

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

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ACTION TAKEN REPORT 2019-20

The academic year 2019-20 is unique in the sense that 2020 is the year when a pandemic spread globally bringing normal life almost to a standstill all over the world. In India complete lockdown was the initial measure adopted to tackle the situation. One of the worst hit sectors due to the lockdown induced by the pandemic is education. Complete closure of educational institutions resulted in the adoption of digital modes of teaching –learning so that the entire process of education underwent a radical change. Keeping pace with the changed situation our college also adopted the online mode of teaching-learning and other academic activities. Hence the action taken report provided below reflects the effect of the pandemic induced lockdown on the different activities of the college after March, 2020 in addition to those during the pre-lockdown period.

- Teachers from all B.A./B.Sc./B. Com. Departments participated in CBCS workshop organised by the college on September 3, 2019.
- Academic calendars were prepared by the departments but due to the lockdown induced by the pandemic regular classes were replaced by online classes using video conferencing apps like Google Meet and Zoom. The LMS software acquired by the college was utilised for sharing study materials.
- Some departments arranged special online lecture series for the students like the one held by the department of Education the details of which are given below:
 - Day 1 (03.10.2020) Desired Values of Society and their Sources by Arijit Sarkar
 - Day 2 (05.10.2020) Protection of Children from Sexual Offenses (POCSO) by Dr. Samrat Datta
 - Day 3 (06.10.20) Distance education in India: Its genesis, development, policy perspective and challenges by Dr. Arijit Mondal
 - Day 4 (07.10.20) Testing tools (psychological testing) by Dr. Soma Nandi
 - Day 5 (08.10.20) Socialization as process and its educational implication by Dr. Rita Singha Roy.
- Departmental meetings were held to review progress. However, after March 2020, the meetings were held online.
- Development of E-content by Dr. Usha Keshan who was **Resource Person** of five modules for MOOC course on **Botany** titled “**Plant Physiology and Metabolism**” – by **EMMRC** (Educational Multimedia Research Centre is a media Centre of University Grants Commission) St. Xavier’s College (Autonomous), 493, Ajaynagar, Kolkata -700094, India which are developed and delivered for **SWAYAM in January-June 2020** semester, under CBCS structure.
- The Student Research Project conducted by the Departments of Botany, Philosophy and Sanskrit entitled *The Revolutionary Journey of Medicinal Plants from Ancient Days to Modern Civilization* was completed. The report was ready and an inter-disciplinary seminar and exhibition was held on September 27, 2019.
- Biometric attendance commenced from September 2, 2019 but had to be temporarily discontinued due to lockdown
- Purchase of the items sanctioned under the procurement grant of RUSA 2.0 was completed.

- Library renovation and purchase of books with the grant received from RUSA 2.0 was completed
- The regular Campus recruitment programme of TCS was delayed due to the lockdown but TCS conducted Campus Recruitment Programme for B.Com /B.A. students from 2019-20 batch of final year students by the **National Qualifier Test (NQT)** , online test programme **on 18th and 19th February, 2021**. 631 students appeared for the examination, out of which, 85 students cleared the online test, however interviews are still pending.
- The seminar on Union Budget proposed by the Departments of Commerce and Economics could not be held. However, during April to December 2020 a number of webinars/online workshops including three international webinars were hosted by the different departments
- **Online workshops/webinars include**
 - Humanity at the Crossroads (One day online workshop through Google Meet) Organized by Depts., of History & Political Science Sivanath Sastri College in Collaboration with Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group on 09.07.2020
 - Intersectionality between Gender, Caste and Class: Genesis of gender Violence in India organized by Depts. Of History Pol Sc. & Women's Studies Sivanath Sastri College on 09.08.2020
 - Online Workshop On How To Use ICT in Teaching, Learning And Administrative work in Higher Educational Institutes held on 20.08.2020 and 21.08.2020
- **International Webinars**
 - Living with Lockdown: Lessons from India's Covid-19 Response & The Way Forward to Economic Survival (Webinar through google meet) / organized by Depts. Of Economics & Commerce & IQAC of Sivanath Sastri College in Collaboration with Malda College 05.06.2020
 - *Antorjatik Aloconachokro : Opar Banglay Bhasha Andolon : Tar Uttaridhikar (International Discussion on : Language Movement in the 'Other' Bengal : Its Legacy on 25.09.2020*
 - *DwishotobarsheVidyasagar organised by Departments of Bengali and Education on the occasion of 200th birth Anniversary of Iswarchandra Vidyasagar on 26.09.2020*
- **Environment awareness**
 - A national webinar on *Climate Change: Impact and Adaptive Strategies* was organised by the Department of Geography on September 15, 2020.
- **New recruitment**
 - 3 full time (Commerce 1 and Political Science 2) teachers were appointed. 8 contractual teachers and 10 guest teachers were re-designated/ reappointed as SACT.
- A webbased MIS software was acquired by the institution which became operational from January, 2020
- A plot of land covering an area of 168 decimal in Kalikapur Mauza near Sonarpur was purchased by the institution and the registration was done on September 14, 2019 for the construction of a second campus.