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Good Morning!

It is an honour and privilege for me to deliver before you the Annual Report of Rani Birla Girls' College for the academic session 2022-23. The academic session of 2022-23 is remarkably significant in the trajectory of the institution as it bounced back to normalcy after the impact of COVID pandemic extending over two years. The report chronicles all that we achieved in this very significant year.

ACADEMICS:

- All scheduled examinations of the University of Calcutta were successfully conducted. The results of B.A/B.SC/BFAD (Hons/Gen./Major) Semester 6, Examination 2022 was declared in this academic session and I take pride in announcing the Sem 6 results .

PROGRAMME	APPEARED	PASSED	PASS PERCENTAGE
B.A (HONS.)	123	101	82%
B.Sc. (HONS.)	19	18	95%
BFAD (HONS.)	16	13	81%
B.A (GEN)	07	02	29%
B.A (MAJOR)	09	08	89%
TOTAL	174	142	82%

The College also served as the external examination centre for theoretical and practical University Examination.

- Admission for the session 2022-23 took place through on-line mode as per State government and Calcutta University directives, and a total of 227 students were admitted and registered under the University of Calcutta.
- The College facilitated and forwarded a total of 280 applications of students for various state government sponsored scholarships and financial assistance schemes like Kanyashree, OASIS, SVMCM, Aikyasree and Student Credit Card.

Scheme	Kanyashree	OASIS	SVMCM	Aikyasree	Student Credit Card	Total
Applicant	06	02	86+38	145	03	280

- I am happy to announce that the college launched its new dynamic website www.rbgc.ac.in with all relevant information as mandated by State Directives and NAAC recommendations.
- A Parent –Teacher Meeting was held on 13/5/2023 to maintain transparency and institutional accountability in academic transactions to our stakeholders

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- On 15th August 2022 the 75th year of India's Independence was celebrated in our college with a flag hoisting ceremony and a cultural programme upholding our nations unity in diversity.
- On 20th December our college organised Freshers' Welcome Programme. A cultural programme on the occasion witnessed vibrant performances by our students to welcome and integrate the new entrants into the folds of the institution.
- On 23rd December 2022 college organized the Annual Sports 2023 for students and staff. Prizes and accolades for some of the brilliant performances made the day worthwhile.
- From 2nd January 2023 to 7th January 2023 Students' Week was celebrated in the college campus. The Student's Week programme was observed under State Directives with enthusiastic participation of all students.

02/01/2023	Department of English	Poetry Writing Competition on Childhood Memories
03/01/2023	Department of Communicative English	Student's Presentation & Recitation of Self composed poems
	Department of Hindi	Essay writing competition on "Rajneeti aur Chatro"
	Department of Education	Special Lecture " I Know My Body!"
04/01/2023	Department of Sociology	Conducted extempore speech on On-Spot Topic/s.
05/01/2023	Department of Geography	Poster Competition on "Colours of Students' Life"
	Departments of Economics & Philosophy	Student seminar on self-chosen topics
06/01/2023	Department of Political Science	Programme on 'Journey of a Woman' – Speech/Dance/Drama/Narration
	Department of Fashion and Apparel Designing	Poster presentation on Sustainable Fashion and Fashion show on Hippie and Bohemian Fashion
07/01/2023	Department of History	Students' Seminar

- Students accompanied with teachers participated in the Inter College Sports & Games Championship organized by the Education Directorate, Government of West Bengal on 4th February 2023 at the Calcutta University ground.
- On 21st February 2023 the college celebrated International Mother Language Day, organised by the Cultural Sub-committee. The programme saw active participation of both teachers and students celebrating linguistic diversity in as many as nine languages ,through songs, dances, elocution and a skit.
- The college celebrated 'Basanto Utsab' with a vibrant cultural programme on 11th March 2023. The programme organised by the Cultural Sub-committee recreated the spirit of Tagore's tradition at Shantiniketan in ushering the newness of a blossoming spring.

