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Report on One-Day Workshop on Curriculum and Credit Framework (CCF,2022)
held on 5.7.2023

The Department of Economics and the Department of Commerce, Victoria Institution (College) in collaboration with IQAC organized a one-day workshop on Curriculum and Credit Framework (CCF,2022) under National Education Policy on 5th July,2023 at the Keshub Memorial Hall of the college. The workshop started at 11 AM. The two eminent speakers in the workshop were Sri. Debasish Biswas, Inspector of Colleges, University of Calcutta and Sri Gurupada Saren, Secretary, Council for Undergraduate Studies, University of Calcutta. The Principal of VIC, Dr. Maitreyi Ray Kanjilal and the IQAC coordinator Dr. Sumallya Karmakar were present in the workshop with their wholehearted support and cooperation. Almost all the faculty members from Victoria Institution (college) and a large number of teachers from various undergraduate colleges under Calcutta University enthusiastically participated in the workshop. The number of teachers participated from the college were 69 and those from other colleges were 44 The Inspector of Colleges explained the CCF,2022 in detail to the audience. There was an interactive session at the end of the two lectures where the Inspector of Colleges patiently addressed all the queries of the audience regarding the new system of learning. The workshop was a great success and was immensely beneficial for the participants especially before the beginning of the first session under the Curriculum and Credit Framework, 2022.



Some glimpses of the workshop

Seminar on IPR & Innovation with Startup Incubation Concept

organized by IQAC on 24.08.2023

A seminar on “Intellectual Property Right and Innovation with Startup Incubation Concept” was organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Victoria Institution (College) on 24.08.2023 to enlighten the faculty members on this very relevant issue. The chief objective of the seminar was to create awareness about IPR tools - especially patents and copyrights as well as to guide the researchers/ inventors amongst our faculty members about patenting their inventions, National & International IP laws, procedure for Registration, fundamentals of technology transfer etc. and to provide insight into practical applications of IP. Mr. Meghdut Bhattacharya, IPR Attorney & Startup Advocate, ISO lead Auditor acted as the resource person for the event. One of the main highlights of his lecture was the Startup Incubation Concept, which he discussed in greater detail. The session became quite interactive towards the end as the faculty members had a lot of queries of their own on the matter. Overall the programme was a great success.

Snippets of the event



Resource person delivering his talk



One-Day National Seminar on "NEP:2020 Remoulding India into a Global Knowledge Superpower" organised by Department of Commerce on 15.09.2023

One-Day National Seminar on "NEP:2020 Remoulding India into a Global Knowledge Superpower" was organised by Department of Management, Institute of Management Study, Mukundapur, Kolkata in collaboration with Department of Commerce, Victoria Institution (College), Kolkata on 15.09.2023. Welcome address was delivered by Dr. Tapas Ranjan Saha, Director, IMS followed by speech of Dr. Aparajita Das, 1st Shift Principal, IMS and Dr. Snigdha Basu, NAAC Coordinator and 3rd Shift Principal, IMS. Respected Principal Madam of our college Dr. Maitreyi Ray Kanjilal also addressed the programme. During the First Technical Session, Dr. Ashish Kumar Sana, Professor and Former Head of Department of Commerce, University of Calcutta; Dr. Anirban Ghosh, Professor of Commerce Head of Commerce & Management Netaji Subhash Open University; Dr. Sumanta Dutta, Assistant Professor of Commerce St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) and Dr. Karthikeyan Parthasarathy, Associate Professor Dept. of Management Studies, Kongu Engineering College, Tamil Nadu enlightened all about different aspect of New Education Policy, 2020. Second Technical Session comprised of paper presentation by different research scholars which was chaired by Dr. Chhotelal Chouhan, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Commerce, Victoria Institution (College). Eight students of the Department were also visited the Seminar, so that, they can get a vivid idea about New Education Policy under which they are studying presently and different aspect like Academic Bank of Credit.



Facilitation of our respected Principal
Madam



Faculty and Students of Department of
Commerce with our Respected
Principal Madam

**One day workshop organized by the department of Botany with IQAC,
Victoria Institution (College), Kolkata on 6.10.23**

Venue: Laboratory, Department of Botany

Number of participating students – 19

Involved semesters – Semester I, III and V, Botany Hons.

Speaker/Resource person – Prof. A.P. Das

Designation – Adjunct Professor, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh (Central University under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, accredited under the University grants commission).

