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❖ Intra-College Competitions:

- Total No of Competitions organized : 10
- Names of the Competitions : Extempore Speech, Rabindra Sangeet (Vocal), Devotional Song (Vocal), Tabla Lahara, Drama, Drawing, Debate, Sanskrit Recitation, English Recitation, Quiz, Inter-Bhavan (Hostels) Wall Magazine
- Total No of Participants : 190 (approximate)

❖ Inter-College Competitions:

- Inter-College Debate Competition : The Cultural Sub-committee of the college organized an inter-college Bengali recitation competition to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. This competition was held on 22nd November, 2014 and 33 candidates from 18 colleges/universities participated there. Sayak Misra of our college was awarded the second prize.
- Quiz Competition on Swami Vivekananda: Swami Tejasananda memorial Inter-College Quiz Competition was held on 28th September, 2014. 53 Student-teams from different colleges/universities took part in it.

❖ Participation and performance of the students in Off-campus Academic and Cultural Competitions :

Sstudents of Vidyamandira also took part in various cultural competitions outside the college. Following students distinguished themselves in various inter-college competitions held in 2014-15:

Sl No.	Competition	Name of student with rank	Organized by
1.	Youth Festival 2014	1. Ranit Paul (UG-II) - 1st in Extempore Speech Competition and 2nd in Quiz Competition 2. Sarbajit Ghosh (UG-III) - 2nd in Quiz Competition	ISKCON, Kolkata
2.	World Cup Football Quiz	Ranit Paul (UG-II) - 3rd in Quiz Competition	DYFI, Kolkata
3.	District-level Science Fair and Seminar, Howrah District held on 3 September & 4	1. Riju Basu & Shouvik Mondal (UG-III) - 1st in Model Competition 2. Subhadeep Samanta & Dipen Naga (UG-III) -	Government of West Bengal

	September 2014	2nd in Model Competition 3. Susovan Sarkar & Snigdhavev Das (UG-III) - 3rd in Model Competition 4. Sanjib Mondal (UG-III) - 1st in Poster Presentation	
4.	Scintilla– 2014 held on 6 September & 7 September 2014	1. Sourav Paul (UG-III) - 1st in PowerPoint Presentation 2. Sourav Paul (UG-III) - 1st in Oral Presentation 3. Kuntal Halder & Binay Shankar (UG-II) - 1st in Science Quiz 4. Kuntal Halder & Binay Shankar (UG-II) - 2nd in PowerPoint Presentation 5. Kuntal Halder (UG-II) - 2nd in Poster Painting	Young Scientists' Forum, Kolkata
5.	Bally Chhatra Yuva Utsav (Municipality level competitions)	1. Ranit Pal (UG-III) – 1st in Quiz, 2nd in Reading out World News & 3rd in Extempore Speech 2. Soumyadip Das (UG-I) – 1st in Extempore Speech & 1st in Reading out World News 3. Alokdyuti Nandi (UG-II) – 2nd in Recitation	Bally Municipality, Howrah
6.	Vivek Chetana Utsav (Municipality level competitions)	Soumyadip Das (UG-I) – 1st in Recitation	Bally Municipality, Howrah
7.	Annual Cultural Competitions	Ranit Pal (UG-III) – 1st in Extempore Speech	Bally Public Library, Howrah
8.	Open to All Quiz	Ranit Pal (UG-III) – 2nd in Quiz	Chinsura Arogya
9.	Android Competition of NADC India (Zonal Level)	Shourjya Ghosh (UG-II) – 1st	Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata
10.	Burdwan Chhatra Yuva Utsav (Municipality level)	Atri Mallick (UG-I) - 1st in World News Reading & 1st in Extempore Speech	Burdwan Municipality
11.	Subhas Utsav (Municipality)	1. Arnab Ghosh (UG-III) -	Bally Municipality,

	level)	1st in Sit and Draw 2. Soumyadip Das (UG-I) – 2nd in Recitation	Howrah
12.	Howrah Chhatra Yuva Utsav (District level)	1. Ranit Paul (UG-II) - 1st in Quiz 2. Soumyadip Das (UG-I) - 3rd in Extempore Speech 3. Ranit Paul (UG-II) & Upamanyu Basu (UG-I) - 3rd in Debate	Directorate of Youth Services, Government of West Bengal
13.	All India Debate Competition	Soumyadip Das (UG-I) - 3rd	KPC School of Nutrition
14.	State-level Quiz Competition	Sriman Ranit Paul (UG III) accompanied by Sri Shubhankar Dey – 1st	Department of Youth Welfare, Government of West Bengal
15.	Inter-college Mathematical Quiz Competition	A team comprising Sriman Bhargab Das and Sriman Diptiman Ghosh (1st yr B.Sc. Mathematics (Hons) – 3rd	Departments of Mathematics and Statistics, Ramakrishna Mission Residential College, Narendrapur

❖ Cultural Festivals:

The Cultural Sub-committee organizes various cultural programmes throughout the year. Last year the committee organized the following programmes:

- **Bhratrivaran:** It was held on 14th August 2014. Besides Vidyarthivrata Homa and Bhatrivarana, a cultural programme was organized in the evening where students of newly admitted first year of both PG and UG performed. This was followed by a musical contribution by the students of Blind Boys' Academy, Narendrapur, Kolkata.
- **Saradotsav:** It was held on 27th September, 2014 on the eve of Sri Sri Durga Puja. Students, teachers as well as members of the non-teaching staff presented music (vocal and instrumental), recitation etc. While a group of teachers performed an 'audio' drama, students staged the drama '*Taser Deser Itikatha*'.
- **National Youth Day:** On 12th January, 2015, students of Vidyamandira took part in the National Youth Day celebrations. They joined a procession from our college to Belurmah singing devotional songs. A drama entitled '*Jatiya Satyavadi Yojana*' was performed by them.
- **Saraswati Puja:** A cultural programme was organized on the evening of 24th January, 2015 as a part of Sri Sri Saraswati Puja celebrations. Prof. Ritwik Bhattacharya, an eminent vocalist, sang a number of devotional songs and he was aptly supported by Prof. Siddhartha Bhattacharya. .

- **Birthday (Tithipuja) of Bhagavan Sri Ramakrishna:** On the holy occasion of 179th birth anniversary of Bhagavan Sri Ramakrishna, a procession was organized by our college on 20th February, 2015 in which students went to Belurmath singing devotional songs.
- **Rabindrajayanti and Barshavaran:** The committee also organized Rabindrajayanti and Barshavaran on April 13, 2014. Besides performances by students, teaching and non-teaching staff, there was a concert (Talavadyam) presented by a group of guest artists led by Pandit Biplab Bhattacharya.

