



BASANTI DEVI COLLEGE
POST GRADUATE SECTION

(Affiliated to the University of Calcutta)

The Post Graduate section was inaugurated in September 2013 under the auspices of the erstwhile principal of Basanti Devi College, Dr. Maitreyee Bardhan Roy (ex-Co-ordinator, PG section and UGC Emeritus Fellow) and the President of the Governing Body of the college, Dr. Shibranjan Chatterjee. It is affiliated to the University of Calcutta. It provides the students with a platform for academic excellence and also the opportunity to showcase their aptitude in various co-curricular activities.



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Academic Departments:

It currently offers post graduate degrees in **English** and **Political Science**. Each department endeavours to impart education and infuse inspiration among the students to carry out higher studies. Enhancing the quality of education is one of the most significant objectives of these departments and for this purpose a number of seminars, special lectures, class presentations and interactive sessions are conducted. Apart from the two whole-time teachers an array of guest faculty from various premier universities and colleges visit the department to impart lectures.

Department of English:

Board of Studies:

- 1) Professor Santanu Majumdar (Head of the Department, University of Calcutta)
- 2) Professor Tirtha Prasad Mukhopadhyay (Professor, University of Calcutta, former HOD)
- 3) Professor Lakshmi Narayan Gupta (Retired Professor, Burdwan University)
- 4) Professor Jayati Gupta (Former Head of the Department, Presidency College, presently working in West Bengal State University)
- 5) Professor Sobha Chattopadhyay (Retired Professor, Jadavpur University)
- 6) Professor Subrata Panda (Government Nominee)

Whole Time Teachers:

Prof. Sreya Dutt (M.A., M.Phil., NET, pursuing Ph.D)

Prof. Arijit Mukherjee (M.A., M.Phil., NET, pursuing Ph.D.)

Department of Political Science

Board of Studies:

1. Dr .Sibranjan Chatterjee, (President GB, Basanti Devi College)
2. Prof Dipankar Sinha (Professor, University of Calcutta.)
3. Prof Sonali Chakrabarty (Banerjee) (Pro VC Finance Calcutta University)

4. Prof. Syamol Roy (Retired Professor, Burdwan University)
5. Prof Sumit Mukherjee (Dean of Faculty of Arts Kalyani University)
6. Prof. Purushattam Bhattacharya (Jadavpur University Department of Political Science and International Relation)
7. Prof Anik Chatterjee (Department of Political Science Presidency University)
8. Prof Debasish Chatterjee (Principal South Calcutta Law College)
9. Prof. Pulak Narayan Dhar. (Retired faculty of Government College, West Bengal)
10. Dr Maitreyee Bardhan Roy (Emeritus Fellow Department of Political Science and Ex-Principal Basanti Devi College)

Whole Time Teachers:

Dr. Maitreyee Bardhan Roy (M.A, Ph.D., Teachers Training on Special Education, UGC Emeritus Fellow)

Prof. Rishita Paul Chowdhury (M.A, M.Phil, NET)



From left to right: Prof. Baidehi Mukherjee, Prof Rishita Paul Chowdhury, Prof. Sreya Dutt, Prof. Arijit Mukherjee Dr. Maitreyee Bardhan Roy, Prof. Anambar Aditya Choudhury

Non-Teaching Staff:

1. Shamik Chowdhury
2. Nipa Mondal
2. Shibnath Bera
3. Biva Mondal
4. Samar Adhikary
5. Goutam Das

Examination Pattern:

Semester system is followed. There are a total of four semesters for each Post-Graduate course in both Political Science and English. Each semester consists of two Internal Assessments of 30 marks each and two End Semester Examinations of 50 marks each. Two term papers of 20 marks each are to be submitted and presented (i.e. a total of 200 marks in each semester).

Syllabus:

The syllabus followed is that of the University of Calcutta for both departments. There are two semesters in one academic year. Each semester includes the examination of two papers. Each paper consists of three units. The internal assessment will be made on the first unit of each paper and the examination on the other two units will be held at the end of the semester.