One day workshop was successfully completed on the topic ‘PLANT SYSTEMATICS AND BIODIVERSITY’. The speaker delivered lecture on the Biodiversity and Conservation as well as demonstrate practical skills on the plant systematic using BENGAL PLANTS, Volume I and II with collected flowering angiospermic plant specimens viz., *Leonurus sibiricus* (Labiatae), *Coccinia grandis* (Cucurbitaceae), *Oldenlandia corymbosa* (Rubiaceae), *Leucas aspera* (Labiatae), *Physalis angulata* (Solanaceae), *Sida acuta* (Malvaceae), *Urena lobata* (Malvaceae), *Urena sinuata* (Malvaceae) etc. at Botany Laboratory. Broad discussion made with students on nomenclature of taxon, type specimens, role and principals of ICN, artificial keys and their uses, classifications like the artificial system of Linnaeus, the Natural system of Bentham and Hooker and the Phylogenetic system of Hutchinson. groups, documentation, and enumeration of plant species of certain geographical regions.

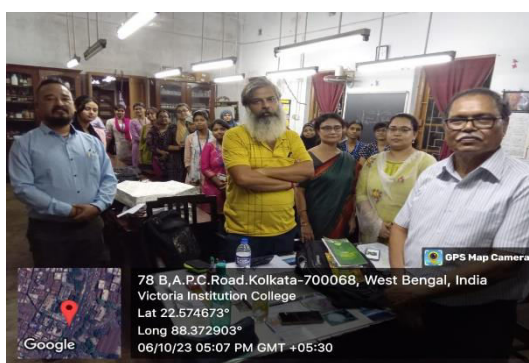


Photo plates of WORKSHOP Session

**One-day Seminar on “Machine Learning an Explanatory Tool”, organized
by the Department of Physics and IQAC on 10.10.2023**

A seminar titled “Machine Learning an Explanatory Tool” was organized on October 10, 2023 by the Department of Physics and IQAC in the “Suniti Sabhaghar”. The resource person was Prof. Amlan Chakraborti, Professor and Director, A.K. Choudhury School of Information Technology, Former Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, University of Calcutta and Visiting professor at IIIT Delhi.

Thirty eight students of 1st, 3rd and 5th semester from various science departments of our college along with faculty members from the Department of Physics and Mathematics and one faculty member of Physics of a neighbouring college participated in the event. Principal Madam and IQAC coordinator graced the occasion. Prof. Chakraborti explained the basic differences between programming algorithm and machine learning and why Machine Learning and Data Analytics have become so important. He also gave an idea about the importance of feature space in Machine Learning, mechanism of Deep Learning which is a multilayered neural network and a subset of Machine Learning. A pertinent issue, that is the importance of ethics in the research and application of Artificial Intelligence was also being discussed by him.

It was an excellent talk and all the participants were enriched by the presentation. We hope that some of the students will consider this multidisciplinary area of science as their future career.



Inaugural session



Resource person delivering presentation



Participants are engrossed in the talk

Career Counselling and Guidance Seminar, dated 05.12.2023

A Career Counselling and Guidance Seminar was organised by IQAC, Victoria Institution (College) in association with George School of Competitive Exam (GSCE) on 05.12.2023 to enlighten students about future career prospects in the Govt. sector. Abhijit Kundu, Director of GSCE was the key speaker who informed students about the various courses one can opt for after their graduation and also encouraged them to take interest in these type of competitive exams. Details of the different courses offered were discussed and leaflets were also distributed for the benefit of the students. Around 46 students participated in the Seminar.



Date: 07/01/2024

Online Seminar

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) at Victoria Institution (College), Kolkata, organized an online talk on "How Leveraging E-Resources Enhances Learning: A Comprehensive Guide for Undergraduate Students" through Google Meet and YouTube live link on **January 7, 2024**. The speaker for the session was **Dr. Ashis Biswas** (Librarian, Victoria Institution College), an expert in the field of Library and Information Science.

Objective of the Talk:

The primary objective of the talk was to enlighten undergraduate students on the effective utilization of electronic resources to enhance their learning process. Dr. Ashis Biswas aimed to provide a comprehensive guide, covering various aspects of leveraging e-resources for academic development.

Key Highlights:

Understanding E-Resources: Dr. Biswas began the talk by providing a detailed overview of electronic resources available for academic purposes. He discussed e-books, online journals, databases, and educational platforms, emphasizing their accessibility and relevance to undergraduate studies.

Benefits of E-Resources: The speaker highlighted the numerous advantages of incorporating electronic resources into the learning journey. These included easy access to a vast pool of information, real-time updates, and the ability to engage with multimedia content, making the learning process dynamic and interactive.