❖ Cultural Performance outside the Campus :

The members of Vidyamandira 'paribar' (family) also participated in various programmes outside the campus. Some of them are :

- Debabrata Ganguly, currently a student of M.Sc. (2nd year), performed at Sobuj Sangha, Habra during Durga Puja, 2014.
- On 23rd September, 2014 (Mahalaya) a group of students performed a musical narration (Geeti-alekhya) at Saradapitha.
- On 1st November, 2014, the day of Jagaddhatri Puja, students of Vidyamandira sang some devotional songs at Ramakrishna Mission Saradapitha, Belurmath.
- Rohan Sen, a 2nd year B. Sc. student took part in Sitar recital at 'Guru Pranam', a cultural evening organized by *Swar Sadhana* at Birla Mancha, Kolkata on 31st January, 2015.
- Rohan Sen (Sitar recital) and Dhruvajyoti Das (*Bharatnatyam*), both UG 2nd year students took part in a cultural programme at Princep Ghat on 12th May, 2015 organized by the Govt. of West Bengal to commemorate its 4th Anniversary.

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★ CULTURAL ACTIVITIES :

Cultural activities are an integral part of student life at Vidyamandira for teachers, students and members of the non-teaching staff alike. The multidimensional functioning of the Department of Cultural Affairs of Vidyamandira can be classified broadly under the following heads:

- (a) To organize intra-college cultural competitions all throughout the year.
- (b) To host inter-college competitions.
- (c) To encourage students' participation in various cultural competitions/events outside the college.
- (d) To conduct cultural festivals inside Vidyamandira throughout the year; and
- (e) To run add-on certificate courses on Tabla, Pakhawaj, Vocal Music and Bengali Recitation.

A. Intra-College Competitions:

- (1) **Annual Extempore Speech Competition:** This competition was arranged on 1st August, 2015 at Vivekananda Hall (Room No. 1) and 28 students participated in it. The prize winners were: Soumyadeep Das (1st), Anuran Chaudhury (2nd), Argha De (3rd).
- (2) **Annual (Vocal) Music Competition:** There are two categories in this annual competition: *Rabindra Sangeet* and *Bhaktigeeti (Devotional Songs)*. Both were held on 17th August, 2015 at the Asha-Jyoti Conference Hall of the college. 15 students participated in *Rabindra Sangeet* and 10 in *Bhaktigeeti*. The prize winners for *Rabindra Sangeet* were: Sabarna Mitra (1st), Tuhit Chakraborty (2nd) and Saikat Banerjee (3rd) while the toppers in *Bhaktigeeti* were: Sabarna Mitra(1st), Tuhit Chakraborty (2nd) and Debabrata Ganguly (3rd).
- (3) **Tabla Lahara Competition:** Held on 31st August, 2015 at the Asha-Jyoti Conference Hall, 6 participants took part in this competition. The prize winners were Argha De (1st), Mriganka Bhattacharya (2nd) and Nripendra Nath Saren (3rd).
- (4) **Drama Competition:** The Annual Drama Competition took place on 30th January, 2016 at Vivekananda Sabhagriha (the college auditorium). Seven teams performed and out of these, three teams were rewarded. The result was: First – *Dwimatrik*; Second – *Iti Diptesh* and Third – *Bakso*.
- (5) **Inter-Bhavan (Hostels) Wall Magazine Competition:** From among five Bhavan wall magazines '*Bodhan*' of Vinay Bhavan was selected as the best.
- (6) **Annual Drawing Competition:** Seven students took part in the Annual Drawing Competition held on 7th September, 2015. The theme for this year's competition was "*Prakitir Pratishodh*". The toppers were: Subhraneel Samui (1st), Abirlal Mukherjee (2nd) and Debjit Chanda (3rd).
- (7) **Bengali Recitation Competition:** Bengali Recitation Competition was held on 3rd September, 2015. Out of 31 participants three awardees were: Sourabh Manna (1st), Sudipta Betal (2nd) and Sourav Mondal (3rd).
- (8) **English Recitation Competition:** It was held on 22nd August, 2015 and a total of 20 students participated. The successful participants were: Atri Mallick & Sourav Pal (Joint 1st), Dhiman Sarbajna and Sumitro Bhattacharya (Joint 2nd) and Aloakedyuti Nandi (3rd).

(9) **Annual Debate Competition:** Ten students participated in the Annual Debate Competition held on 20th February, 2016 and out of them three were awarded. The result was: Ranit Paul (1st), Avijit Roy (2nd) and Soumyadeep Mondal (3rd).

(10) **Annual Quiz Competition:** The representatives of five Bhavans (hostels) of Vidyamandira participated in the Annual Quiz Competition held on 5th March, 2016. Vidya Bhavan was adjudged the champion. The team members were: Ranit Pal, Sourav Manna, Soumya Chatterjee and Kuntal Halder.

B. Inter-College Competitions:

(1) **Inter-College Sanskrit Recitation Competition:** The department organized an Inter-College Sanskrit Recitation Competition on 3rd September, 2015 and 123 candidates from colleges / universities participated. Rainak Roy of Scottish Church College and Shanti Ghosh of Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University jointly stood 1st.

(2) **Quiz Competition on Swami Vivekananda:** Swami Tejasananda memorial Inter-College Quiz Competition (*on the life and teachings of Swami Vivekananda*) was held on 19 September, 2015. 65 teams from 26 different colleges/universities took part in it. The team from Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira stood as the champions while the representatives from Ramakrishna Mission Shilpapitha, Belgharia came up with the runners up title.

C. Achievement of Vidyamandira Students in Zonal/State/National-level Cultural Competitions:

The following students distinguished themselves in various competitions held outside Vidyamandira:

Competition/Event	Organizer	Participants	Rank
Tejasananda Memorial Quiz, 2015	Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira	Bishal Purakayastha Subhankar Ghorui Anway Mukhopadhyay	1st
All India Elocution Competition	Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture	Soumyadeep Das Ranit Pal Soumen Mondal	2nd 6th 7th
Inter-College Debate	National Institute for the Orthopaedically Handicapped	Avijit Roy	1st
Annual Extempore Speech Competition (Open to All)	Bally Ashutosh Library	Ranit Pal	1st
Debate	Jagrata Bally Utsav 2016	Ranit Pal	1st
Handwriting	Jagrata Bally Utsav 2016	Anway Mukhopadhyay Biswaranjan Paik	1st 2nd
Extempore	Jagrata Bally Utsav 2016	Soumyadeep Das	2nd

Najrul Geeti	Jagrata Bally Utsav 2016	Tuhit Chakraborty	2nd
Annual Essay Competition 2016	Bally Public Library	Anupam Halder Soumen Mondal	1st 2nd

D. Cultural Festivals in Vidyamandira:

Throughout the year, quite a few cultural programmes are organised by the Department of Cultural Affairs. Here is a summary of the colourful events of this academic session:

