

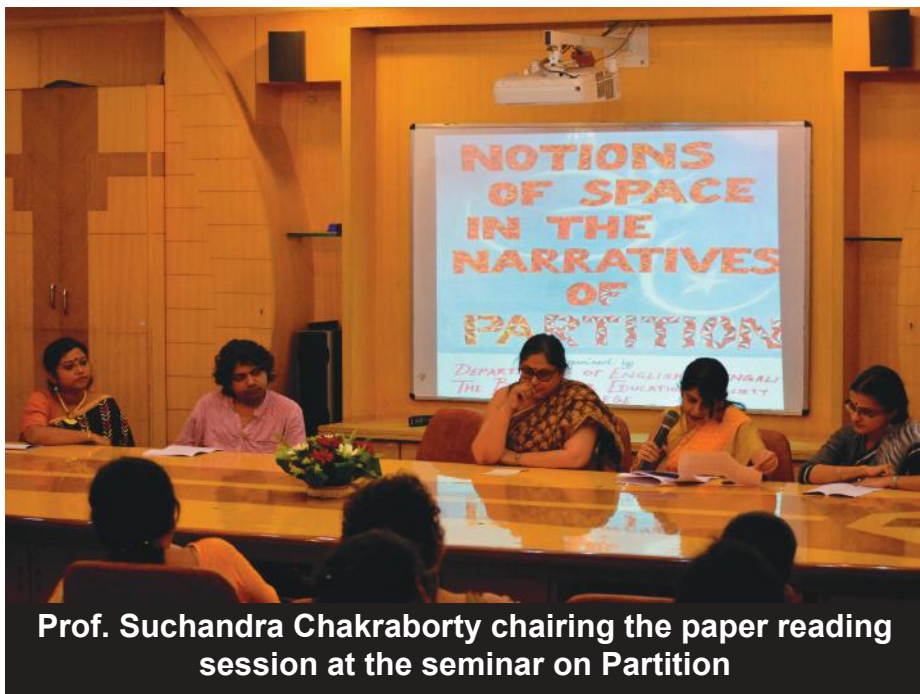


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Notions of Space in Narratives of Partition



Prof. Suchandra Chakraborty chairing the paper reading session at the seminar on Partition

The BESC Kolkata, September 4: A seminar took place at The BESC on 3rd September, 2016 in the 2nd floor college auditorium from 2.00 - 5.00 pm. It was a combined effort of the college

students and professors mostly from the department of Bengali, English and Journalism/ Mass Communication. The seminar highlight was the topic 'Notions of Space in Narratives of Partition'.

The opening speech, delivered by Professor Suchandra Chakravarty, was very nostalgic. It consisted of her emotions and attachments regarding the partition. "My first

introduction to the idea of partition was through an old rhyme," she said. The poem was, "Teler shishi bhangle pore kho-har upor raag koro/ Tomra je shob buro khoka bharat bhenge bhaag koro..." (You have broken up the country and divided the land...) The professor was found showing her amazement to the fact that even now whenever the question of one's country would be asked, some people's reply would be "Amar desh Dhaka" (My country is Dhaka). Professor Suchandra Chakravarty was followed by Profes-

sor Kalyan Das, a renowned professor of Presidency University. He elaborated his thoughts on an experience of partition. He talked about the sufferings of the people, both physical and mental due to the partition and it struck them so badly that it got embedded within their cells. Next in the line was Professor Abdul Kafi of Jadavpur University. He explained how an existence turns into a non-existence and how non-existence acquires a dominant effect on everyone. According to him, partition was the reason of our displacements and segregation. The

Vice Principal of the college, Professor Debjani Ganguly said, "Partition happened a long age back but its traces are still found within us." She said, "It was pain, it is pain and it will always be." She felt that the idea of partition should be very clear to the students for them to understand how politics work and how everything accords with it. This brought an end to the speech session and the beginning of the paper reading session by Professors of The BESC.