Effective Search Strategies: Dr. Ashis Biswas guided the participants on how to efficiently search and navigate through electronic databases and libraries. He stressed the importance of using keywords, filters, and advanced search features to find relevant and reliable information.

Critical Evaluation of Sources: To ensure the quality and credibility of information, the speaker discussed critical evaluation techniques. Participants were encouraged to assess the authority, currency, relevance, and objectivity of the sources they encounter during their research.

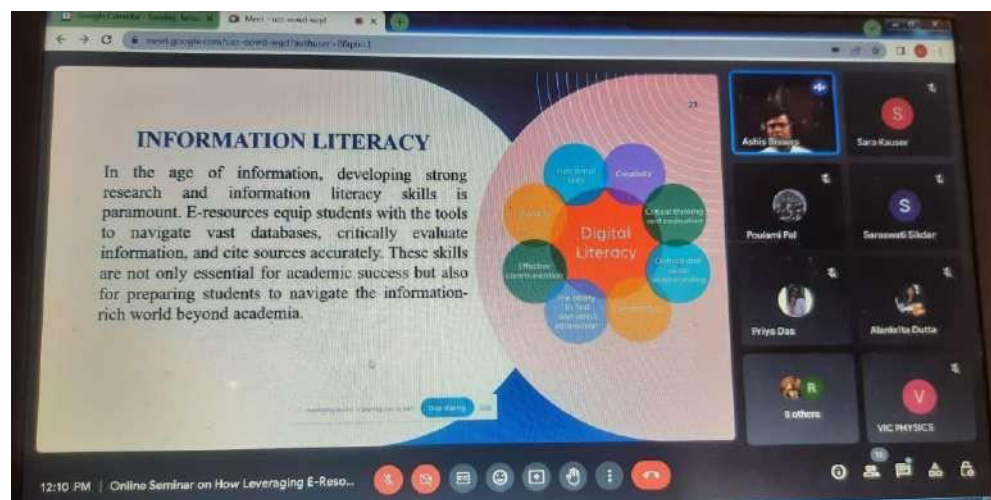
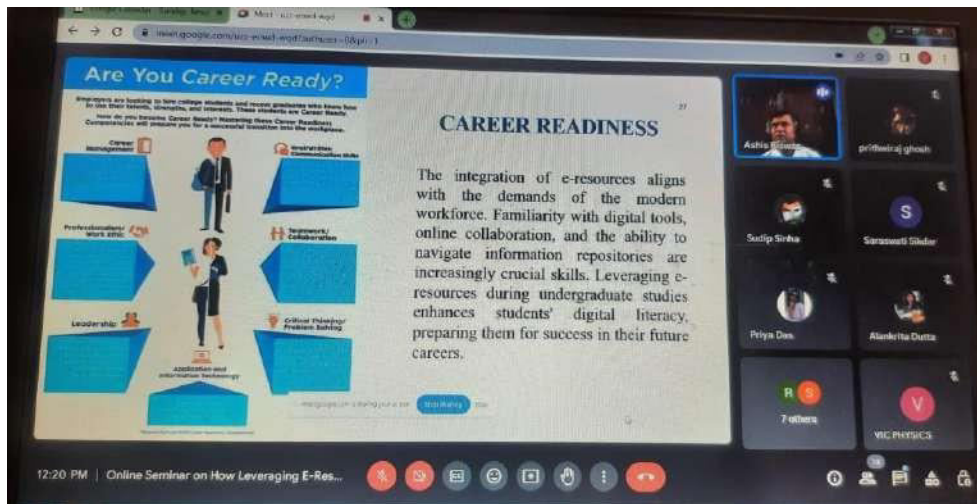
Interactive Session:

The session included an interactive Q&A segment where participants had the opportunity to seek clarification on specific topics related to e-resource utilization. Dr. Biswas actively engaged with the audience, addressing queries and sharing practical tips.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, the talk on "How Leveraging E-Resources Enhances Learning" proved to be insightful and beneficial for the students. Dr. Ashis Biswas effectively delivered a comprehensive guide, equipping participants with the knowledge and skills needed to optimize electronic resources for academic success.

The IQAC at Victoria Institution (College) extends gratitude to Dr. Ashis Biswas for his valuable contribution and looks forward to organizing more such informative sessions for the holistic development of the student community. Around 30 students participated in the programme.



Workshop on Preparation & Maintenance of Service Book
Organized by Service Book Committee in Collaboration with IQAC on
21.02.2024

A Workshop on Preparation and Maintenance of the Service Book of the teaching staff was organized by the Service Book Committee in collaboration with the IQAC of the college at Suniti Sabhagar. The said event was conducted on 21.02.2024.