- **Bhratrivarana:** On the evening of 6th August 2015, the day of Vidyarthivrata Homa and Bhatrivarana, a cultural programme was organized wherein newly admitted PG and UG first year students presented vocal/instrumental music and recitation. A particular attraction was a puppet show *Khude Patuyader Rupkatha* by Peoples Puppet Theatre, Kolkata.
- **Saradotsav:** In keeping with the festive mood on the eve of Sri Sri Durga Puja, *Saradotsava (the autumn ceremony)* was held on 17th October, 2015. Students, teachers and members of the non-teaching staff presented music (vocal and instrumental), recitation etc. A group of teachers staged the drama *Dour (the Run)*.
- **National Youth Day:** On 12th January, 2016, students of Vidyamandira took part in the National Youth Day celebrations. They formed a procession starting from our college and proceeded to Belur Math singing devotional songs. A drama was performed by Vidyamandira students.
- **araswati Puja:** A cultural programme was organized on the evening of 12th February, 2016 as a part of the celebrations on Sri Sri Saraswati Puja. Sri Ashok Karmakar, an eminent flutist, performed and he was aptly supported by Sri Siddhartha Bhattacharya in Tabla. A Dance-drama '*Balmiki Protibha*' written by Rabindranath Tagore was performed by Vidyamandira students.
- **Birthday (Tithipuja) of Bhagavan Sri Ramakrishna:** On the holy occasion of birth anniversary of Bhagavan Sri Ramakrishna, a procession was organized by our college on 10th March, 2016 in which students went to Belur Math singing devotional songs.
- **Rabindrajayanti and Varshavarana:** The department also organized Rabindrajayanti and Varshavarana on April 13, 2016. Apart from the performances by the students, teaching and non-teaching staffs, there was a chorus recitation presented by *Shankhamala Aabritti Gosthi*.

E. Add-on Certificate Courses: The add-on certificate courses on Tabla, Pakhawaj, Classical Vocal music and Bengali Recitation introduced by the cultural department in the last academic session (2014-15) are being continued with much zeal and enthusiasm. The courses are pretty demanding and classes are being held once in a week.

- **Certificate Distribution of Add-on Courses:** Certificate distribution of Add-on Courses took place on 11 August 2015. Here is a synopsis of the number of certificates distributed in different courses:
 - a) *Tabla : 11*
 - b) *Pakhawaj : 4*
 - c) *Vocal Music: 13*

Three guest artists performed on this occasion: Sri Ayan Banerjee (*Odishi Dance*), Sri Soumalya Mukherjee (*Mohan Bina*) and Sri Nabarun Dutta (*Tabla*).

- F. **Kabitar Adda:** (*An informal monthly gathering of poetry lovers*) In this unique forum of poetry-loving teachers and students, the budding talents get an opportunity to recite their self-composed poems. This gathering takes place once in a month. Ever since its commencement on 28th August 2014, there have been 10 sessions of 'Kabitar Adda' till now. It's worth mentioning the eminent poet Ms. Krishna Basu graced one of the sessions on 28th April 2016.
- G. **Special Musical Performance** : A special musical performance was organized by the department on 8th February 2016 in which Sri Hiranmoy Ghoshal and his musical troupe performed *Ganasangeet*. It was an enriching experience for the listeners.
- H. **Special Achievement Award:** In the 9th edition of CCF International Painting Competition organized by Charu Castle Foundation, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, Sriman Amit Aich (UG II) was highly appreciated for his contribution and honoured with a citation and a medal.
- I. **Outdoor Cultural Performance of Vidyamandira Students:** On the holy occasion of birth anniversary of Bhagavan Sri Ramakrishna, a drama entitled *Parashurama* was staged by Vidyamandira students in the holy precincts of Belur Math on 11th March, 2016.

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- (f) To host inter-college competitions.
- (g) To organize intra-college cultural competitions all through the year.
- (h) To arrange inter hostel competitions.
- (i) To host seasonal cultural festivals.
- (j) To run add-on certificate courses on Tabla, Pakhawaj, Vocal Music, Bengali Recitation, Painting and Violin.
- (k) To conduct workshops in different themes.

A. INTER-COLLEGE COMPETITIONS

1. Drawing Competition: It was held on 6th Sep, 2016 at Saradananda Hall of the college. Eighteen colleges participated in this competition and the total number of participants was forty nine (49). The prize winners were i) Sukanya Paul (1st, Serampore College) ii) Anirban Das (2nd, Narasinha Dutta College) iii) Srikanta Das (3rd, Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira) and Dipankar Ghorai (3rd, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira).



2. Sangeet Competition: This competition was arranged on 8th Sep, 2016 at Asha-Jyoti Conference Hall of the college. Thirty six colleges participated in this competition and the total number of participants was sixty six (66). The prize winners were i) Ashmita Kar (1st, Ramakrishna Sarada Mission Vivekananda Vidyabhavan) ii) Zinia Nath (2nd, Vivekananda College-Thakurpukur) iii) Bodhiswatta Biswas (3rd, Ramakrishna Mission Residential College, Narendrapur) and Souvik Ghosh (3rd, Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira).



3. Quiz Competition On Swami

Vivekananda: Swami Tejasananda

Memorial Inter-College-University Quiz competition took place on 10th Sep, 2016 at Vivekananda Sabhagriha (the college auditorium). Thirty seven colleges took part in this competition. The total number of students was two hundred and fourteen (total no of participating team being 85).

The team from Ramakrishna Mission

Vidyamandira stood as the champions. The team members were i) Bishal

Purakayastha, ii) Anway Mukherjee, iii) Subhankar Ghorai. The representatives from

Asutosh College comprising Debjani Dutta and Nayanika Chatterjee came up with the runners-up title.



B. ACHIEVEMENT OF VIDYAMANDIRA STUDENTS IN STATE/NATIONAL/UNIVERSITY-LEVEL CULTURAL COMPETITIONS:

The total number of participants of our college in University level was forty six (46) and in the national level, it was two (2). Out of 46 participants 9 participants achieved different positions (6 from university level & 3 from national level)

The following students distinguished themselves in various competition held outside of Vidyamandira:

Date	Participants name	Competition subject/event	Organizer	Rank
18/8/2016	Asim Ruidas	All India Sanskrit Elocution Competition	Ramakrishna Mission Residential College, Narendrapur	1 st
10/09/2016	Sankar Mandal Atri Mallick	All India Elocution Competiton (Gr E,C)	Ramakrishna Mission Institute of culture Golpark	1 st ,5 th
12/09/2016	Dipankar Ghorai	State-Level Inter College Drawing Competition	Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira	3 rd

12/09/2016	Bishal Purkayaastha Anway Mukherjee Subhankar Ghorai	State-Level Inter-College Tejasananda Memorial Quiz Competition	Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira	1 st
22/11/2016	Chhandas Bhattachaya	State-Level Inter-College Debate Competition	Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira	3 rd
21/02/2017	Atri Mallick	State-Level Essay Competition	Bethune college	3 rd

C. INTRA COLLEGE COMPETITION

1. **Extempore Speech competition:** The Extempore speech competition was held on 6th Aug, 2016 among our college students at our Vivekananda Hall. The successful competitors were: i) Soumyadeep Das (1st, UG-III, Shree Bhavan) (ii) Anuran Chowdhury (2nd, UG-II, Vivek Bhavan) (iii) Atri Mallick (3rd, UG-III, Vidya Bhavan).