- The college observed the Communal Harmony Week (20th March to 26th March 2023) and Flag Day (21st March 2023) by distributing Flag stickers and collection of voluntary donations to promote the initiative of National Foundation for Communal Harmony (An Autonomous Organization under Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. Of India) for upholding national unity, harmony and integration among all sections of the Society. The Social Service Sub – Committee supported the programme in the college successfully.
- On 12th April 2023, the department of Fashion and Apparel Design won the first prize at the Inter College Poster Competition at J D Birla Institute for their poster titled 'Bunawa: The Journey from Loin Loom to Kopur'.
- On 2nd May 2023, in an Inter College Meet "Emblaze" at the Heritage College, Kolkata our students performed brilliantly to be the 1st Runner up in the Tug of War competition.
- 'Shradhanjali- A tribute to Tagore' was a commemorative occasion wherein a cultural programme was organised on 10th May 2023 to pay homage to the great bard on Rabindra Jayanti.
- The students also participated in Inter-College Fests of THK Jain College (2/12/22 to 3/12/22), The Bhawanipur Education Society College (15/12/22 to 27/12/22), ICFAI Business School (12/01/23 -13/01/23), International Management Institute (17/02/23), and Jadavpur University(19/02/23 – 21/02/23)

CAPACITY BUILDING

Our college as a capacity building quality initiative has introduced five Add-On and Skill Enhancement Courses which is an attempt to enhance employable skills of students. Departments hosting these enrichment courses are Bachelor of Fashion and Apparel Designing, Journalism, History and English

Name of Course	Type of Course	Course Duration	Offered by	Mode of Delivery
Fashion Accessories Designing	Skill Enhancement Course	30 hrs.	Dept. of Fashion and Apparel Designing	Offline
Art, Craft Drawing and its Applications	Skill Enhancement Course	30 hrs.	Department of Fashion and Apparel Designing	Offline
Videography and Film Editing	Skill Enhancement Course	30 hrs.	Department of Journalism and Mass Communication	Offline
Preserving and Interpreting Sources of History	Add-on Course	30 hrs.	Department of History	Blended
How to Read? Literature, Cinema & Culture	Add-on Course	30 hrs.	Department of English	Online

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS:

Different departments organized seminars and workshops for productive academic deliberations by eminent academicians as guest speakers.

- On 31/03/2023, Department of English organized a seminar on '*Perspective of Film as a Multidisciplinary Text on Mental Health*'. Resource person : Sourav Sarkar , Film maker and Director.
- On 11/04/23 the Student's Advisory Sub- Committee and IQAC organized a workshop on '*Career Awareness Programme in the Government Sector*' in collaboration with Avision.
- On 25/04/2023, Department of Sociology and Communicative English collaboratively organized a seminar on '*Social Media and Interactions*'.
- On 26/04/2023, Department of Hindi organized a seminar on '*Bhasavigyan Aur Hindi Bhasa*', Resource Person: Dr. Subhra Upadhyay, Associate Professor, Dept. of Hindi, Khidiram Bose Central College
- On 12/04/2023, Department of Education organized a seminar '*Rabindranath Tagore's Contemporary Relevance in Education*'.
- On 08/05/23 the Department of English organized a Students' Seminar '*La Verite*' by the students of Semester 6
- On 12/05/23, Department of Geography organized a One-Day seminar on '*Understanding Hazard, Risk, Vulnerability and Disaster Management in India: Present Day Challenges*'. The Technical session 1 had a lecture by Dr. Anindya Basu, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Diamond Harbour Women's University. In the second session there was students' presentation from Semester 4.
- A One-Day Workshop was organised on 12th May 2023 for students of final Semester by Career Counselling and Placement Cell of the college to provide students an understanding about the opportunities in government jobs. Our guest speakers were Shri Partha Mandal, WBCS Executive and Shri Debanjan Biswas, WBCS Executive

ACADEMIC LINKAGE AND INSTITUTIONAL COLLABORATION:

- Our college has established an academic linkage with Netaji Nagar Day College, Kolkata for educational liaisons and exchange of expertise.
- UDYOG-Foundation of Unified Youths of Gayeshpur, a Non-Profit Organization of Kalyani, Nadia District, West Bengal has signed a MOU on 27/03/23 with our college with a view to collaborate for social and philanthropic work.

