

**Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)**  
**Sivanath Sastri College**

**Action Taken Report 2017-18**

- The semesterised Choice Based Credit system was introduced in the B.Com Honours Programme from the Academic Session 2017-18 as per CU notification.
- The college decided to offer Statistics as a general course from the current academic session (2017- 2018), since approval had been received from the University of Calcutta. It was further decided that music would also be offered as a general subject on the basis of a tie up with Bengal Music College
- Two full time teachers of the commerce department attended CBCS orientation workshops organised by the UGBOS of Commerce, Calcutta University in collaboration with Bangabasi College on 29.07.2017; THK Jain College on 25.11.2017 and Council of Undergraduate Studies on 20.07.2017
- Faculty from the Department of Geography attended a workshop on *the proposed Geography Syllabus under CBCS and introduction of Open Source Software* organised by Lady Brabourne College in collaboration with UGBOS in Geography, CU on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017.
- Faculty from the Department of Economics participated in two workshops on the proposed syllabus of UG, Economics under CBCS organised by the Department of Economics, University of Calcutta and Surendranath College for Women on 12.05.2018 and 30.06.2018 respectively.
- A full time contractual teacher in Statistics was appointed as per instruction of the sanction letter from CU and he joined on 01.08.2017.
- An Inter College Workshop was organised on 03.05.2018 in collaboration with Heramba Chandra College on the Semesterised *Choice Based Credit System (CBCS)* to be introduced in the UG B.A./B.Sc. Programmes of the University of Calcutta from the Academic session 2018-19. Dr. Debasis Biswas, Inspector of Colleges, CU was invited as the resource person. 146 teachers from different colleges affiliated to the University of Calcutta participated in the workshop.
- A proposal for the creation of 4 full time posts in Commerce was submitted by the college to the DPI in the required format along with relevant documents.
- All Departments submitted their Academic Calendars and conducted Parent Teacher Meetings with the Guardians of the First Year Students. Mid –Term tests were held and a review was made of the progress so far. Weak students were identified, counseled and offered additional guidance.
- The Academic Committee held a meeting in which each Department reported its Admission Policy. The Geography department wished to retain their high cut off marks while the English Department wanted to raise their cut off marks to ensure quality, especially since there was a high demand for these two subjects, along with the continued popularity of Commerce (The College has consistently registered a large number of First Classes in Commerce and Geography). However, the other Departments did not want to raise the cut off marks too high, since that would discourage many students from applying, and it is a distinctive feature of Sivanath Sastri College that it caters to students from widely varied backgrounds, including those who are economically disadvantaged, many of whom are first generation learners.
- Some of the innovative teaching-learning initiatives during the Academic year 2017-2018 are as follows:
  - Classroom teaching by the Second year Honours students through Power Point Presentation on **Oceanic Circulation** on 7 February 2018 as a part of the Geography Department's teaching by Learning Initiative.
  - The Second Year students also made a presentation on the **Mechanism of Indian Monsoon** on 12 February 2018.

