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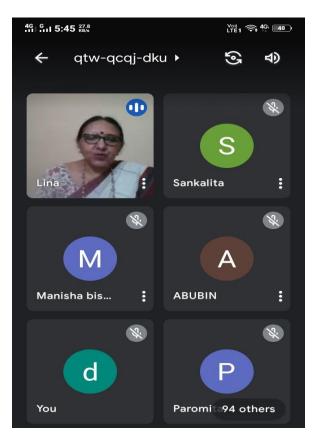
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NSS Activity July 2021 to June 2022

1. NSS orientation programme on 22.07.2021

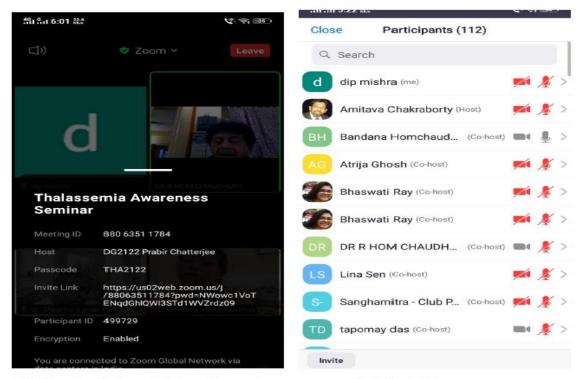
In order to encourage the newly admitted as well as old students of our college an orientation webinar was held on **22nd July, 2021** from 5pm onwards on the Google Meet platform. Dr. Lina Sen, Associate Professor of the Department of Bengali in our college, was the chief speaker in this meet. She introduced the National Service Scheme to the students in a very elaborate manner, sharing with them the body's long and flourishing history in our country, its major achievements, activities and also shared anecdotes from her own long association with this scheme. Above all, she hailed the spirit of service that lies at the heart of this voluntary scheme. Dr. Sankalita Ghosh, Programme Officer, N.S.S. Unit, Bidhannagar College, also encouraged the students to join the unit. A total of 85 students joined this online session.





2. Thalassemia Awareness webinar on 27.07.2021

Thalassemia is one of the silent assassing of our society. As a disease it is well-nigh incurable and brings limitless misery to the sufferer as well as to their family. Yet, a few simple steps are enough to prevent this disease and to eradicate the curse from the face of our planet. All we need is to be aware. A programme on Thalassemia awareness is, therefore, a regular fixture in our NSS programme calendar. This year, in spite of the pandemic-induced lockdown, we managed to organize a webinar on this theme. It was held on the 27th of July, 2021 on the Zoom platform, in collaboration with the Thalassemia Awareness and Prevention Committee, Rotary International District 3291. The webinar started at 5p.m. on the said date. The meeting was graced by the presence of Sri Prabir Chatterjee, District Governor of Rotary International District 3291, other dignitaries from the institute, and Sri Tapomay Das, Officer-in-Charge of Bidhannagar College. Their brief addresses were followed by a lecture by the Chief Speaker of the event, Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhur. Dr. Homchaudhuri, a veteran in this field, spoke elaborately and lucidly on the three simple steps that need to be followed for Thalassemia eradication, viz. testing oneself, testing one's prospective spouse before marriage, and a test during pregnancy if both the partners are carriers. His address was punctuated by anecdotes and real life cases that he has experienced in his long career dealing with this disease. A total of 112 participants, inclusive of students (80) and teachers, listened to the programme online and were immensely benefitted.



Dr. Homchaudhuri speaks in the online meeting

Participants in the programme

3. Tree Plantation Programme on 13.08.2021

Bidhannagar College NSS unit organized a tree plantation programme on 13th August 2021 prior to Independence Day with Rotary International District 3291 organization. The programme started with prayer and songs. 13 teachers and Rotarian participated in this programme. Rotary International District 3291 organization presented 20 saplings to our NSS unit. Officer-in-charge, Teachers and guests started planting saplings in the garden of our college campus. We also watered the trees and made fencing to protect the trees. Our Officer-in-Charge gave a passionate speech about the significance of tree plantation programme and the importance of trees and plants to make the area full of greenery and to reduce the effects of global warming. The event ended with an oath to protect our environment by conducting such tree plantation programme to establish the worth saying -"One Tree, One Life".



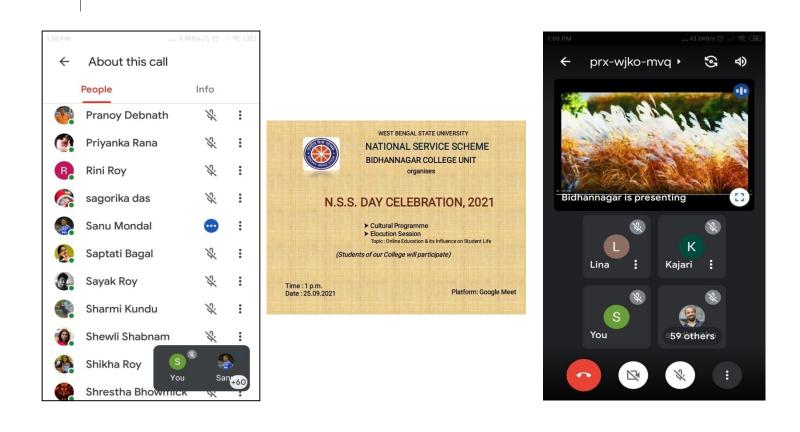
4. Independence Day celebration 2021

75th Independence Day observed in Bidhannagar College on 15th August, 2021 in the midst of novel corona virus pandemic situation. The festival won't be similar this year, yet the chain of the pandemic must be broken. Officer-In-Charge for that day, Dr. Lina Sen hoisted National Flag with other two teachers only. Since Covid 19 restrictions were in place, the students were not allowed to participate in the celebration for their safety, which was held without cultural programmes.