Academic Calendar:**Important Dates for M.A. English and Political Science 1st Year 1st Semester:**

Orientation Programme- 20.07.2015

Id-ul-Fitr- 18/07/2015

Submission of abstracts for term papers Paper I & Paper II – 26.9.2015

Janmastami- 05/09/2015

Id-uz-Zoha- 25/09/2015

Gandhi Birthday- 02/10/2015

Mahalay- 12/10/2015

Puja Vacation- 20.10.2015 – 15.11.2015

College re-opens – 16.11.2015

Internal Assessment (Paper I, Unit I, 30 marks) – 01.10.2015

Internal Assessment (Paper II, Unit I, 30 marks) - 05.10.2015

Jagadhatri Puja, Holiday – 20.11.2015

Guru Nanak's Birthday, Holiday – 25.11.2015

End Semester Examination, Paper I – 10.12.2015

End Semester Examination, Paper II – 14.12.2015

Submission of term papers (both Paper I and Paper II) – 08.12.2015

Class presentations for term papers (Paper I) – 16.12.2015 & 17.12.2015

Class presentations for term papers (Paper II)- 18.12.2015 & 19.12.2015

End semester break: 20.12.2015- 1.1.2016

Important Dates for M.A. English and Political Science 1st Year 2nd Semester:

College Re-opens- 02.01.2016

Netaji's Birthday- 23.01.2016

C.U. Foundation Day- 24.01.2016

Saraswati Puja*

Republic Day- 26.01.2016

Submission of abstracts for term papers Paper III & Paper IV- March(Date will be announced later)

Internal Assessment Examinations for Paper III & IV- March

Dol Jatra*

Holi*

Good Friday*

Easter Saturday*

Ambedkar's Birthday: 14.04.2015

Bengali New Year*

May Day- 01/05/2016

Rabindra Jayanti*

Buddha Purnima*

End Semester Examination for Paper III & IV- June (Dates will be announced later)

*Holidays will be given as per university of Calcutta statute and calendar for this semester.

Facilities:

- Library: The students can issue books from the Central library and the Seminar library. They are also provided with the scope of accessing online books and journals through the E-library of the college under the UGC INFLIBNET scheme.
- Internet: The students can also avail the Internet for academic purposes from the Central Library
- Self-defense : Self defense classes are conducted for the students regularly on a weekly basis

Academic activities:

- **Special Lectures-** The Special Lecture Series is an integral part of the curriculum. In this programme the best of the academicians and other famous personalities deliver lectures on various topics. The special lectures series has been introduced to enhance academic experience and thereby enrich the students.

Department of English:

1. Prof. Kavita Panjabi, Department of Comparative Literature, Jadavpur University and Co-ordinator of the Centre for Studies in Latin American Literatures and Cultures (CSLALC) delivered the very first lecture of this series. She traced the evolution of Sufi poetry and shed light upon its relevance in the contemporary cultural scenario.



Inaugural special lecture of the English department by Prof Kavita Panjabi

2. Pandit Tanmoy Bose engaged the students and the professors in a conversation the theme of which was “Classical Art and Elitism: Can 'Taal' Address Contemporary Realities?” His profound insights were indeed invaluable.



In conversation with Pandit Tanmoy Bose- Prof. Sreya Dutt and Prof. Arijit Mukherjee

3. Prof Ananda Lal, Department of English, Jadavpur University delivered a lecture entitled "Change of Scene: How Modern Became Contemporary Drama". He traced the advent of Modern theatre and the changes it underwent foregrounding the major aesthetic and thematic debates.



Prof Ananda Lal delivering his lecture on "Change of Scene: How Modern Became Contemporary Drama"

4. Prof. Amitava Ray in his absorbing way shares his insights on the significance of adaptation in shaping drama and Absurd Theatre through his lecture titled, “Modern Drama: Adaptation and Absurd Theatre (Edward Bond ,Samuel Beckett And Tom Stoppard)



Prof. Amitava Ray delivering his lecture on “Modern Drama: Adaptation and Absurd Theatre (Edward bond ,Samuel Beckett And Tom Stoppard)

5. Professor Lakshmi Narayan Gupta delivered a lecture for the students of the department of English entitled 'Modernism in 20th Century British Poetry'. He also delivered another fascinating lecture on metaphysical poetry titled, “What is Metaphysical in Metaphysical Poetry?”



Prof. Lakshmi Narayan Gupta

6. Professor Sobha Chattopadhyay, retired professor, Department of English, Jadavpur University delivered an engaging and interesting lecture entitled 'Literature of the Inter-War Years'

Department of Political Science:

1. Professor Tridib Chakraborti of the Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University inaugurated the Special Lecture series of the Political Science department with a lecture entitled 'Social and Political Ideas of M.N. Roy'. In his lucid and very absorbing presentation Professor Chakraborti spoke on the stages of M N Roy's ideological journey from nationalist to communist and finally radical humanist.