The discussions enlightened the audience with the knowledge and the

consequences of the partition. The major attraction of the event was a play performed by the college students 'Notun Yehudi' which was initially performed on 21st June at Kalika Rangmanch. It dealt with the struggle and sufferings of the people of the East Pakistan caused by the partition. The play was based on a book written by Samir Sen. It was a story of a Brahmin Hindu of East Pakistan, Manmohan Bhat-tacharya who was expelled from his job. He sold his remaining land and with his children and wife, Anna-purna, shifted to

Kolkata. The family's struggle increased and their expectations about their future home were ruined. They were treated as refugees as they were restricted from any kind of job. The play ended with a strong message that best describes the partition, "Desh, ghar, ar nai bhai" (The country, the house is no more). The play was followed by a thanks giving ceremony which marked the end of the event.

- **Mallika Chakraborty and Maushmi Chawda**

Bhawanipur Students make a mark at Jadavpur University's IRSC 2016

Kolkata, 25th September: The International Relations Scholastic Conclave 2016, the flagship event of the Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University was held in collaboration with the BESC on September 22nd and 23rd. It was a matter of great pride for the institution to be associated directly with such a huge event. The theme of the event was Transnational Security Issues in the Contemporary World. The inaugural session was graced with the presence of Prof. Mahua Sarkar (Dean, Faculty council of Arts, Jadavpur University), Dr. Pradip Kumar Ghosh (Registrar, JU), Dr. Kakoli Sen Gupta (Head, Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University & IRSC 2016 Teacher Coordinator) and Dr. Suchandra Chakravarti (Teacher-in-charge of The Bhawanipur Education Society College). The keynote address was delivered by Major General (Retd) A K Bardalai (Former UN Military Observer in Angola, and former Deputy Head of the Mission and Deputy Force commander in UNIFIL (Lebanon), Former Commander Indian Military Training Team (Bhutan). The address was followed by the very enlightening Stalwarts' Debate on the motion: "Has the War on Terror turned out to be a War for Terror?" The debate was presided over by Prof. Radharaman Chakraborti and the stalwarts comprised Prof. Anindyo Jyoti Majumder, Maj. Gen Bardalai, Air Marshal (Retd.), P. K. Barbora,



A student (above) and eminent speakers at Jadavpur University

Dr. Jaideep Saikia, and Mr. Rana Bannerjee. Students from various colleges participated in myriad events such as a two-day Model United Nations, debate, paper presentation, interest group simulation, creative writing and quiz. The second day saw a panel discussion on the topic "Do First World Countries have a moral obligation to accept refugees?" The panel session was initiated by Prof. Jyotirmoy Banerjee, and was followed by Prof. Samir Das, Prof. Omprakash Mishra and Prof. Debi Chatterjee.

The event was a huge success and the students and teachers of the BESC participated wholeheartedly in it. Mention must be made not only of the students who participated in the various events and were successful in securing positions of merit, but also those who coordinated with the students of JU to make this program a success. The student coordinators, Harsha Jain,

Nischal Dave, Anupama Mahato, Hemang Pandit and Anshuman Sharma deserve special recognition for their organizational skills. Nischal Dave and Anupama Mahato participated in paper presentation on international drug trafficking; Hemang Pandit, Nischal Dave and Aditya Kar participated in the quiz on transnational politics; Harsha Jain and Pemagyalchen Tamang participated in the students' quiz on "the regulation of the internet as a necessary evil"; Anshuman Sharma, Nikita Ramaswami, Aarshi Siddiqui and Arushi Bhattacharya participated in the interest group simulation; Akansha Dubey, Akshita Arora, Shaurya Majumder, Trisha Das and Atrayee Dutta participated in creative writing; Aishi Guha, Poja Manot, Subhojet Sinha, Nilesh Varma, Srekanya Basu, Baisakhi Chatterjee, Akansha Gogoi, Rohan Agarwal and Ashis Ranjan participated in the two-day Model United Nations. Moreover, Nilesh Varma and Ashis Ranjan secured honorable mentions in the MUN; Nischal Dave and Anupama Mahato were second runners-up in the paper presentation; Atrayee Dutta was second runners up in creative writing. To say the least about our faculty members, Profs. Debanjana Chakravarti and Lopamudra Majumder of the Department of Political Science were invited by JU, to the panel of judges for debate and creative writing, respectively.