5. NSS day celebration on 24.09.2021

The National Service Scheme (NSS) is a public service programme conducted by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and sports. Every year NSS day is observed on 24th September across India. The National Service Scheme was launched in 1969, the birth centenary year of Mahatma Gandhi in 37 Universities involving 40000 students. It has now been extended to all the state and Universities of the country. All world is now in pandemic situation due to the spread of deadly virus Covid 19. Due to this many of us around the world are stopped our regular activities and we saving our lives by staying at home. Students of Bidhannagar College celebrated this day with cultural programme. They performed dance, music etc and recorded it, through Google Meet platform. After that we have an elocution session also. In this we had given a topic for the participants and given time duration to speak about it. The topic was "Online education it's influence on student life." Teachers acted as judges and decided the winners. All 60 participants raised good points on the topic given and made the programme more and more interesting.



6. Students' Week Celebration on 7.01.2022

In accordance with the initiative taken by the Government of West Bengal, Students' Week was celebrated by the NSS Unit of Bidhannagar College on the 6th and 7th of January 2022. Two webinars were held on these two successive days to mark the occasion.

On the first day Dr. Rini Roy and Mrs. Paroma Dasgupta, both assistant professors in the Department of Microbiology of our college, spoke on the various government schemes for students that have been initiated recently and also those that are already in place. Special emphasis was given on the Students' Credit Card Scheme newly launched by the Government of West Bengal.

On the following day, Dr. Srijit Bhattacharya, Associate Professor, Department of Physics, Barasat Govt. College, spoke in detail on the pros and cons of digital education system. He warned the students against the adverse effects of overusing technology, while also making them aware of several educational resources available on the internet.

The lectures started at 6pm on both the days. They were held on the Google Meet platform and were attended by 100 participants.



7. Republic Day, 2022

The NSS Unit of Bidhannagar College celebrated 73rd Republic Day of India on 26th January 2022 with proper dignity. The National flag was hoisted by Dr. Santanu Saha, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Botany in our college. The ceremony was accompanied by the national anthem. The programme was attended by around five members of the staffand twelve students.



Teachers and students at the occasion

Flag hoisting

8. WEBINAR ON ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES AND MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES on 7.02.2022



Environmental awareness features prominently among the objectives of the National Service Scheme. Several programmes aimed at orienting the students towards the conservation of the environment are held every year by the NSS unit of Bidhannagar College.



A screenshot of the programme

One such programme was held this year on the 7th of February in the form of a webinar on 'Environmental Challenges and Management Strategies'. The webinar was organised jointly by the NSS Unit and the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of our college and was held on the Google Meet platform 3pm onwards.

Among the speakers was Mr. Tapan Saha, retired senior scientist, Institute of Environmental Studies and Wetland Management, Kolkata. He spoke on 'Water Pollution and Water Resource Management'. His deliberation was followed by a lecture on 'Greenhouse Effect and Global Warming' by Dr. Kashinath Bhattacharya, retired professor of Botany, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan.

Both the lectures were highly engaging as was made evident by the questions that followed. The programme was attended by 85 participants.

9. International mother language day, 2022

International Mother Language Day, which is celebrated worldwide on 21st February, was observed in our college this year on 28th February. The organisation of the programme was jointly done by the NSS Unit, IQAC, Cultural committee and the Department of Bengali of Bidhannagar College. The day was observed by staging a cultural programme by the students. Songs, recitations, readings and dance recitals were followed by a lecture on the significance of the occasion by Dr. Uday Shankar Barma, Head and Associate Professor, Department of Bengali, Bidhannagar College. The programme was presided over by Sri Tapomay Das, Officer in Charge of the college, and was attended by 45 teachers and 60 students.





10. Thalassemia awareness camp on 6.04. 2022

A Thalassemia Awareness Camp was held this year on 6th April. Thalassemia, as a disease is a silent killer. It is well-nigh incurable and brings limitless misery to the sufferer as well as to their family. Yet, a few simple steps are enough to prevent this disease and to eradicate the curse from the face of our planet. All we need is to be aware. A programme on Thalassemia awareness is, therefore, a regular fixture in ourNSS programme calendar.

This year's awareness camp, like last year, was held in collaboration with the Thalassemia Awareness and Prevention Committee, Rotary Club of Ganga Heritage, Rotary International District 3291. Several members of the club were present as dignitaries.

The chief speaker in the programme was Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri. Dr. Homchaudhuri, a veteran in this field, spoke elaborately and lucidly on the three simple steps that need to be followed for Thalassemia eradication, viz. testing oneself, testing one's prospective spouse before marriage, and a test during pregnancy if both the partners are carriers. His address was punctuated by anecdotes and real life cases that he has experienced in his long career dealing with this disease.

Around 80 students and 32 teachers were present in the programme.





11. Thalassemia screening, 2022

Following the awareness camp held on the day before, a Thalassemia screening camp was held in the college premises on 7th April 2022.

More than hundred screenings - 96 students and 7 teachers - were done by able and qualified medical practitioners sent by the Haematology Department of the NRS Medical College, Kolkata.