- Similarly the First Year Students made a presentation on **Bottom Topography of Ocean Basins** on 7 February 2018.
- The Department of English organized a screening of the film **Macbeth** directed by Roman Polanski on 7 September 2017.
- The students of the Department of English were actively involved in the Literary Club of the college and in the editing of the student edited magazine IT'S ME, the second issue of which came out on 8 September 2017.
- The Department of Political Science organized an Inter Departmental Lecture in 2018, where Dr. Dola Chattopadhyay of the Department of Philosophy gave a talk on **Idealism and Materialism**.
- Third year students of the Department of Political Science presented papers on *The Utility of studying Comparative Politics* and on the *Rising Problems of Communalism and its impact on Indian Politics*.
- A short survey was conducted by the third year students on *The Propriety of taking part in Politics at the College level*. They prepared a questionnaire for this.
- The Departments of English and Education organized Student Seminars.
- Dr. Mousumi Bandopadhyay of the Department of History completed and submitted her Minor Research Project funded by the UGC entitled "***Sister Nivedita: The Occidental Orientalist***".
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between Sivanath Sastri College and the Universiti Pertahanan Nasional Malaysia (UPNM), an institution of higher learning, established under the Universities and University Colleges Act 1971. The University is situated in Kuala Lumpur. UPNM is represented in this MOU by Centre for Defence Foundation. The objective of this MOU is to promote and develop cooperation in the field of academic research in mathematics. This will include exchange of research knowledge in mathematics, to collaborate in organizing lectures and symposiums. Each party will bear its own cost in relation to this MOU. The MOU will be in effect for a period of 2 years from the date of signing. The MOU was signed by the Vice chancellor of UPNM in the presence of Prof. Dr. Muhd Zu Azhan Bin Yahya, Director of Centre for Defence Foundation Studies and by Dr. Runa Biswas, Principal of Sivanath Sastri College, in the presence of Dr. Sayan Mukherjee, Head, Dept. of Mathematics on 22 December 2017.
- A Proposal for a Seminar on ***Sister Nivedita and Revitalization of Indian Culture*** in collaboration Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture was prepared and submitted to the Principal for approval and funding.
- The college allocated a total amount of Rupees One Lakh for carrying out a Faculty cum student research project on medicinal plants jointly by the Departments of Botany, Philosophy and Sanskrit entitled ***the Revolutionary Journey of Medicinal Plants from Ancient Times till the Present***.
- As per instructions from the Department of Higher Education Government of West Bengal the College submitted on the RUSA Portal the necessary basic information about the institution required for applying for the grant and the plan of expenditure for Component 9 (Infrastructure grant to colleges) between May 7 to May 14, 2018
- The college received an email dated June 6, 2018 showing that it was included among the list of colleges approved for receiving the grant
- In continuation with one of the Best Practices of the college, Dance and Drama Workshops were conducted. The Dance Workshop was conducted by Danseuse Raktim Guha of Anubhav Shilpi Dal and the Drama Workshop was conducted by noted Theatre Personality Chandan Sen of Natyaanan. One hour classes were held once a week during the months of November, December and January leading to Productions for a stage show.
- On 29 January 2018, Sivanath Sastri College presented the products of these workshops as a Fundraiser staged at CLT (Aban Mahal). Tickets were sold and the entire proceeds of Rs. 60,000 were handed over to Sundarban Sramajibi Hospital, Sarberia. This is a community based primary healthcare facility run by Krishi Chakra, a group of Agricultural Workers to provide dedicated medical services at a nominal cost. This group also runs a co-operative

farming venture, and sells organic farm products to the local community. The organization distributed pamphlets among the students to make them aware of this community work being done in Sarberia, and inviting their greater participation.

- Teachers' Day was celebrated by the Students' Union.
- Library resources were enhanced. In 2017-18, the college funded the purchase of Rs.104186 on books; Rs. 14373 on journals and Rs. 5900 on e journals.
- A grant of rupees two lakhs received from the P.C. Chandra Group for Library Upgradation was used to acquire computers, printers, bar code scanners and reprographic facilities for the library.
- The Commerce Department received a proposal from TCS on 30 January 2018 with reference to their Campus to Corporate Program. Madhumanti Ghosh and Sujata Datta Chowdhury were the two Faculty members chosen from the Department of Commerce for the Faculty Training Program organized by TCS. Later these teachers delivered a 70 hour training program to the students of Sivanath Sastri College. The Curriculum and Course Content were provided by TCS.
- Activities of the NSS unit include:
  - Organizing a Special Camp at a slum near our College in Ward No. 92, named Gobordanga, between 20 and 26 February, 2018.
  - An Eye Camp was organized and Dr. Kanika Sil examined patients.
  - Dr. Anjan Mukherjee from AIIMS was invited to join the camp for an Awareness Program on Dengue, Malaria and Water Borne Diseases. A large number of people attended this program.
  - The NSS Volunteers cleaned and applied Bleaching Powder to the possible breeding ground of mosquitoes.
  - A Questionnaire Survey was made by the NSS Volunteers to identify the socio-economic condition of the slum dwellers