of Rabindranath Tagore's legacy. The participating departments - Dept. of Bengali, Dept. of Journalism and Mass Communication, Dept. of Philosophy, and Dept. of Sanskrit - collaborated to create a comprehensive and engaging program. Activities included:

- **Cultural Performances:** Students from both collaborating institutions presented cultural performances, including Tagore's songs, and recitations of his poems. These performances aimed to capture the essence of Tagore's artistic expressions.
- **Academic Presentations:** Faculty members from various departments delivered presentations on Tagore's works and their relevance to their respective disciplines. This allowed participants to explore Tagore's multi-faceted contributions beyond literature.
- **Panel Discussions:** Thought-provoking panel discussions were held to delve into Tagore's philosophy, literary achievements, and his impact on modern society. These discussions fostered intellectual engagement and critical thinking among the participants.

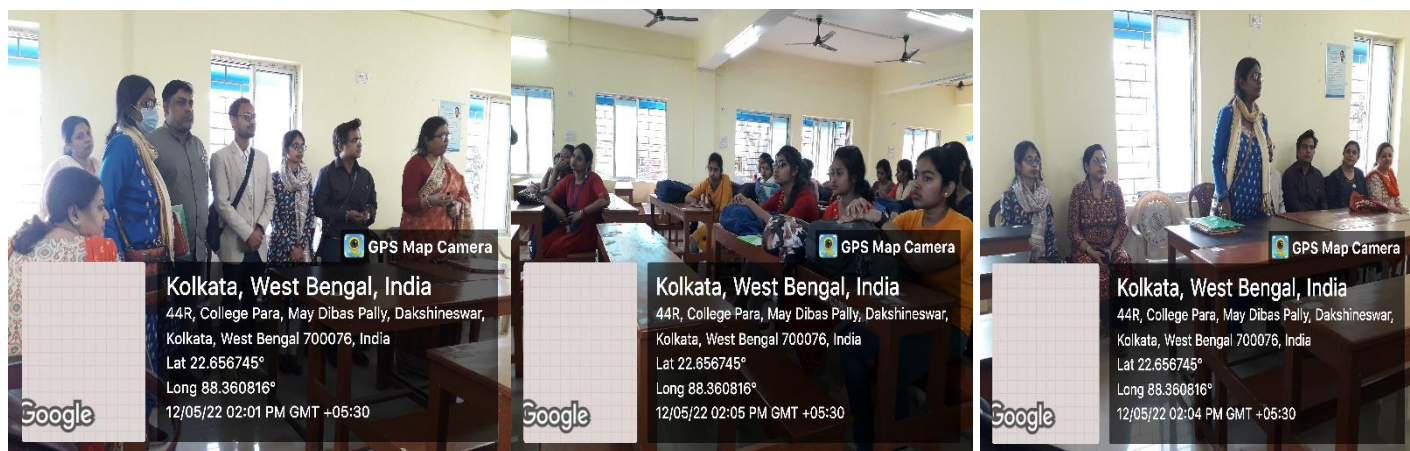
### Collaboration:

The collaboration between New Alipore College and Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women added depth and diversity to the event. By involving multiple academic departments and



institutions, the program was able to encompass a wider range of perspectives on Rabindranath Tagore's legacy.

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Topic	Year of Activities	Name of Activities	Collaborative Institution	Venue	Number of Participants
"Western Culture and Modern Thinker: Vivekananda"	25.05.2022	Extension Lecture	Department of Philosophy, New Alipore College and P. N. Das College	New Alipore College	25

### Report of the Extension Lecture on "Western Culture and Modern Thinker: Vivekananda"

#### Objectives of the Seminar:

1. To analyze the impact of Western culture on the philosophical and spiritual traditions of India.
2. To examine the contributions of Swami Vivekananda to the modern understanding of Indian culture and spirituality.
3. To understand how Vivekananda reconciled the principles of Western philosophy with the traditional Indian spiritual and cultural practices.
4. To explore the relevance of Vivekananda's teachings in the contemporary world and their potential for promoting cross-cultural understanding and harmony.
5. To create awareness about the importance of preserving and promoting the cultural heritage of India and its contribution to the world civilization.



6. To highlight the role of Vivekananda in the development of the modern Indian society and his contribution to the Indian freedom struggle.
7. To inspire the youth to take up the challenges of the modern world and promote the values of peace, tolerance, and harmony as espoused by Vivekananda.

