

# State Level Seminar and Conferring of Merit Awards by Barasat Government College Alumni Association (BGCAA)

One Day State Level Seminar on “**Climate Change and Sustainability**” was organised on the **23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2024** by the Barasat Government College Alumni Association (BGCAA) in collaboration with IQAC of Barasat Government College. Sri Satyaranjan Dalal, President of the Barasat Government College Alumni Association and Dr. Samar Chattopadhyay, Principal, Barasat Government College presided over the inaugural session and delivered the Welcome and Inaugural Addresses respectively.

Two invited lectures were delivered by Dr. Aniruddha Mukhopadhyay, Professor and Head of the Department of Environmental Science, University of Calcutta and Sri. Jayanta Basu, eminent Journalist and environmental correspondent of The Telegraph.

Professor Rajat Banerjee, Treasurer, and Dr. Sayak Ganguli, Assistant Secretary, BGCAA conducted the scientific sessions. Dr. Sampa Debnath, Secretary of the Barasat Government College Alumni Association delivered the formal vote of thanks.

**On the same day the Barasat Government College Alumni Association (BGCAA) conferred four Merit Awards for the Academic Year 2022 – 2023. The details are as follows.**

Serial Number	Title and Scope of the Award	Number of Awards	Recipient	Basis of Selection
1	<b>Suparna Bhowmick Memorial Award</b> for best Performance in BSc. (Honours) Examination.	<b>ONE</b>	<b>Ms. Basusri Dandapat</b> Postgraduate Department of Zoology	University Examination Performance
2	<b>BGCAA, Best Academic Performance Award</b> for best performance in BA (Honours) Examination	<b>ONE</b>	<b>Ms. Sabikun Nahar</b> Department of Political Science	University Examination Performance
3	<b>BGCAA, Best Academic Performance Award</b> for best performance in MA Examination	<b>ONE</b>	<b>Ms. Nurnehar Begam</b> Postgraduate Department of Bengali	University Examination Performance
4	<b>BGCAA, Best Academic Performance Award</b> selected from top scorers of the Postgraduate Science Departments of Physics, Zoology and Botany	<b>ONE</b>	<b>Ms. Tanushri Saha</b> Postgraduate Department of Botany	University Examination Performance and Selection Test Conducted and evaluated by Experts nominated by BGCAA

The seminar created awareness among the participants regarding key environmental issues such as mean temperature rise across the world, food scarcity, plight of people surviving under extreme environmental conditions, reduction in groundwater levels, ecological history of various Ramsar sites and Indian Sundarbans. Issues such as climate migration and the increase in economic burden of the cities were also touched upon by the experts.



**Image: Glimpses of the Event**

The four Merit Awards that were introduced this year shall continue for subsequent academic years to encourage students in delivering outstanding academic performances. To inculcate research orientation among postgraduate students, BGCAA has plans of introducing internship programs for science students from the next academic sessions. This was announced by the secretary of the association during the concluding session.