- **Prabal Biswas and Neil Banerjee**

Kashmir and its Discontents: A Talk



Prof. Nandalal Chakraborty at the seminar

The BESC, 21st September: Professor Nandalal Chakraborty, widely known as one of the specialists of Western Political Thought and Indian Constitution, was at The Bhawanipur Education Society College, Second Floor Auditorium on Wednesday, 21st September at 2.30 pm to deliver a lecture on the unresolved issue of

Kashmir. It was a seminar jointly organized by the departments of History and Political Science. Prof. Chakraborty is also known a renowned scholar who devoted many years of his life in unraveling the mystery behind Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's disappearance. Professor Chakraborty, while describing Kashmir as an image of war, bloodshed and atmosphere of fear, said, "Facts are to be teased out of illusions, false perceptions, false notions and counterfactuals." Interestingly enough, he said that at the time of partition, the Kashmiris were not ready to accept the ideology of the two nation theory. It is mentioned in Narendra Singh's book, 'Untold Story

of Partition' that one lakh Muslims were escorted to Pakistan through Jammu and almost the same number of Hindus were escorted back to Jammu from Pakistan without any communal riots. Professor Chakraborty spoke of AFSPA (Armed Forces Special Powers Acts), Burhan Wani and his idea of nationalism before a learned audience which included around seventy professors and students from the Faculty of Arts.

- **Jyotshna Agiwal and Adrish Mukherjee.**

‘Mission Life’: ‘Munna Bhai’ motivates the students of BESC



Bollywood star Sanjay Dutt and host Mir on the ‘Mission Life’ event at Kala Mandir

Kolkata, September 13, 2016:

"Take the positive from Mission Life and you will always hit a six", said the legendary superstar Sanjay Dutt to the audience present at Kalamandir to witness the event 'Mission Life', an initiative of The Bhawanipur Education Society College in association with The Telegraph.

The superstar was there to share the journey of his life with the college students. The event was hosted by Mir, who thanked The BESC and The Telegraph for providing a wonderful opportunity to interact with Mr. Dutt. The Bollywood star spoke about the ups and downs of his life and how he emerged out of the hardships. He stressed on the fact that it is important to know the law of the land. He also expressed his desire to organize shows on ‘Gandhigiri’. The experienced star also advised the students to make their own choice. “Set a goal, walk on it and you will reach there”, he

said. On being asked about his suggestion on drugs he said, "Jo zindagi mein kaam ka nasha hota Hai, drugs woh nahi de sakta". When Sanjay Dutt was questioned by Mir about his time spent in jail, he said, "It was traumatic." He acknowledged the weapons possession case which he was charged for. He said, “I served my sentence like a man.” The fifty seven year veteran actor spoke on hope, "... Hope is a good thing, but it can also destroy a person..." His advice to the youngsters was not to run away from problems, but to face them till the end with the positive hope of being able to solve them”.

- Maushmi Chawda and Adrish Mukherjee

Annual Graduation Felicitation Ceremony 2016



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Kolkata, September 21, 2016:

The Annual Graduation Felicitation Ceremony 2016 of Bhawanipur Education Society College was held at Kala Mandir on September 21st, 2016.

The auspicious occasion was meant to

felicitate the first class honours graduate students. The occasion was graced by the presence of the Honourable Governor of West Bengal Shri. Keshari Nath Tripathi. He threw light on the necessity of cultural assimilation and harmony and spoke about

the relation between the youth and the nation.

Professor Dilip Shah quoted some of the poems of the Honourable Governor to motivate the outgoing as well as the present students of the college.

‘Euphonious 2016’ - College Music Festival takes its first flight



Students performing at the Music Festival

Kolkata, 23rd of September, 2016:

The maiden music festival of The Bhawanipur Education Society College under the name of ‘Euphonious’ was held

at the 6th floor college auditorium with participants of students from various colleges across the city. The event was organised by Rajarshi Mitra, Raunak Bardia and Oindrilla Guha. The Bhawanipur College’s Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. Dilip Shah and Music Faculty, Mr. Saurab Goswami spoke a few words and gave the participants their best wishes. Bhawanipur College’s own Saurabh Chaturvedi, a first year B.Com student, walked away with the First prize with his rapping skills in the Introductory Round along with St. Xavier’s College. The Bhawanipur band ‘Drone’ made the college proud by being the winner of Eastern Group. The host college won most of the laurels and became the overall champions of Euphonious, 2016. The musical soiree came to an end with the foot- tapping music of Bhawanipur College’s own DJ Yashvardhan Dalmia.