2. **Sanskrit Recitation Competition:** The competition was held on 27th Aug, 2016 at Vivekananda Hall of our college. The prize winners were: i) Sankar Mandal (1st, UG-III) ii) Asim Ruidas (2nd, PG-I) iii) Siddhartha Bairagya (3rd, UG-I).



3. **English Recitation competition:** Held on 27th Aug, 2016 at Saradananda Hall of our college, the prize winners of this competition were: i) Subhadeep Mukherjee (1st, UG-II) ii) Alokedyuti Nandi (2nd, PG-I) iii) Chhandas Bhattacharya (3rd, UG-I).



4. **Bangali Recitation competition**: This was arranged on 7th Mar, 2017 at Vivekannanda Hall. The three awardees were: i) Chhandas Bhattacharya (1st, UG-1) ii) Alokedyuti Nandi (2nd, PG-II) iii) Soumyadeep Mandal (3rd, UG-II).

5. **Rabindra sangeet Competition**: Held on 21st Feb, 2017 at Asha-Jyoti Conference Hall, the prize winners of this competition were: i) Abhijnan Bhat (1st, UG-I) ii) Swapnil Purkait (2nd, UG-I) iii) Subhasis Dey (3rd, UG-III).



6. **Tabla Lahara Competition**: This took place on 3rd Mar, 2017 at Asha-Jyoti Conference Hall. The successful competitors were: i) Sankha Subhra Mukhopadhyay (1st, UG-I) ii) Arkarup Gangopadhyay (2nd, UG-I) iii) Shankha Bhattacharya (3rd, UG-I).

7. **Drama Competition**: This competition took place on 21st March, 2017 at Vivekananda Sabhagriha (the college auditorium). Three teams were rewarded. The result was: **First-** 'Son Manasar Katha' (actors were Sankha Bhattacharya, Sudipta Chattopadhyay, Ushnik Das, Soumyadip Das); **Second:** 'Vorer Pakhi' (actors were Arnab Goswami, Sourav Kar, Dipayan Tewari, Suddha Swatta Roy); **Third:** 'Nila' (actors were Pratyush Kiran Nandi, Atanu Ghosh, Dibyendu Mondal, Subhendu Pal). The best actor of this competition was Ushnik Das.



D. **INTER BHAVAN (Hostel) COMPETITION:**

1. **Bhavan Wall Magazine Competition**: Out of five Bhavan wall-magazines, 'Bodhan' of Vinoy Bhavan was awarded the first prize.



2. **Quiz competition**: Five Bhavans took part in the Annual Quiz Competition, held on 25th March, 2017 at Vivekananda Sabhagriha (the college auditorium). Shree Bhavan stood as the Champion (the competitors were Dhiman Sarbjna, Kuntal Haldar, Sanat Kumar Adhikary, Dipanjan Chakraborty) and Shraddha Bhavan came up with runners-up title (competitors were Chhandas Bhattacharyya, Mridutpal Sinha Roy, Sayantan Banerjee, Jyoti Bhuson Rath).



E. **SEASONAL CULTURAL FESTIVALS IN VIDYAMANDIRA:**

Throughout the year, quite a few cultural programmes are organised by the Department of Cultural Affairs. Here is a summary of the colourful events of this academic session:

- **Bhratrivaran**: On the evening of 4th August 2016, the day of Vidyarthivrata Homa and Bhratrivarana, a cultural programme was organized wherein newly admitted PG and UG first year students presented vocal/instrumental music and recitation. Guest artist Alok Roychowdhury put up a brilliant performance.
- **Saradotsav**: In keeping with the festive mood on the eve of Sri Sri Durga Puja, *Saradotsava (the autumn ceremony)* was held on 4th October, 2016. Students, teachers and members of the non-teaching staff presented music (vocal and instrumental), recitation etc. Also a group of teachers staged the drama *Pariksha Samachar*.
- **National Youth Day**: On 12th January, 2017, students of Vidyamandira took part in the National Youth Day celebrations. They formed a procession starting from our college and



proceeded to Belur Math singing devotional songs. A drama was performed by Vidyamandira students.

- **Saraswati Puja:** A cultural programme was organized in open air on the evening of 1st February, 2017 as part of the celebrations on Sri Sri Saraswati Puja. Sri Nirjhar Das, a guest artist, performed a self-composed one-act-paly ('search of life'), which was highly appreciated by the audience.

- **Birthday (Tithipuja) of Bhagavan Sri Ramakrishna:**

On the holy occasion of birth anniversary of Bhagavan Sri Ramakrishna, a procession was organized by our college on 5th March, 2017 in which students went to Belur Math singing devotional songs.



- **Rabindrajayanti and Varshavarana:** The department also organized Rabindrajayanti and Varshavarana on 13th April, 2017. A poem was recited by Br. Pavitrachaitanya. Apart from the performances by the students, teaching and non-teaching staffs, songs sung by Sri Durnibar Saha (guest artist) kept the audience captivated.

- F. ADD-ON CERTIFICATE COURSES AND 'KABITAR ADDA':** The add-on certificate courses on Tabla, Pakhawaj, Classical Vocal music and Bengali Recitation introduced by the cultural department in the academic session 2014-15 are being continued with much zeal and enthusiasm. Courses are pretty demanding and classes are being held once in a week. One more course on Violin has been added in the session 2016-17. Besides, '*Kabitar Adda*', a gathering of teachers and students, initiated by the department is being organized once in each month. There the budding talents get a chance to express themselves with recitation and presentation of self-composed poems.

G. OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- **Certificate Distribution of Add-on Courses:** Certificate distribution of Add-on Courses took place on 26nd July



2016. Among the students who have completed the Add-on courses, eleven students received certificate for *Tabla*, six students for *Vocal Music* and two for *Pakhawaj*. Sri Debiprasad Duari, Director of Birla Planetorium, distributed certificates among a selected group of recipients.

- **Workshop on ‘Fundamentals of Indian Classical Music’:** A workshop on ‘Fundamentals of Indian Classical Music’ was organized by the Department on 18th & 19th September, 2016. Eminent musicians including Prof. Gautam Nag (Rabindra Bharati University), Sri Surajit Chattopahdyay (Sangit-Kala Music Academy, Kolkata), Sri Siddhartha Bhattacharya and Sri Ritwik Bhattacharya (Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira) spoke and demonstrated before a group of enrolled students.



- **Students' Performance outside the college:**
 - (i) Students of Vidyamandira staged a drama named ‘Sambhavami Yuge Yuge’ on 10 March 2017, on the occasion of Public Celebration of Sri Ramakrishnadeva at belur Math. The performance was appreciated by one and all.
 - (i) Sriman Rohan Sen (UG III) performed violin recital on 22nd August 2016 at Sisir Mancha on a programme organised by ‘Swar Sadhana’.
 - (ii) Our students performed Bhajans at Saradapitha on the occasion of Mahalaya and Sri Sri Jagaddhatri Puja.

