

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)
Sivanath Sastri College

Action Taken Report 2016-17

- 1) Academic Calendars were prepared by all Departments.
Review of Progress was made by all the Departments especially after the Mid-Term Tests.
All Departments organized Invited Lectures by External Experts.
All Departments conducted Student Seminars.
The Geography and Botany Departments organized Excursions and Field Trips.
Classroom Teaching was conducted by Third year Geography Honours Students through Power Point Presentation (Teaching by Learning).
Poster Exhibitions and Knowledge Quiz organized by the Department of Economics.
- 2) The college is an Institutional Member of INFLIBNET since September 2014 and all full time teachers have been provided with individual user ID and Password so that they can access the digital Library. Students can also access INFLIBNET from the Library. Bar Coding of books which commenced from March 2015 has now been completed and the Digitalization of the Library Catalogue is complete. 2 members of the Library Personnel have training in Library Software (KOHA) and they teach all new appointees. Rs. 10,895 was spent on new books in this Academic Session (2106-17) and there was an increased subscription of Journals through N List.
- 3) The College received a Grant of Rs.3 Lakhs from the State Government which it used to set up a Virtual Classroom in Room no.27.
The Lighting and Seating arrangements of the Mezzanine Floor of the Library were completed, paving the way for future use to solve the problem of space crunch.
- 4) Feedback: A Portal was opened for all Third Years to submit their Feedback by 31 December 2016. The Feedback was taken on Choice of Subjects, the Internal Evaluation System, Learning Resources, Laboratories, Library, Infrastructure, Relationship with Management, with the Teaching and Non- Teaching staff and various other aspects of Campus Life. The Analysis of the Feedback has been completed, and the areas for improvement have been identified, such as Canteen Facilities, Audio Visual Aids, Students' Union and Extra-Curricular Activity. Overall, the Students were satisfied with the College and expressed their sense of warmth for and bonding with the Institution. Prior to the opening of the Portal, A Student's Manual was prepared and the students were oriented about Feedback by the teachers of their respective Departments. Feedback response was also collected from the teachers regarding curriculum structure.
- 5) A number of Seminars and workshops were organized during the course of the year.
 - a) A 2 Day State Level Faculty Development Workshop entitled *Application of Statistical Techniques in Research Methodology* was organized by the

Department of Economics and the IQAC on 28 and 29 July 2016 within the College premises.

- b) The Department of Geography in collaboration with the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta organized UGC sponsored National Level Seminar on *Women Empowerment: A Third World Perspective* on 5 September 2016. .
 - c) The Departments of English, Political Science, Women's Study and History organized a 3 Day National Level Seminar entitled *Gender as Perspective: Reflection on Different Disciplines* in December 2016
 - d) The Department of Bengali in collaboration with the Department of Comparative Language and Literature, Calcutta University, organized a National Level Seminar entitled *Bangla O Pratibeshi Sahitya* on 19 January 2017.
 - e) Professor Sudipta De of the Department of Economics completed and submitted her Minor Research Project entitled *Impact Assessment of SHG-MANK Linkage Programme: A Case Study* in December 2016.
 - f) Professor Mousumi Bandopadhyay of the Department of History is engaged in a Minor Research Project entitled *Sister Nivedita: The Occidental Orientalist*. The duration of her Project is from 2015 to 2017. She is nearing completion of the Project.
- 6) Medical and counseling services: A Doctor is available every Friday within the College premises and free Medical Service is provided to the students of the college. The Doctor is also available for Medical Emergencies. In addition to this a qualified Counselor, Mrs. Lalita Ray , visits the college every Wednesday and is available for Psychological Counseling from 8.30 to 11.30 in the mornings. 13 students visited her in 2016-17 of whom 6 came for repeat visits. Their problems are largely related to Stress, Family Problems or Lack of Concentration.
- 7) On campus placement: The College has initiated the Campus to Corporate Recruitment Program with Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) under which two members of our Faculty are trained by TCS. They then proceed to train the students of the Commerce Department with a Curriculum provided by TCS. After the necessary tests and interview process is completed, students are chosen for recruitment. This year, 362 students registered for the Program which was conducted between 25 April and 5 May. Finally 32 Students were absorbed by TCS. The College also signed a MOU for Student Internship with Pricewaterhouse Coopers Service Delivery Centre (Kolkata) Private Ltd. for a period of 3 years under which 13 of our students were placed in this prestigious organization.
- 8) Cultural Activities
- a) A Dance Workshop was conducted for our Students by Raktim Guha of Anubhav Shilpidal which led to the creation of the Dance Drama MAATI based on the theme of Feudal Exploitation still rampant in the remote rural areas of our country.
 - b) A Drama Workshop was conducted by acclaimed Theatre Group Bohuroopee which led to the Play *Phullarader Katha*.
 - c) The Scripts of both the Dance Drama and the Play evolved out of the Workshops with active Student Input. Both were staged in the

- College Auditorium to great applause,
- d) A Debate was organized by the Academic Sub Committee on 22 December 2016 entitled *Demonetization against the Backdrop of India vs. Bharat*. Students, Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff participated in this Debate.
 - e) The Literary Club of the college enrolled new members and the Second Issue of the Student Edited Magazine ITS ME is under progress.
- 9) The NSS Unit of the college was active throughout the year engaging the students in Extension Activities. There was a visit to the Old Age Home Shantir Neer in Mukundapur on 3 October 2016 and again on 17 February 2017. The residents of the Home and the students prepared a joint cultural program. Students also visited the Divine Fellowship Blind School on 4 December 2016. First Aid Training was given to the students under the guidance of Dr. Punyabrata Goon of Shramajibi Swasthya Udyog, so that they could help members of the local community in future if the need arose. An AIDS Awareness Walk was organized on 1 December in which students, teaching and non-teaching staff participated. A Special camp, including Surveys and an Eye Camp was organized in Gobordanga Slum from 14 January to 20 January 2017.
- 10) The Program Gana Swasthya Udyog was inaugurated within the College premises on 12 June 2011 and is still being sustained. Under this Program two faculty Members of the College run a Medical centre for the Slum Dwellers of the adjacent slum areas of Panchanantala and Kankulia Road every Sunday from 10a.m to 1 p.m. They are attended to by a Doctor, and are provided with medicines at the nominal rate of Rs.5. Mostly the very poor and women benefit from this. Chronic as well as Acute patients visit the clinic. The most common diseases are Diabetes, Hypertension, Respiratory ailments, Arthritis and Digestive Problems. In 2016-17, the Clinic was open for 48 weeks and attended to 960 patients.
- 11) Activities of the Alumni Association
- a. A Thalassemia Awareness Walk was organized by the Alumni Association of the College together with the NSS Unit and NRS Medical College, Calcutta on 7 May 2017.
 - b. provided Financial Assistance for the Seminar on Women Empowerment organized by the Department of Geography on 5 September 2016.
 - c. Provided financial aid to economically disadvantaged students