

# NEWSLETTER

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June 2022 to December 2022

## DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY Durgapur Government College

Department of History organized few events in the Session beginning in June 2022 to December 2022, in the month of November-December, 2022 after the puja vacation, when there was a nip in the air and a large chunk of syllabi was almost completed. The students visited a nearby museum and also attended seminars organized by the different cells within the college premises for the promotion of a safe and equitable atmosphere. They also left a mark in the Annual College Sports Meet in the month of December.

On November, 19, 2022 departmental students had the opportunity to participate in a well-thought out programme by the Equal Opportunity Cell, Durgapur Government College in Bidhan Sabhagriha, where they could hear Prof. Himadri Lahiri in an insightful talk on the idea of marginality and cultural representation. One talented student also bagged a prize in the poster competition on this theme.

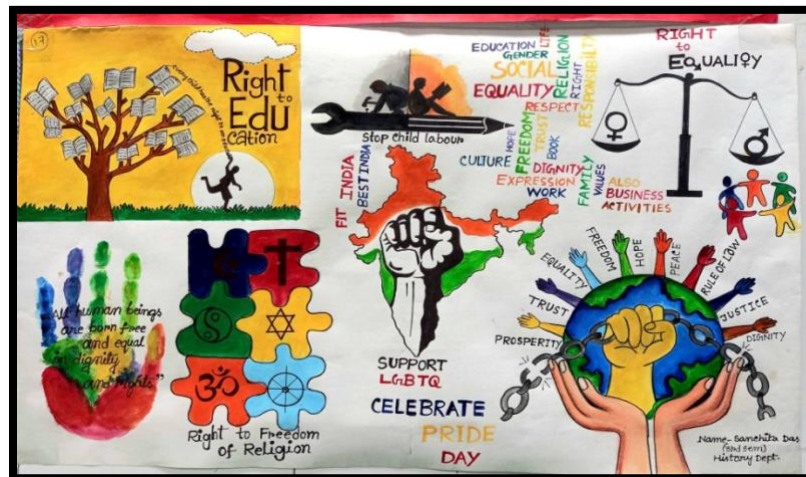


Sanchita Das of 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester History (Hons) secured the second prize in Poster Competition on this theme.





Sanchita with her poster



## Visit to a different kind of Museum

On December 1, 2022, the 5<sup>th</sup> Semester (Hons) students were taken to the **Setubandha Museum**, located in the *Vidyacharcha Bhavan* of the Kazi Nazrul University. The museum is the brain child of faculty members of the English department of Kazi Nazrul University, in assistance with The Asansol Heritage Research Group, a collective of independent researchers of this country and abroad. The museum is created to bridge the gaps between our past, present and future and the curator Dr Santanu Banerjee graciously gave us a lively demonstration lecture on the exhibits and how they are collected. It gave the students an idea of the continuously changing scenario around them and how to preserve slices of these. It made them aware



of the heritages around the Asansol-Raniganj-Durgapur belt and the need to protect and preserve them.



Demonstration lecture by Dr Santanu Banerjee, Curator of Setubandha





Old Railway Lanterns as exhibits



The students also had the opportunity to see Gramophones of yesteryears and sample music from old LP records of the bygone in the adjoining **Nazrul Centre for Social and Cultural Studies**. Researcher and keeper of such rare gems Dr Gaurav Chowdhury, enabled the department to hear the original voice of Kazi Nazrul Islam and share memorabilia with them. It was indeed a heart-warming experience.



## Special Lecture and Prize-Distribution

On December 7, 2022, the department had organized a Special Lecture titled, “*The Indian Subcontinent in the Eighteenth Century: The Beginning of a Turn?*” The lecture was delivered by Dr Kaustubh Mani Sengupta, assistant professor in the History department of Bankura University. The lecture was followed by a lively question-answer session and filled in feed-back forms generated a discussion attended by the departmental and inter-departmental students, faculty members and even few students and faculty from a nearby college.



Dr Sengupta delivering the special lecture and participants listening with rapt attention





For the past few years, departmental teachers have taken the initiative to felicitate the best students of an outgoing batch by awarding them a token book prize. The best students are shortlisted on the basis of their attendance and class performances in internal evaluations throughout. This year, five students namely Richa Das, Gouri Maji, Priyanka Som, Anurupa Tewari and Kuntu Roy of the 2019-'22 batch received the prizes. The prizes were given away on the day of the Special Lecture by the honourable guest speaker, Dr Kaustubh Mani Sengupta and Dr Avijit Ghosh, the Coordinator, Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Durgapur Government College.





Priyanka Som receiving prize from  
Dr Kaustubh Mani Sengupta



## Project –based Students' Seminar

On December 21, 2022 a Students' Seminar was organized in Bidhan Prekshagriha to mark the centenary of the discovery of the Harappan Civilization. On that occasion, papers are presented by the students of the 3rd semester History (Honours). It was a part of their coursework on 'Archaeology and Museum Making in Colonial India' (Skill Enhancement Course). The students were grouped into five teams and two members from each team presented their papers. The title of the seminar was *"Looking Back: Commemorating the Discovery of the Harappan Civilization A Century Ago"*.

It was a project-based seminar where students learnt to make slides and presented lectures with power-point presentation.

Apart from the 3rd Semester HISH students, a few students of the 5th Semester History (Hons) and (Program) were also present in the audience.



## Students ppt presentation



### Achievements of ex-students

It is a matter of great pride for the department that two of our former students had qualified in all India competitive examinations during this period.

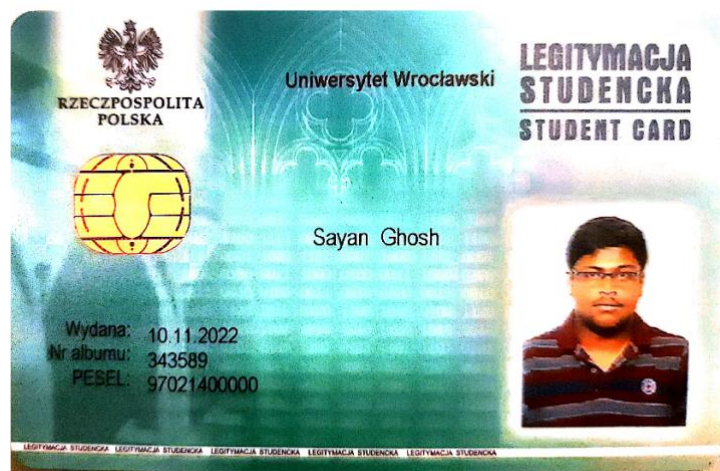
**Debosmita Rujh of the 2015-2018 batch**, a differently-abled student had pursued masters in History in Kazi Nazrul University after graduation and qualified in NET- JRF in the June NET, 2022.

**Debosmita Saha Hazra of the 2016-2019 batch**, had qualified recently for interview after passing the Preliminary and Mains Examinations of



the prestigious post of Assistant Manager in Grade (A), of the National Agricultural and Rural Development Bank (NABARD).

It also gives us immense pleasure that after graduation in History, our students are also pursuing professional courses in heritage, tourism and their background in History is helping them to do so. Our former student, **Sayan Ghosh of 2015-2018 batch**, is pursuing a prestigious fulltime course in Master of Tourism and Hospitality in the University of Wrocklaw, Poland, where he enrolled in the month of November, 2023.



**Students' Identity Card of Sayan Ghosh**