The Principal, Dr. Maitreyi Ray Kanjilal inaugurated the Workshop. Dr. Tapasi Bandyopadhyay (Department of Bengali) and Dr. Arpita Mukherji (Department of Political Science) acted as resource persons. 41 teachers participated in this workshop.

The issues discussed were –

1. Identification of the Service Book pertaining to College Teachers of West Bengal.
2. Documents necessary for preparation of the Service book.
3. The procedure for filling up the Service Record.
4. Leave rules and procedure for filling up the Leave Record.

A robust question-and-answer session clarified the doubts of the participating teachers. The workshop was inspiring and two faculty members, Dr. Devleena Majumdar (Department of Economics) and Dr. Anjan Hazra (Department of Botany) volunteered to work in this committee.



Principal inaugurating the Workshop



Resource Persons conducting the Workshop



Question-and-Answer Session

**Three Day Workshop on Environmental Economics
Organised by the Department of Economics, IQAC,
Victoria Institution (College) in collaboration with ICSSR-ERC**

The First Environmental Economics Workshop was held from 20-22nd March 2024 at Victoria Institution (College). The workshop aimed to bring together experts students and researchers nationwide to discuss critical issues in environmental economics and explore potential solutions to environmental challenges. The workshop brought together eminent speakers like Prof. Pranab Mukhopadhyay from Goa University, Prof. L Venkatachalam from Madras Institute of Development Studies, Prof. Rajat Acharyya from Jadavpur University, Dr. Mausumi Kar from Women's Christian College, Prof. Sugata Marjit from Hong Kong Polytechnique University, Prof. Aparna Sawhney & Prof. Sangeeta Bansal from Jawaharlal Nehru University, Prof. Kausik Gupta from the University of Calcutta. Under the guidance of their Principal, Dr. Maitreyi Ray Kanjilal, the event witnessed a vibrant exchange of ideas and experiences, fostering a rich tapestry of learning and growth.

Total 40 participants across the country from prestigious institutions like the University of Calcutta, Vidyasagar University, Aliah University, lady Braboune College, Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar University (Agra), Bidhan Chandra College, St. Xavier's University, Sivanath Sastri College, Visva- Bharati University, Banaras Hindu University, MIT - World Peace University, Amity University, Jai Prakash University have participated in this event. The Workshop provided a valuable platform for knowledge sharing and collaboration among experts and participants. The discussions and insights shared during the workshop will contribute to ongoing efforts to integrate environmental considerations into economic decision-making.



Seminar on Sustainable Development Goals: Building Our Common Future with Innovation and Creativity on 26th April, 2024

As part of the World Intellectual Property Day Celebration 2024, the IPR Cell in collaboration with IQAC of Victoria Institution (College) organised a Seminar with this year's theme "IP and the SDGs: Building Our Common Future with Innovation and Creativity" on Friday, 26th April. The event was presided over by Dr. Maitreyi Ray Kanjilal, Principal of Victoria Institution (College), Guest of Honour for the event Dr. Mahuya Hom Choudhury, Senior Scientist & Nodal Officer Patent Information Centre, West Bengal State Council of Science and Technology, and IPR Cell Convener of Victoria Institution (College). The Guest of Honour delivered an illuminating lecture on Unlocking Your Entrepreneurial Adventure Finding The Perfect Path to Start your Own Business: Role of IPR in Technology Commercializaion. She also speaks about the importance of identifying, securing, nurturing and exploiting Intellectual Property for greater societal growth and development. While explaining the basics of Patent filing, Trademark, Copyright, Industrial Design, GI etc, Dr. Hom Choudhury beautifully elucidated to the audience the journey from Invention to Innovation and encouraged both teachers and students to come up with their novel ideas, creative thinking and skills to embark on an entrepreneurial adventure for both personal and greater good. To ensure active participation of the students, the IPR Cell also organised an exhibition and competition of poster-making, photography and model demonstration on sustainable development goals. The best participants were awarded a medal and all participants have been encouraged with certificates. This event was covered and published in four renowned widely circulated newspapers 'The Telegraph', 'Ananda Bazar Patrika', 'Ajkal' and 'Sangbad Pratidin'.



