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*November to March is perhaps the busiest part of the year for us at RKSMVV. On the one hand there are frantic preparations for the End-Sem exams, while on the other, the college gears up for a flurry of activities as the weather cools down. Campus Quarterly is an attempt to present a collage of the variety and range of such activities which make RKSMVV campus life so attractive and interesting! Regular academic activities, like inter-departmental lectures, extension lectures, student seminars and presentations apart, here's what was happening at the campus (and beyond it) between November '19 and March '20.*

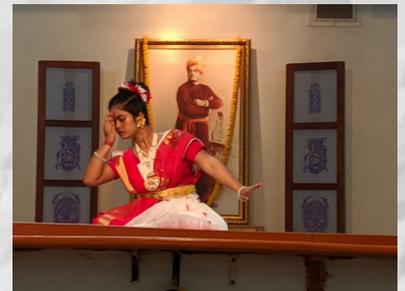
*And then the world changed! But we'll talk about our "New Normal" in the next issue. Till then, stay safe, stay healthy, and join us in surfing through the pages of Campus Quarterly.*

# ANNUAL FEST: SRIJANI

## CREATIVITY, COMPETITION, COLLABORATION

February 12-13 2020

The RKSMVV campus was abuzz with a different kind of activity during **Srijani**, the much awaited **Annual Cultural Fest**. As the pictures show, frantic preparations, enthusiastic participation, and quality performances made Srijani a grand success!



# SARADA MELA: ANNUAL EXHIBITION CUM SALE BY THE STUDENTS, FOR THE STUDENTS

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FEBRUARY 28-29, 2020



## DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES: CLASSROOM & BEYOND

SPECIAL LECTURES, WORKSHOPS AND  
SEMINAR TALKS

The departments of **Bengali, History, Political Science** and **Education** got together to pay homage to **Pandit Ishwarchandra Vidyasagar** on his **200th birth anniversary**. A day long **seminar** was held on 7th February, with eminent speakers discussing various facets of the legendary educationist and social reformer. Speakers included Prof. Miratun Nahar, Prof. Subhendu DasMunshi, Prof. Sabyasachi Chattopadhyay, Prof. Shyamal Chakrabarti, Prof. Sabita Chaudhuri and Prof. Rohini Dharmapal.



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The **English** department celebrated its first ever literary and culture fest **Revelio 2019**, attended by young enthusiasts from various departments and colleges. The speakers included Dr. Sipra Mukherjee - eminent academician and scholar, Mr. Kabir Chattopadhyay - lyricist, musician and PhD scholar at Trinity University, Dublin, and the eminent singer/song-writer/musician and cartoonist Mr. Upal Sengupta, who conducted a fun-filled cartoon workshop. The greatest attraction was of the fest was 'It's My Own Invention' – an open competition where the only criterion was originality.

Department of English,  
Ramakrishna Sarada Mission Vivekananda Vidyabhavan  
Invites you to its Culture Fest

## Revelio 2019

10th November 2019 • 10 am to 4 pm • College Auditorium, RKSHVV, Dum Dum

**10.30 – 11.15**  
**Lit Lectures**  
"Translating the Margins: Facts, Fictions and Findings"  
Dr. Sipra Mukherjee talks about her award-winning translation of Manoranjan Bapat's book "Interrogating My Chandal Life: An Autobiography of a Dalit"

**11.30 – 12.15**  
**Music**  
"Can Songs be Poems?" Mr. Prabudutta Sanyal  
Musician and Film-score composer, speaks on the literary aspects of songs.

**12.30 – 1.00**  
**Food-break**  
Lunch packets for all registered participants, drinking water will be available from the water-purifier in our campus.

**1.00 – 1.45**  
**Cartoon**  
"I Bet You Can Draw Cartoons"  
Mr. Upal Sengupta, singer and cartoonist, takes a hands-on workshop on cartoons and cartooning.

**2.00 – 3.30 pm**  
**Open House Competition**  
"It's My Own Invention"  
(to be judged by invited guests)  
Your original composition performed by you – a song, a dance, a slam poem, a monologue, a dialogue, a doodle, a design – anything original, thought and executed by you – to captivate the audience for 5 minutes!!!

**3.30 pm**  
**Prizes and Certificates**  
Prizes for the winners of the competition and certificates for all participants!!!

**Registration**  
Rs 100 (limited seats as all sessions are designed to be closely interactive)  
Please confirm your participation/registration by getting in touch with  
Sulagna @ 9240414155 / Akanksha @ 9576544354 by 7th November 2019.

**Please Note**  
All participants are requested to bring pens/pencils for the cartooning session (papers will be provided).



The Departmental **Open House**, a regular feature of the **English** department, where the entire Department comes together for an informal meet each session, took place on 17. 1.2019. It was followed by a loving farewell to the Third year students by their juniors.

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The **Department of Philosophy** observed **World Philosophy Day** on 26th November with a Seminar on Eastern and Western Philosophical Thought.