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Annual Report on Cultural Activities

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★ **CULTURAL ACTIVITIES :**

Cultural activities form an integral part of life at Vidyamandira for teachers, students and members of the non-teaching staff alike. The multidimensional functioning of the Department of Cultural Affairs of Vidyamandira can be classified broadly into the following heads:

- (l) To host inter-college competitions.
- (m) To organize intra-college cultural competitions all through the year.
- (n) To arrange inter hostel competitions.
- (o) To host seasonal cultural festivals.
- (p) To run add-on certificate courses on Tabla, Pakhawaj, Vocal Music, Bengali Recitation, Painting and Violin.
- (q) To conduct workshops in different themes.

A. **INTER-COLLEGE COMPETITIONS**

1. **Drawing Competition On 'Bhagini Nivedita Sevabrata'**: To celebrate 150th Birth Anniversary of Sister Nivedita it was held on 10th November, 2017 at Saradananda Hall of the college. Seventeen colleges and three Universities participated in this competition and the total number of participants was Fifty Seven (57). The prize winners were i) Lina Sanki (1st, Shyampur Siddheswari Mahavidyalaya) ii) Srikanta Das (3rd, Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira) iii) Suchismita Das (3rd, Govt. College of Art & Craft) and Souvik Dolai (Jt. 3rd, Shyampur Siddheswari Mahavidyalaya).



2. **Quiz Competition On Swami Vivekananda:**

Swami Tejasananda Memorial Inter-College-University Quiz competition took place on 9th September, 2017 at Vivekananda Sabhagriha (the college auditorium). The total number of students was two hundred and fifty (approx.), total no of participating teams being 95. The team from Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira represented by Arnab Goswami, Sujoy Mondal and Subhankar Ghorai stood champions while the representatives from Viswavarati University (Sabnam Parvin, Durba Pal and Arvin Panja) came up with the runners-up title.



3. **Elocution Competition On Sister Nivedita Of India :Her Clarion Call &Its Relevance For The Indian Youth :** To celebrate 150th Birth Anniversary Of Sister Nivedita, an Inter-College Elocution



Competition was organized on 14th November, 2017. Twenty two Colleges and three Universities took part in the competition. The total number of competitors was sixty nine. The prize winners were : i) Arkarup Gangopadhyay (1st, RKM Vidyamandira), ii) Mridutpal Sinha Roy and Atri Mallick (Jt. 2nd, RKM Vidyamandira) iii) Jyotirmoy Bose (3rd, RKM Vidyamandira) iv) Jayasmita Roy (4th, University of Calcutta) and v) Sudipta Dutta (5th, Barrakpore Rashtraguru Sudrendranath College).

B. ACHIEVEMENT OF VIDYAMANDIRA STUDENTS IN STATE/NATIONAL/UNIVERSITY-LEVEL CULTURAL COMPETITIONS:

The following students distinguished themselves in various competitions held outside of Vidyamandira:

Date	Name of the Participant	Competition subject/event	Organizer	Rank
12/08/2017	Bappa Rajbangshi	Inter-College-University Sanskrit Elocution Competition	Sanskrit College, Kolkata	2 nd
08/11/2017	Arkarup Gangopadhyay	All India Elocution Competition (Gr C)	Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark	1 st
	Spandan Banerjee			2 nd
	Chhandas Bhattacharya			4 th
	Mridutpal Sinharay			5 th
	Anway Mukherjee			7 th
09/11/2017	Atri Mallick	All India Elocution Competition (Gr D)	Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark	3 rd
09/09/2017	Arnab Goswami Sujoy Mondal Subhankar Ghorai	State-Level Inter-College Tejasananda Memorial Quiz Competition	Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira	1 st
28/10/2017	Chhandas Bhattachaya	State-Level Inter-College Essay Competition	Dept. of Economics, Ramakrishna Mission Residential College, Narendrapur	1 st
28/10/2017	Spandan Banerjee & Jyoti Bhushan Rath	State-Level Inter-College Quiz Competition	Do	2 nd
28/10/2017	Chhandas Bhattachaya	State-Level Inter-College Quiz Competition	Do	3 rd
---	Sourav Chakraborty	State-Level Inter-College Essay Competition	Department of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of West Bengal	4 th
14/11/2018	Arkarup Gangopadhyay	Inter-College-University Elocution Competition (in commemoration of the 150 th)	Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira	1 st
	Mridutpal Sinha			2 nd

	Roy Atri Mallick Jyotirmoy Bose	Birth Anniversary of Sister Nivedita)		Jt. 2 nd 3 rd
05/02/2018	Mridutpal Sinharay	State-Level Elocution Competition	Gaudiya Mission, Kolkata	1 st
27/03/2018	Sourav Chakraborty	Inter-College UG Level Paper Presentation Competition	Bijoy Krishna Girls' College, Howrah	1 st

C. INTRA COLLEGE COMPETITIONS :

1. **Extempore Speech competition:** The Extempore speech competition was held on 29th July, 2017 among our college students at our Vivekananda Hall. 29 students of our college participated in the competition . The successful competitors were: i) Chhandas Bhattacharyya (1st, UG-II) (ii) Mridutpal Sinha Roy(2nd, UG-II)(iii) Arkarup Gangopadhyay (3rd,UG-II).



2. **Sanskrit Recitation Competition:** The competition was held on 30^h Aug, 2017 at Vivekananda Hall of our college. 31 students of our college participated in the competition. The prize winners were: i) Bappa Rajbanshi (1st, PG-II) ii) Sankar Mandal (2nd, PG-I) iii) Subhendu Ghosh (3rd, PG-I).



3. **English Recitation Competition:** Held on 30th Aug, 2017 at Saradananda Hall, 32 students of our college participated in the competition. The prize winners of this competition were: i) Sheikh Shakil Akhtar (1st, PG-II) ii) Abhisek Pal (2nd, UG-III) and iii) Subhadip Mukherjee (3rd, UG-III).



4. Banqali Recitation competition: This was arranged on 6th March, 2018 at Vivekannanda Hall. 30 students of our college took part in the competition. The three awardees were : i) Abhijnan Bhat (1st, UG-II), ii) Alokedyuti Nandi (2nd, PG-II) and iii) Sourav Mondal (3rd, UG-II).

1. Vocal Music Competition : This competition has two sections : (a) *Bhatigeeti* and (b) *Rabindra Sangeet*. The competition was held on 16th January, 2018 at Asha-Jyoti Conference Hall this year. The prize winners in *Bhatigeeti* competition (total number of participants : 8) were : i) Abhijnan Bhat (1st, UG-II), ii) Alokedyuti Nandi (2nd, PG-II) and iii) Arkarup Gangopadhyay (3rd, UG-II) while the toppers in *Rabindra Sangeet* competition (total number of participants : 7) were : i) Abhijnan Bhat (1st, UG-II), ii) Swapnil Purkait (2nd, UG-II) and iii) Arkarup Gangopadhyay (3rd, UG-II).