Ajkal Paper 27.04.24



২০২৪ ওয়ার্ল্ড ইন্টেলেকচুয়াল প্রপার্টি ডে উদযাপন করল ভিক্টোরিয়া ইনস্টিটিউশনের আইপিআর সেল। ছিলেন ইনস্টিটিউশনের অধ্যক্ষ ড. মৈত্রেয়ী রায় কান্জিলাল ও স্টেট কাউন্সিল অফ সায়েন্স অ্যান্ড টেকনোলজির পেটেন্ট ইনফর্মেশন সেন্টারের নোডাল অফিসার বিজ্ঞানী ড. মহুয়া হোমচৌধুরী।

Sangbad Pratidin (29.04.24)



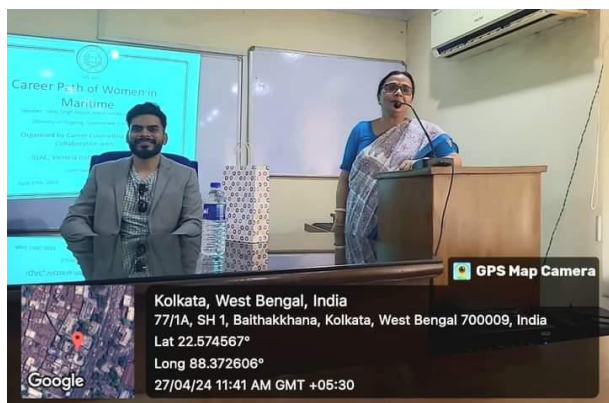
Seminar on “Career Path of Women in Maritime”: organised by Career Counselling Cell

on 27.04.2024

A very interesting Seminar was organised by the Career Counselling Cell on 27th April, 2024, Saturday at 11.30 am, titled, “Career Path of Women in Maritime”. The esteemed speaker was Saroj Singh Rajput, Merchant Naval Officer under the Ministry of Navy. The session was held in Suniti Sabhaghar and attended by around 27 students, along with several teachers. Due to heat wave in the state, attendance of students was not as expected. Many students could not turn up, even after registration.

The session was inaugurated by respected Principal Dr Maitreyi Ray Kanjilal. The IQAC coordinator Dr Sumallya Karmakar also attended the session. Both of them shared their valuable opinion on this topic.

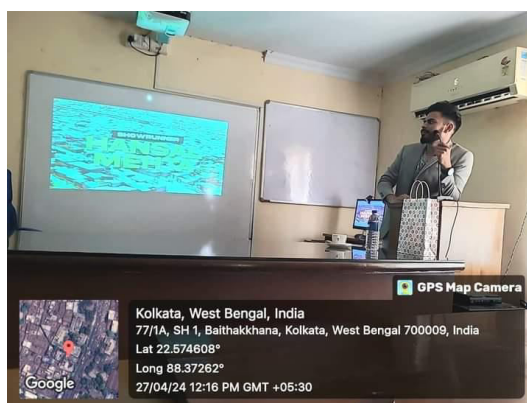
The Seminar centered on the various opportunities of women to build their future along the challenging yet prosperous career in the Navy. Being a rare career for women, both the advantages and disadvantages of this profession were candidly highlighted by the Speaker. Apart from achieving the glorious honour of representing the country, this career provides a brilliant scope for women to increase their own representation in the Navy, which is still negligible. The Speaker explained the risks as well as rewards of this career by using some mind-blowing visual clips from films. Students' enthusiasm and response was quite noteworthy



Principal Madam is giving the Welcome Address



The Resource Person with the participants and the teachers



The Resource Person is delivering the lecture

Theatre workshop, organised by Department of English, dated 27.06.2024

A Theatre Workshop was organized by the Department of English, conducted by OIHIK Theatre Group with the students of English- Major and English MDC on 27.6.2024. OIHIK Theatre Group started their journey in 2004. The workshop was held at Suniti Sabhaghar of the college. 34 students participated in the event. Their first production won the Best Production Award in an All Bengal Drama Competition. Since then their productions like 'Mohora Cholchhe', 'Panchakanya' 'Like, Comment, Share' have been invited and applauded by Paschim Banga Natya Mela and Kolkata Theatre Festival. Their most recent production 'Satyabachan' has run with great aplomb in all the major prosceniums of Kolkata and outskirts. In the Theatre Workshop at Victoria Institution (College) the producer/director couple Arindam Roy and Swati Roy and their teammates explained to the students what theatre is and then encouraged the participants take part in various group activities whereby they were trained to be alert, to be prompt enough in responding to dialogues and even to enact little performances on their own based on certain given situations. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the session and actively participated.

The event has been possible with the support and encouragement of our esteemed Principal, Dr. Maitreyi Ray Kanjilal and the cooperation of the faculty members of English Department.



Students of English Department participating in the Theatre Workshop conducted by members of OIHIK Theatre group.