

The Department of Bengali was established in 1961, on the birth centenary of Rabindranath Tagore. This is very significant since this department follows the ideals of Tagore as he believed that the aim of education is not to make a '*Totapakhi*' but to enhance creative self-expression through mental, physical, aesthetic and moral development.

The Department aims to equip students with deep knowledge of the subject and develop their analytical ability to help them interpret and understand the subject. The classes are lively and interactive where students are encouraged to ask searching questions, share their perceptions and engage in discussions. To develop critical thinking and language skill the Department arranges class seminars and debates. The Department utilizes PowerPoint presentations as well as other visualizers.

In-house faculty members of other subjects deliver lectures to enhance their understanding of the different inter-disciplinary aspects of the subject. Renowned writers and media personalities are also regularly invited to deliver lectures on different facets of literature.

Seminars are conducted on a regular basis and the department has successfully conducted UGC sponsored seminars. The last UGC sponsored national-level seminar was jointly organized by the Department of Bengali and the Department of Comparative Indian Language and Literature, University of Calcutta in 2017

A departmental magazine as well as a wall magazine '*Bhorer Alo*' is published every year. Both of them are published primarily by the students of the department.

The Department of Bengali is also very enthusiastic about the cultural aspect of the college. *Bhasha Dibas*, the International Vernacular Language Day is celebrated every year by the students of the department. The department also celebrates other notable events including Rabindra Jayanti, Sharod Utsav, Basanto Utsav etc.

Achievements of the Department

The students of the Department have continually excelled in the University examinations. Many of the students pursue higher academics and prove their worth in the field of research. A number of them have been working as faculty members in different academic institutions and as journalists in various news and media

centres. The scope of the subject has been on the rise in the work field and the students have consistently proven their worth in the same.