6. Annual Debate Competition : This competition took place on 20th February, 2018 at Asha-Jyoti Conference Hall. 10 students of our college participated in the competition. The successful competitors were : i) Chhandas Bhattacharya (1st,UG-II) ii) Arkarup Gangopadhyay (2nd,UG-II) and iii) Soumyadip Mondal (3rd, UG-III).



7. Tabla Lahara Competition: This took place on 18th September, 2017 at Asha-Jyoti Conference Hall. The successful competitors were : i) Sankhasubhra Mukhopadhyay (1st, UG-II) ii) Shankha Bhattacharya (2nd, UG-II) and (iii) Subhasis De (3rd, PG-I).



8. Drama Competition: This competition took place on 27th March, 2018 at Vivekananda Sabhagriha (the college auditorium). Seven different teams of our college participated in the competition. Three teams were rewarded. The following were the results : First : '*Parjataker Paakaami*' (enacted by Aniruddha Choudhury, Ayan Daan, Amarta Kumer Mitra and Sayantan Lahiri); Second : '*Kalataan*' (played by Anway Mukherjee, Souvik Banerjee, Arkarup Gangopadhyay and Niladri Mandal) and Third : '*Artham Anartham*' (staged by Dipayan Tewari, Atri Mallik, Pijush Patra and Suman Acharya).



D. INTER BHAVAN (HOSTEL) COMPETITIONS:

1. Bhavan Wall Magazine Competition: Out of five Bhavan wall-magazines, '*Bodhan*' of Vinoy Bhavan was awarded the first prize.



2. Quiz competition: Five Bhavans took part in the Annual Quiz Competition, held on 24th March, 2018 at Vivekananda Sabhagriha (the college auditorium). Vivek Bhavan represented by Arkarup Gangopadhyay, Sayantan Banarjee, Swagata Banarjee and Spandan Banarjee stood as the Champion and while Vinay Bhavan came up with runners-up title, the team members being Chhandas Bhattacharyya, Mridutpal Sinha Roy, Gopal Roy and Debapriyo Das.



H. SEASONAL CULTURAL FESTIVALS IN VIDYAMANDIRA:

Throughout the year, quite a few cultural programmes are organised by the Department of Cultural Affairs. Here is a summary of the colourful events of this academic session:

- **Bhratrivarana:** On the evening of 7th August 2017, the day of Vidyarthivrata Homa and Bhratrivarana, a cultural programme was organized wherein newly admitted PG and UG first year students presented vocal/instrumental music and recitation. Sri Debjit Bandyopadhyay, an eminent vocalist performed in the occasion.



- **Saradotsava :** In keeping with the festive mood on the eve of Sri Sri Durga Puja, *Saradotsava (the autumn ceremony)* was held on 23th September, 2017. Students, teachers and members of non-teaching staff took part Saradotsava (the autumn ceremony).The programme included music (vocal and instrumental), recitation and drama (*'Anashan Bhanga'* staged by the teachers and *'Rakhahari Flim Corporation'* by the students) etc.



National Youth Day : On 12th January, 2018

students of Vidyamandira took part in the National Youth Day celebrations. They formed a procession starting from our college and proceeded to Belur Math singing devotional songs. A musical narration was performed by Vidyamandira students.



- **Saraswati Puja:** A cultural programme was organized in open air on the evening of 22nd February, 2018 as part of the celebrations on Sri Sri Saraswati Puja. A drama entitled *'Ratan'* was staged by our students.



- **Birthday (Tithipuja) of Bhagavan Sri Ramakrishna:** On the holy occasion of birth anniversary of Bhagavan Sri Ramakrishna, a procession was organized by our college on 17th February, 2018 in which students went to Belur Math singing devotional songs.

- **Rabindrajayanti and Varshavarana:** The department also organized Rabindrajayanti and Varshavarana on 13th April, 2018. A poetical soiree was performed by the students of Vidyamandira. A drama '**Haradhanu Bhangra**', composed and directed Prof. Asim Kumer Choudhary, was staged by teaching and non-teachings staff of our college.



- I. **ADD-ON CERTIFICATE COURSES, 'KABITAR ADDA' AND DEBATE CLUB:** The add-on certificate courses on Tabla, Pakhawaj, Classical Vocal music, Bengali Recitation and Violin are being continued with much zeal and enthusiasm. Courses are pretty demanding and classes are being held once in a week. In the current session, one more course on Painting has been introduced.

Besides, '*Kabitar Adda*', a gathering of teachers and students initiated by the department, is being organized once in each month. Here the budding talents get a chance to express themselves with recitation and presentation of self-composed poems. To help students' growth of free power of expression, a Debate Club has started functioning from this year.

J. **OTHER ACTIVITIES :**

- **Certificate Distribution of Add-on Courses:** The Certificate distribution of Add-on Courses took place on 22nd July, 2017. Among the students who have completed the Add-on courses, 15 students received certificate for *Tabla*, 6 students for *Vocal Music*, 2 for *Pakhawaj* and 9 for Bengali Recitation. Sri Srikanta Acharya, a vocalist of eminence, distributed certificates among a selected group of recipients.



- **Workshop on ‘Fundamentals of Pakhoaj Recital’:** A workshop on ‘Fundamentals of Pakhoaj Recital’ was organized by the Department on 18th & 19th November, 2017. Distinguished Pakhoaj-players including Prof. Gurudas Ghosh, Prof. Partha Ghosh (Rabindra Bharati University), Prof. Apurbalal Manna (Visva-Bharati University) and Prof Nishant Singh (Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira) spoke and demonstrated before a group of enrolled students.



- **Students' Performance outside the college** (i) Our students performed Bhajans at Saradapitha on the occasion of Sri Sri Jagaddhatri Puja on 29th October 2017. (ii) A musical narration was staged by the students at Belurmath on National Youth Day (i.e. 12th January 2018).

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★ Cultural Activities :

Cultural activities form an integral part of student life at Vidyamandira for teachers, students and members of the non-teaching staff alike. The multidimensional functioning of the Department of Cultural Affairs of Vidyamandira can be classified broadly into the following heads:

- (r) To organize intra-college cultural competitions all through the year.
- (s) To host inter-college competitions.
- (t) To encourage students' participation in various cultural competitions/events outside the college.
- (u) To conduct cultural festivals inside Vidyamandira throughout the year
- (v) To run add-on certificate courses on Tabla, Pakhawaj, Violin, Guitar, Vocal Music, Bengali Recitation and Painting.