### Description of the Seminar:

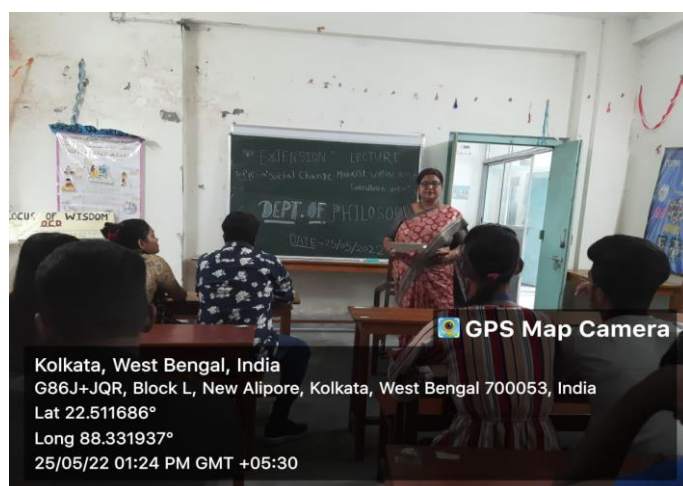
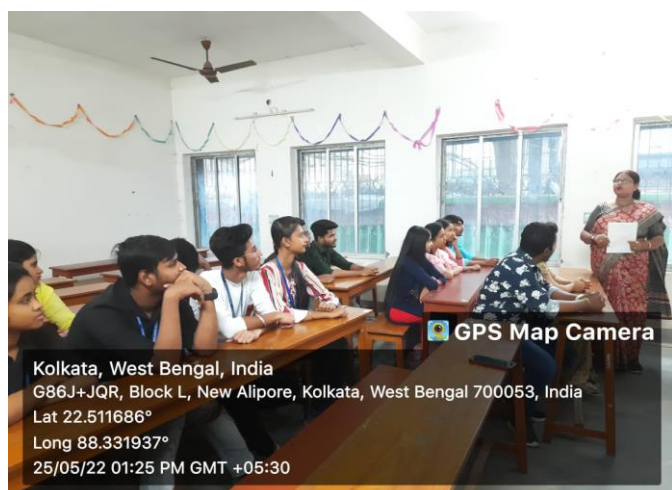
On 25th May 2022, an Extension Lecture was organized by the Department of Philosophy, New Alipore College, and P. N. Das College. The topic of the lecture was "Western Culture and Modern Thinker: Vivekananda." The venue for the lecture was New Alipore College, and the speaker was Prof. Dipa Chakraborty, Associate Professor in the Department of Philosophy, P. N. Das College.

Prof. Chakraborty's lecture focused on the impact of Western culture on the modern thinker Swami Vivekananda. She highlighted Vivekananda's exposure to Western ideas and his efforts to synthesize these ideas with Indian thought. Prof. Chakraborty also discussed Vivekananda's contributions to the promotion of Indian culture and philosophy in the West, and his role in the development of modern Indian thought.

The participants actively engaged in the discussion that followed the lecture, raising questions and sharing their own perspectives on the topic. Overall, the lecture was informative and thought-provoking, providing a deeper understanding of the complex relationship between Western culture and modern Indian thought.

### Outcomes of the Seminar:

1. Increased understanding of Swami Vivekananda's philosophy and his views on Western culture and its impact on India.
2. Discussion on the relevance of Vivekananda's teachings in the present context and their potential contributions to contemporary issues and challenges.
3. Exploration of the similarities and differences between Western culture and Indian culture, and how they have influenced each other over time.
4. Identification of the key themes and ideas that Vivekananda espoused, such as spiritualism, self-realization, and social reform, and their implications for modern-day society.
5. Reflection on the role of spirituality and philosophy in modern-day life, and how Vivekananda's teachings can inform our understanding of these concepts.
6. Encouragement to continue exploring Vivekananda's work and its potential impact on society, both in India and around the world.





Topic	Year of Activities	Name of Activities	Collaborative Institution	Venue	Number of Participants
“Social Change: Marxist view and Gandhian view”	22.06.2022	Extension Lecture	Department of Philosophy, New Alipore College and P. N. Das College	New Alipore College	30

## Report of the Extension Lecture on “Social Change: Marxist view and Gandhian view”

### Objectives of the Seminar:

1. To explore the similarities and differences between the Marxist and Gandhian views on social change.
2. To critically examine the practical implications of these two approaches to social change, and to assess their relevance in contemporary contexts.
3. To analyze the historical and socio-political contexts that informed the Marxist and Gandhian views on social change.
4. To inspire participants to develop innovative approaches to social change that reflect a nuanced understanding of the historical, social, and cultural contexts in which they are operating.

### Description of the Seminar:

On June 22nd, 2022, the Department of Philosophy, New Alipore College and P. N. Das College jointly organized an Extension lecture on the topic of “Social Change: Marxist view and Gandhian view”. The event was held at New Alipore College and was well attended by students and faculty members from both institutions.

The keynote speaker for the event was Prof. Dipa Chakraborty, an Associate Professor in the Department of Philosophy, P. N. Das College. During the lecture, Prof. Chakraborty presented a comparative analysis of Marxist and Gandhian views on social change. She highlighted the fundamental differences between the two approaches, focusing on the Marxist emphasis on class struggle and revolution and the Gandhian emphasis on nonviolence and self-transformation.

The lecture was followed by a lively discussion session, during which students and faculty members engaged with Prof. Chakraborty on a range of issues related to social change, including the role of the state, the relationship between social and political change, and the applicability of Marxist and Gandhian principles in contemporary society.

Overall, the event was a great success, providing a valuable opportunity for students to engage with cutting-edge research on social change and to explore the complex relationship between Marxist and Gandhian ideologies.