On February 24 th, 2020, the **Department of History** organized "Shatabarshe Jallianwallabagh: Samabeta Bedanar Udjapan", a **Seminar and Students' Presentations** in collaboration with Gandhi Memorial Museum, Barrackpore, Rishi Bankim Chandra Evening College, Amdanga Jugalkishore Mahavidyalaya and Sarojini Naidu College for Women as the first part of the programme on **Hundred Years of Jallianwallabagh: An Episode of Torture and Shame**

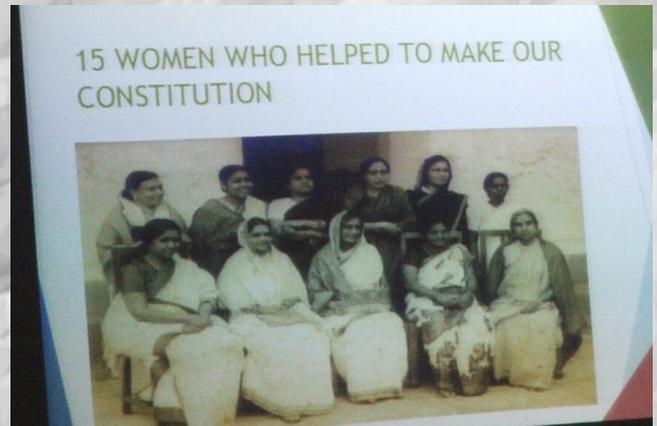


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An Audio-Visual presentation and Poster exhibition was organised by the department of **Political Science** on 26th November to mark the 70th anniversary of adoption of the **Constitution of India** by the Constituent Assembly.

**Human Rights Day** was observed by the Department of **Human Rights** on 7th January, with Posters, Discussions and Debates.



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The Department of **Education** focussed on **Mental Health and Social Inclusion** in a Lecture on "Autism" on 21.11.2019. The speaker was Sm. Sangeeta Banerjee, poet, publisher and a care-giver to her only autistic child.

An exhibition cum sale of decorative items made by inmates of "**Anjali**", an NGO that works with rights of Mental Patients, was also organised. Sm. Shukla Das Barua, a member of "Anjali", shared her valuable experiences of working with mentally challenged children.

As part of their curriculum, the department of **Education** visited the ancestral home of the legendary Bangla novelist **Saratchandra Chattopadhyay** at Deulti.



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The students of the department of **History** attended two **Heritage Workshops** for Students at Sarojini Naidu College for Women and East Calcutta Girls' College in Association with Deshkal, People's Green Society, Dum Dum Heritage Preservation Society. They also participated in a **Heritage Walk** for Students in Dum Dum area.



Teachers and students of **Sanskrit** department participated in a **Workshop on Inscription** arranged by Howrah Sanskrita Sahitya Samaj on 15.2.2020



Ms Debarati Roy, an RKSMVV alumna and now a senior teacher and corporate trainer and the Co-founder of ELTA Global, took a day-long **workshop** for the Semester III students and the faculty of the **English** department on the approaches and techniques of **English Language Teaching**.

# STUDY TOURS, EXCURSIONS, CITY WALKS

Winter is the time to leave the confines of the classroom to explore and expand the horizon! In mid January the various departments organised day trips for students. Some, like the students and teachers of **Bengali, History, Economics, Geography and JMC**, chose to travel back in time to the historical past of rural Bengal, to Dhanyakuriya, and the archaeological excavations of Chandraketugarh.

The department of **Philosophy** visited places and buildings associated with Sri Ramakrishna, Sarada Dedi, Swami Vivekananda and Sister Nivedita.



# EXPLORE & EXPAND: STUDY TOURS, EXCURSIONS, CITY WALKS

Some departments as **English, Political Sc, Sociology, Education, Psychology, Human Rights and Sanskrit** chose to explore the city of Kolkata - its rich cultural and historical heritage, its past frozen in the monuments, as well as its ever expanding newness.

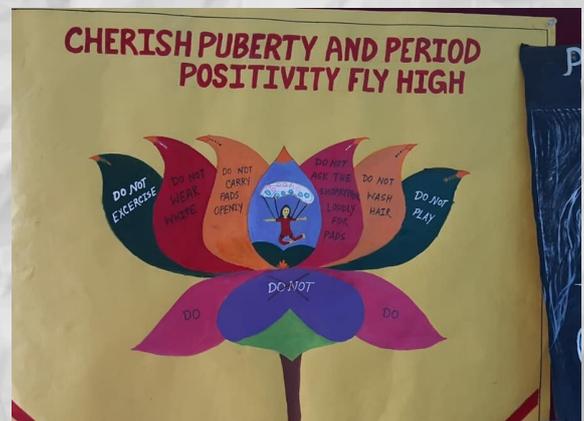


## GENDRED SPACE: GENDER RESOURCE CENTRE EVENTS

Focus on Gender

**Ebong Alap:** a non-profit registered society founded by a group of academics, writers, and researchers, who work on gender-sensitive citizenship issues. organised UBACHO, a poster exhibition on women trailblazers hidden from history who have fought for various kinds of freedoms--from colonial rule, caste oppression, patriarchal shackles, religious bigotry and many other kinds of oppression, was held for RKSMVV students. The event was funded by the **RKSMVV Alumni Association.**

An awareness workshop on **Menstrual Health and Hygiene** was held for the students as well as adolescent girls from the neighbouring slums on 28th January.. Renowned gynecologist, Dr Bela Rakshit I elaborated on the issue, and clarified several misconceptions.



## ENRICHED BY THEIR VISITS & VIEWS:

### Eminent Visitors

Smt. **Ratnaboli Roy**, founder director of Anjali, a mental health rights organization in Kolkata, and Smt. **Shampa Sengupta**, founder director of Shruti Disability Rights Centre, visited the college as resource persons of an Interactive Session on Disabilities and Sexual Violence, organised by the Gender Resource Centre on the eve of International Womens' day, on 3rd March.

**Dr. Pachu Roy**, Chairman of South DumDum Municipality briefed the students on Dengue and its Precautions at a meeting organised by the NSS of RKSMVV.

Smt **Tilottama Majumdar**, litterateur & an avid debator, judged the Srijani Debate and spoke on the tradition of Tolerance in Indian culture.



# CONTINUING TRADITIONS:



**SARASWATI PUJA**



**VIDYARTHINI HOMA**



**YOUTH DAY PROCESSION**



**REUNION**



**ANNUAL PUJA**