J. INTER COLLEGE-UNIVERSITY COMPETITIONS :

(1) **Inter-College-University Debate Competition:**

Vidyamandira organized an Inter-College-University Debate Competition on 6th February, 2019 in which 74 candidates from different colleges/universities participated. Riya Bahadur and Akansha Krishnatre of Ramakrishna Sarada Mission Vivekananda Vidyabhavan stood 1st and 2nd respectively. Sagnik Banerjee of Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira stood 3rd.



(2) **Observance of 'Sampreeti Saptaha' (in commemoration of 125th Anniversary of historic Chicago Address by Swami Vivekananda) : Cultural Competitions :**

As per instructions from the Department of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal, Inter-College competitions among colleges (& universities) of Howrah district were hosted by Vidyamandira during 'Sampreeti Saptaha' (11th September—17th September) to mark the 125th



anniversary of the historic Chicago Address by Swami Vivekananda. Competitions comprised the following events :

- a. **Sit and Draw Competition:** The Competition was held on 13th September, 2018. 23 students of different institutions participated in the Drawing Competition. Raghunath Singh of Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira stood 1st, Saba Hussain of Shree Agrasain College stood 2nd and Deblina Chakraborty of Prabhu Jagadbandhu College stood 3rd.

b. Essay Writing Competition: This Competition was held on 13th September, 2018. 60 students of different institutions participated in it. Sayantan Lahiri of Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira got 1st position. Nisarga Nandi of Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira stood 2nd. Prabin Sekhar of MCKV Institution of Engineering College stood 3rd.



c. Elocution Competition: This competition was held on 14th September, 2018 and the number of participants was 30. Mridutpal Singha Roy of Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira stood 1st. Atri Mallick of Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira stood 2nd and Lakshmi Dalui of Udaynarayanpur Madhabilata Mahavidyalaya stood 3rd.

d. Quiz Competition: This competition was held on 15th September, 2018, 42 teams (101 students in all) of different institutions participated in the event. The Life and Teachings of Swami Vivekananda was the theme of the competition. The students of Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira was adjudged the champion. The team members were: Subhankar Gharai, Sujay Mondal and Arnab Goswami. A team from Ramsaday College comprising Ritwik Manna and Apurba Ghosh won the runners-up title and a 2nd team from Vidyamandira (Siddhartha Bairagya, Akash Banerjee and Krishna Mondal) stood 3rd.



(3) Tejasananda Memorial Quiz Competition : The Alumni Association of Vidyamandira and the Department of Cultural Affairs of this college jointly organized this competition. The Competition was held on 6th October, 2018. 123 students of different institutions participated in this competition. A team from Ramakrishna Mission Shilpapitha, Belgharia comprising Koushik Biswas, Bishal Sammadar and Riju Ghosh stood champion.



K. ACHIEVEMENT OF VIDYAMANDIRA STUDENTS IN DIFFERENT DISTRICT/ STATE/ NATIONAL LEVEL COMPETITIONS :

The following students distinguished themselves in various competitions held outside Vidyamandira:

Date	Competition/Event	Organizer	Level	Participants	Rank
21/22.11.2018	Elocution on Sankhya-Yoga	Sitaram AdarshaVaidik Mahavidyalaya	State	Avi Pal	I
21/22.11.2018	Elocution (Nyayabhashana)	Sitaram AdarshaVaidik Mahavidyalaya	State	Sankar Mondal	I
21/22.11.2018	Elocution (Sahityabhashna)	Sitaram AdarshaVaidik Mahavidyalaya	State	Subhendu Ghosh	II
21/22.11.2018	Recitation (Ritukanthapatha)	Sitaram AdarshaVaidik Mahavidyalaya	State	Jiban Gorai	I
21/22.11.2018	Sanskrit Quiz	Sitaram AdarshaVaidik Mahavidyalaya	State	Subhendu Ghosh, Parthasarathi Ghosh	I
28.01.2019	Elocution on Contributions of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu	Gaudiya Mission	State	Mridutpal Sinha Roy	I
28.01.2019	Do	Gaudiya Mission	State	Sagnik Banerjee	III
6-9/01/2019	Elocution (Nyayabhashana)	Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan	National	Sankar Mondal	III
6-9/01/2019	Recitation (Dhaturupakanthapatha)	Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan	National	Jiban Gorai	I
14.11.2018	Elocution (Group C)	Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture	National	Chhandas Bhattacharya	I
14.11.2018	Elocution (Group C)	Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture	National	Mridutpal Sinha Roy	V
14.11.2018	Elocution (Group C)	Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture	National	Arkarup Gangyopadhyay	VII
14.11.2018	Elocution (Group D)	Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture	National	Atri Mallick	II

13.9.2018	Sit and Draw	Department of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal	District	Raghnath Singh	I
13.9.2018	Essay Writing	Department of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal	District	Sayantan Lahiri	I
14.9.2018	Elocution	Department of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal	District	Mridutpal Sinha Roy	I
14.9.2018	Elocution	Department of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal	District	Atri Mallick	II
15.9.2018	Quiz	Department of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal	District	Subhankar Gharai, Sujay Mondal, Arnab Goswami	I
15.9.2018	Quiz	Department of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal	District	Siddhartha Bairagya, Akash Banerjee, Krishna Mondal	III

L. INTRA-COLLEGE COMPETITIONS :

(11) Drawing Competition: This competition was arranged on 17th August, 2018 at Vivekananda Hall (Room No. 1) and 11 students participated in it. The prize winners were: Rahul Das (1st), Sourav Chakraborty (2nd), Sayan Adhikari (3rd).

(12) Extempore Speech Competition: This competition was arranged on 25th August, 2018 at Vivekananda Hall (Room No. 1) and 29 students participated in it. The prize winners were: Debdyuti Bhadra (1st), Loknath Dai (2nd), Sagnik Banerjee (3rd)

(13) English Recitation Competition: It was held on 4th September, 2018 at Asha-Jyoti Conference Hall and a total of 20 students participated. The successful participants

were: Sayantan Lahiri (1st), Sourav Bauri and Nilabhra Sarkar (Joint 2nd) and Niladri Mondal (3rd).

(14) Sanskrit Recitation Competition: This competition was arranged on 4th September, 2018 at Sarananda Hall and 24 students participated in it. The prize winners were: Siddhartha Bairagya (1st), Somnath Maity (2nd), Tapas Mondal (3rd).

(15) Tabla Lahara Competition: This competition was held on 28th January, 2019 at the Asha-Jyoti Conference Hall, 5 participants took part in this competition. The prize winners were: Amrita Ruidas (1st), Sankhasubhra Mukhopadhyay (2nd) and Sankha Bhattacharya (3rd).

(16) Bengali Recitation Competition: Bengali Recitation Competition was held on 5th February, 2019. Out of 17 participants three awardees were: AkraDev Bhunia (1st), Chhandas Bhattacharya (2nd) and Soumyadip Pal (3rd).