FACULTY EMPOWERMENT AND ENRICHMENT:

- Two young professors of our college – Kanak Kumar Jana, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy and Apalak Das, Assistant Professor, Department of History were awarded Doctoral Degree by Jadavpur University in the convocation held on 24/12/2022

- Young teachers in the department of History, Abhijit Saha published his book entitled "Rajpothe Tram-Bibartan, Abhighat O Kolkatar Samajibon 1873 – 1947" in 2022
- Dr. Keya Dutta, Assistant Professor, Department of History published an edited volume entitled "Unish o Bish Sataker Bangla – Bohumatrik Adhare" in April 2023 to which young departmental teachers Dr. Apalak Das, Kinshuk Das, Abhijit Saha, and Sanjukta Ghosh contributed.
- Dr. Sarmila Paul, Assistant Professor, Department of English was honoured as a project leader of a research team and published her edited book entitled '*Food and Drinks*' in collaboration with the York Centre of Asian Research, York University.
- Two teachers Dr. Keya Dutta, Assistant Professor, Department of History and Dr. Sarmila Paul, Assistant Professor, Department of English participated in a 1-day workshop held at Ramkrishna Mission Institute of Culture organized by Ministry of Culture Govt. of India on Indian History and Culture on 'Collecting Stories under Digital District Repository Project of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' on 9th January 2023.
- In addition, to these our faculty members have participated in various workshops and seminars, refresher and orientation courses round the year and shared then expertise and enhanced competences towards Institutional development.

INFRASTRUCTURE:

- Servicing and overhauling of three projectors including purchase of three new projectors strengthened our ICT facilities for teaching and learning.
- As a student facility measure a photocopier machine was purchased.
- The CCTV surveillance mechanism was bolstered further and effectively revamped.
- The college canteen which was non-functional for the past five years was revived through a tender process as a daily requirement for all stakeholders

STUDY TOURS, FIELD VISITS AND PICNICS:

- From 5th September 2022 to 9th September 2022 the students of Semester 5(Hons.) of the Geography Department visited Ghatshila for a Field Trip for part-completion of Semester 5 syllabus. They were accompanied by Ms. Kalpana Biswas and Ms. Kamalika Paul.
- On 29th November 2022 the students of Semester 3 and 5 of the Department of History visited the Alipore Jail Museum as a part of SEC course titled 'Understanding Heritage. They were accompanied by faculty members Dr. Keya Dutta, Dr. Apalak Das, and Ms. Sanjukta Ghosh.
- On 22nd December 2022 the students of Semester 5 (Hons.) of the Geography Department visited Eco Park, New Town for GPS Survey Field work for part-completion of Semester 5 syllabus. They were accompanied by Ms. Kalpana Biswas and Ms. Kamalika Paul
- On 8th January 2023 as a part of staff friendly institutional policy teaching and non-teaching staffs of this college went for a picnic at an idyllic site – Kamarkita in

Bardhaman district. Accompanied by some of the family members of our staff this picnic was another memorable event for the college fraternity.

- On 24th January 2023 the Annual College Picnic was organized at Piyali Near Budge Budge with students and staff members.

STAFF AND STUDENTS BENEFIT:

- This year in view of contemporary popular choices and preferences and the need for students' capacity building, our college re-introduced several **clubs** under the convenorship of faculty members. They are Literary Club, Cine Club, Nature Club, Quiz & Debate Club, Photography Club and Rhythmscape a club for all performing arts. These clubs enable students to nurture their extra-academic interest.
- Regular medical check-up and health counselling sessions has been re-introduced this year and eminent medical practitioner Dr. Shabana Roze Chowdhury is visiting our institution once every month providing medical counselling and advise to students and staff members.
- The college formed a Career Counselling and Placement Cell to provide career assistance to students.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

This year our college's Social Service Committee collaborated with the UDYOG-Foundation of Unified Youths of Gayeshpur of North 24 Parganas to collect clothes , toys and stationeries from students and staff members to be distributed to the underprivileged students and others in need. The collection of the voluntary contributions was handed over to Udyog on 25/04/2023.

POPULAR INTERFACE:

In view of the need to integrate the institution within a larger community a popular interface has been initiated by launching an official Facebook account that regularly registers events held in college.

Having presented the Annual Report of the college it needs to be said the pursuit of excellence is a relentless journey and every activity or event is a milestone in the annals of the institution and is indicative of institutional growth and development. To all stakeholders I appeal to remain steadfast and committed in this collective journey as we lead our college towards our next NAAC Accreditation and Assessment process.

Thank You!