Students watched ‘PINK’ with ‘Big B’



The ‘Big B’ speaking on his new film ‘PINK’

Kolkata, September 11, 2016:

In a surprising event through Skype, Amitabh Bachchan spoke to a number of students from different collages as a promotional activity of his recently released film Pink directed by Aniruddha Roy Choudhury.

The Skype session was conducted at The Bhawanipur Education Society College and it was one of its first kind where a veteran star and the face of popular cinema interacted with the students through Skype for a promotion of a film.

BESC team clinches victory in ‘ALTIUS’ Bangalore



Team BESC in the ALTIUS Bangalore

Bangalore, September 18, 2016:

Teams from the economics department had a very good run in the ALTIUS Bangalore.

People participated from different colleges and the programme was quite interesting for the audience. Being a participant, the BESC team came first

in the event Hunger Games which was one of the most interesting events in the show.

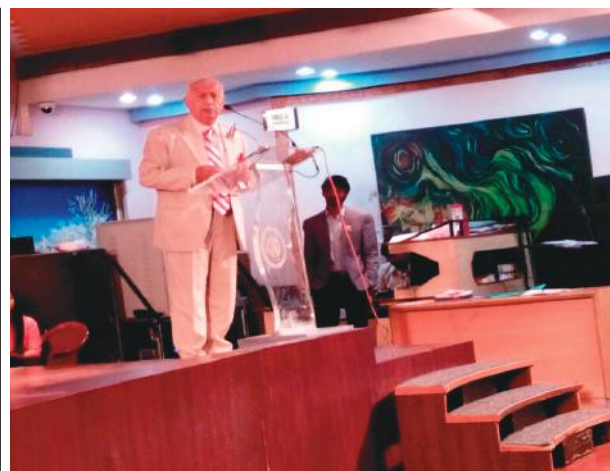


BESC stood first in Inter-College Accounts Olympiad 2016

Bhawanipur becomes the overall champions on St. Xavier's Inter-College competition 'GOONJ'



September 30, 2016: 'Your Guide To Stock Market Investment with India Infoline' - organised by Bulls Eye



Inauguration of NEXUS. BESC celebrates their win in NEXUS 2016.



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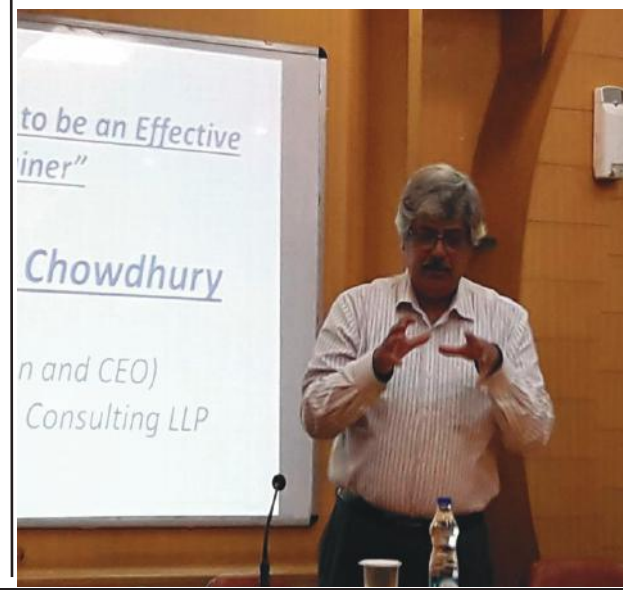
Project Seva Sandwich: National Service Scheme unit of Bhawanipur College prepares sandwiches for the under privileged.



BESC organises a week-long Faculty Development Programme

The BESC Kolkata: Faculty Development Programmes which train teachers to face the challenges of the changing education scenario and academic administration are essential, as teachers are also major participants in institution building. The Faculty Development Cell of the BESC organised a week-long programme entitled Preparing for Challenges in Higher Education Institutions. The programme was inaugurated by Professor

Swagata Sen, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs, University of Calcutta. The Inspector of Colleges, Shri Debashish Biswas and a galaxy of prominent academics, academic trainers, environmental activist and Principal of well known colleges, conducted the session. A total of 25 teachers, including two external participants from Sreerampore College, were given certificates at the end of the programme.



Some special and memorable moments of the "Faculty Development Programme" (FDP) organised by The Bhawanipur Education Society College