(17) (Vocal) Music Competition: There are two categories in this annual competition: *Rabindra Sangeet* and *Bhaktigeeti (Devotional Songs)*. Both were held on 12th February, 2019 at the Asha-Jyoti Conference Hall of the college. 11 students participated in *Rabindra Sangeet* and 9 in *Bhaktigeeti*. The prize winners for *Rabindra Sangeet* were: Kishalay Sarkar (1st), Arkarup Gangyopadhyay and Abhijnan Bhat (Joint 2nd) while the toppers in *Bhaktigeeti* were: Arkarup Gangyopadhyay (1st), Subhashis De (2nd) and Abhijnan Bhat (3rd).

(18) Drama Competition: The Annual Drama Competition took place on 12th March, 2019 at Vivekananda Sabhagriha (the college auditorium). 8 teams performed and out of these, three teams were rewarded. The result was: First – ‘স্বপ্নের অপমৃত্যু’; Second – ‘বৃত্তাবর্ত’ and Third – ‘স্বপ্নের অপমৃত্যু’ | Best Drama Script: ‘বৃত্তাবর্ত’, Best Actor: Biswajit Sarkar.

(19) Short Film Competition: An inclusion in the list of intra-college competitions from this session has been the Annual Short Film Competition. While the short film ‘২৫শে বৈশাখ’ was adjudged the best, ‘পুতুল’ received the 2nd position. Arkarup Gangopadhyay was the best director, the best music director as well as the best script writer. Other awardees were: Ayan Dawn (the best cinematographer) and Anway Mukhopadhyay (the best actor).

M. INTER BHAVAN (HOSTEL) COMPETITIONS :

(1) Quiz Competition: The representatives of five Bhavans (hostels) of Vidyamandira participated in the Annual Quiz Contest on 2nd March, 2019. Shree Bhavan was adjudged the champion. The team members were: Chhandas Bhattacharya, Dibya Roy, Jyotibhushan Rath and Gopal Roy. Vinay Bhavan came up with the 2nd position. The team members were: Debdyuti Bhadra, Nitish Kumar Ghosh, Anirban Mukherjee and Ritwik Sardar.

(2) **Inter-Bhavan (Hostels) Wall Magazine Competition:** From among five Bhavan wall magazines, 'Naibedya' of Shree Bhavan was selected as the best.

E. SEASONAL CULTURAL FESTIVALS IN VIDYAMANDIRA :

Throughout the year, quite a few cultural programmes are organised by the Department of Cultural Affairs. Here is a summary of the colourful events of this academic session:

- **Bhratrivarana:** On the evening of 9th August 2018, the day of Vidyarthivrata Homa and Bhatrivarana, a cultural programme was organized wherein newly admitted PG and UG first year students presented vocal and instrumental music and recitation. A particular attraction was a puppet show 'अश्वमेध यज्ञ' by Peoples Puppet Theatre, Kolkata.
- **Sharadotsav:** In keeping with the festive mood on the eve of Sri Sri Durga Puja, *Saradotsav (the autumn ceremony)* was held on 12th October, 2018. The Students of Vidyamandira presented Matri Vandana (vocal and instrumental) poetical soiree. Professor Goutam Mukhopadhyay sang 'Agamani Songs'. A group of teachers and non-teaching staffs presented the audio drama 'পাদুকাপুরাণ' based on the poem 'জুতাআবিষ্কার' by Rabindranath Tagore. The students of Sanskrit Department of Vidyamandira staged a Sanskrit drama entitled 'বিদ্যাছয়াক্ষেত্রম্' based on the poem 'দুই বিঘা জমি' by Rabindranath Tagore.
- **National Youth Day:** On 12th January 2019, students of Vidyamandira took part in the National Youth Day celebrations. They formed a procession starting from our college and proceeded to Belur Math singing devotional songs. The opening song was sung by the Vidyamandira students in the holy precincts of Belur Math on that day. They performed a poetical soiree also in the same occasion.
- **Saraswati Puja:** A cultural programme was organized on the evening of 10th February, 2019 as a part of the celebrations on Sri Sri Saraswati Puja. While students performed bhajans and 'তলবাদ্যম্', teachers (retired and incumbent) participated with music and recitation.
- **Birthday (Tithipuja) of Bhagavan Sri Ramakrishna:** On the holy occasion of birth anniversary of Bhagavan Sri



Ramakrishna, a procession was organized by our college on 8th March, 2019 in which students went to Belur Math singing devotional songs. It is also noted that a team of student-volunteers took part in crowd-control and other activities at Belur Math on the Public Celebration of Sri Ramakrishna birth anniversary was held on 17th March, 2019.

- **Rabindrajayanti and Varshavarana:** The department of cultural affairs also organized Rabindrajayanti and Varshavarana on 13th April, 2019. Students staged a poetical soiree and a musical narration. Teachers participated with recitation, music and discourse. ‘তালবাদ্যম্’ (instrumental) presented by ‘Baidyabati Taalchakram’ was appreciated by one and all.

F. Add-on Certificate Courses: The add-on certificate courses on Tabla, Pakhawaj, Classical Vocal music Bengali Recitation, Violin, Guitar and Painting introduced by the cultural department are being continued with much zeal and enthusiasm. The courses are pretty demanding and classes are being held once in a week.



- **Certificate Distribution of Add-on Courses:** The college distributed Certificates of Add-on Courses among the learners on 27th July, 2018. Here is a synopsis of the number of certificates distributed in different courses:

- d) *Tabla* : 14
- e) *Pakhawaj* : 3
- f) *Vocal Music*: 11
- g) *Bengali Recitation*: 7
- h) *Drawing*: 2
- i) *Violin*: 8

G. OTHER ACTIVITIES :

(1) As a part of the ‘*Sampreeti-Saptaha*’ celebrations, a youth-convention was organized by the Department on 19th September 2018 to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the historic Chicago address by Swami Vivekananda. Nearly 120 college students of Howrah district attended the half-day convention.

(2) **Kabitar Aaddaa** (*An informal monthly gathering of poetry lovers*): In this unique forum of poetry-loving teachers and students, the budding talents get an opportunity to recite their self-composed poems. This gathering takes place once in a month. Ever since its commencement on 28th August 2014.

(3) **Special Musical Performance** : A special musical performance was organized by the college on 14th January 2019 in which Sri Surajit Chakraborty performed *vocal music*. It was an enriching experience for the listeners.



H. OFF-CAMPUS CULTURAL PERFORMANCES BY VIDYAMANDIRA STUDENTS :

- On the occasion of Mahalaya a Musical narration was staged by the Vidyamandira students at Saradapitha on 8th October, 2018.
- On the occasion of Sri SriJagadhatri Puja Bhajanas were sung by the Vidyamandira students at Saradapitha on 17th November, 2018.
- On the holy occasion of birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda (i.e. 12th January, 2019), the opening song of the National Youth Day Celebration function was sung by the Vidyamandira students in the holy precincts of Belur Math. Vidyamandira students performed a poetical soiree also on the same occasion.

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