Professor Tridib Chakraborti being felicitated by the Co-ordinator of the PG section, Dr. Maitreyee Bardhan Roy

2. Professor Shyamal Roy delivered a lecture entitled 'Approaches to the Study of the Indian Constitution and Politics'



Prof. Shyamal Roy

3. Prof. Purushottam Bhattacharya (Jadavpur University) and Prof. Sumit Mukherjee (Kalyani University) delivered the third and fourth special lectures of the department of Political Science. Prof. Purushottam Bhattacharya spoke on “Bankimchandra and Indian Nationalism” while Prof Sumit Mukherjee's lecture was on “Rabindranath’s Views On Nationalism And Culture.”



Prof. Purushottam Bhattacharya (left) and Prof. Sumit Mukherjee(right)

Research Scholar's Forum(RSF): It is an effort to provide researchers to present their work in an academic platform and simultaneously enable the students in the path of research. It aids in developing critical thinking and research skills. The forum is an integral part of the postgraduate section and conducts sessions regularly.

1. The first session of Research Scholar's Forum (RSF) was conducted with Prof. P Muralidhar Sharma delivering his interesting lecture on the theme, "Reform, Revival and the 'Nautch' Question in Indian Fiction".



Prof. P Muralidhar Sharma delivering the lecture with Prof. Pulaknarayan Dhar chairing the session

Subsequently two more sessions of the Research Scholars Forum have been organized by the Department of English. The speakers included Prof Epsita Halder, Priyanka Basu, Dr. Amit Shankar Saha and Arindam Ghosh. The second session of the Forum was chaired by Prof Santanu Majumdar, HOD, University of Calcutta.

Co-Curricular Events: Apart from the academic activities, the students are highly encouraged to participate in various cultural events and competitions and showcase their talents in diverse fields.

- Dir. Atanu Ghosh visited the Postgraduate Section to interact with the students along with the crew members of his film “Ek Phali Rod”.



- Poila Boishak Celebration: A brilliant function was organized by the students on the occasion of the Bengali New Year.



1. The President of the G.B., Prof. Sibranjan Chatterjee addressing the students



2. Dr. Srabani Jha, TIC, mesmerized us by her recitation.



3. Brilliant dance performance by the students.



4. The play 'Shooting', by the students

- Inter-Departmental Creative writing and recitation competition: The contest was held on 7th May while the prize distribution ceremony took place on 6th June. The categories were creative writing, poetry composition and recitation in both English and Bengali.



1. Creative Writing and Recitation Competition. From left to right Prof. Arijit Mukherjee, Dr. Maitreyee Bardhan Roy, Dr. Sraboni Jha(TIC Basanti Devi College), Prof. Sreya Dutt



2. Prize Distribution. Prof. Sukti Chaudhuri(left) and Dr. Maitreyee Bardhan Roy

- **Caliesta 2014:** The students of the Post Graduate section participated in the first ever fest held by the University of Calcutta in May 2014. Basanti Devi College, Post Graduate Section won the first prize for drama The play titled 'Chaya Ami' was conceived, written and executed entirely by the students themselves and also the second prize for Eastern dance (duet).



1. The play 'Chaya Ami' From left to right, Paramita Bose, Shrabani Mukherjee and Adrija Das



2. The Dancers Titli Bhattacharya(right) and Paulami Banerjee

Fresher's Welcome 2014: The second batch of the Post Graduate section received a warm welcome from the PG II students which was held on the 26th of August.



1. Titli Bhattacharya And Paulami Banerjee gave a brilliant performance



2. Tanaya Sengupta mesmerized everyone with her melodious voice

- **Teacher's Day Celebration:** The students of the postgraduate section organized a dazzling program on the occasion of Teacher's Day



1. Solo dance performance by PG I student (Political Science), Anindita Ghosh



2. Prose Narration By Ria Chatterjee (left) and Ushasee Dasgupta (right)



3. Students who performed the self-written play ‘Signifying Nothing’ along with the faculty and staff members.



4.A sublime dance presentation on the theme 'Panchabhootam' by the students



5. The students of the postgraduate section along with the faculty and staff members



Annual Picnic