

BEST PRACTICE 1

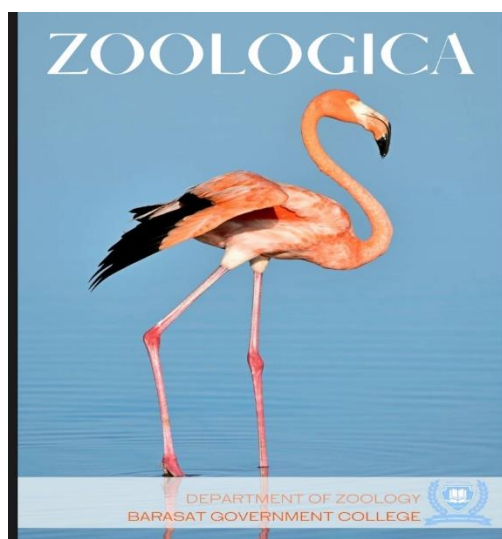
Title: Publication of magazines by students of various departments

Objective: To involve students in researching, compiling and writing on various academic topics and learning to present it in a compact manner.

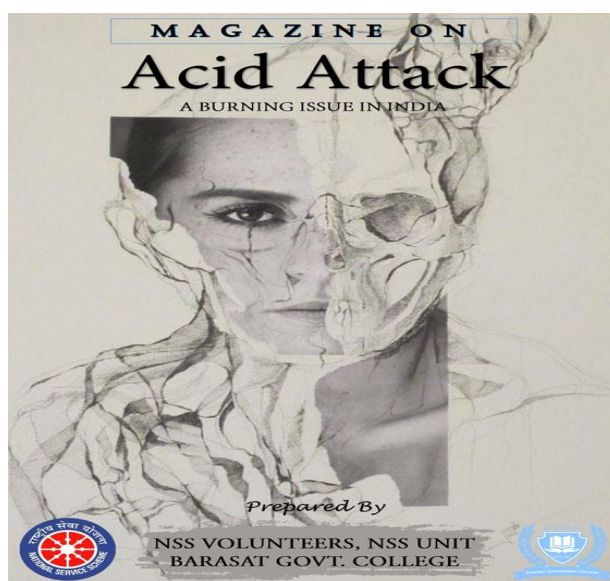
Context: The academic pursuit of the students have been severely affected during the pandemic. The students have lost the motivation for learning and understanding. Long absence from the academic atmosphere of the college, the system of online examination etc. have demotivated the students to a large extent. The aim of this program was to reorient the students towards the rigor and discipline of academic practice through encouragement in creating their own magazine.

Practice: A large number of online magazines have been published by the students, both from the departmental students as well as the students involved in NSS activities.

Sr. No.	Department	Language	Wall/ online	Name of Magazine	Number of issues published in 2021-22
1	Geography	Bengali/English	Online	GEOSPHERE	8
2	Political Science	Bengali/English	Wall & Online	SAMAJDARPAN	2
3	English	English	Wall	OPEN WINDOW	3
4	Zoology	English	Online	ZOOLOGICA	1
5	Chemistry	English	Online	CHEMYSTERY	1
6	Philosophy	Bengali	Wall	BARTIKA	2
7	NSS	English	Online	ACID ATTACK: A BURNING ISSUE IN INDIA	1
8	NSS	English	Online	ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	1



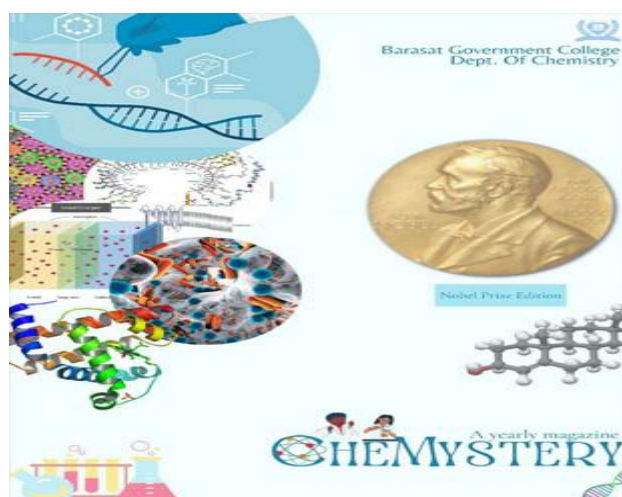
Magazine Front Cover (Department of Zoology)



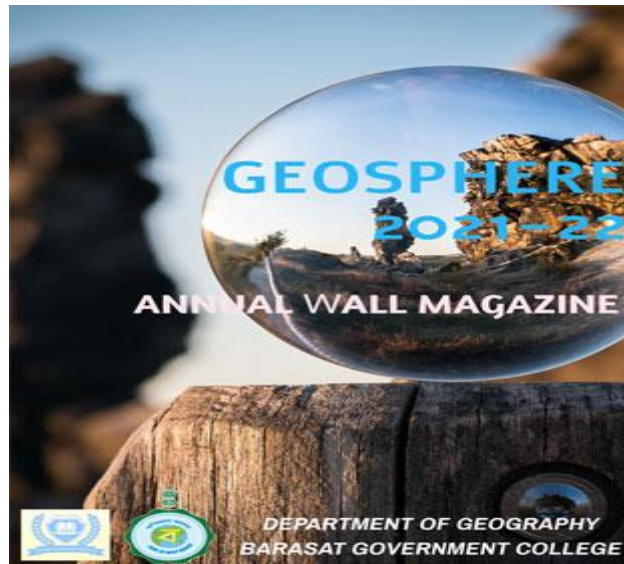
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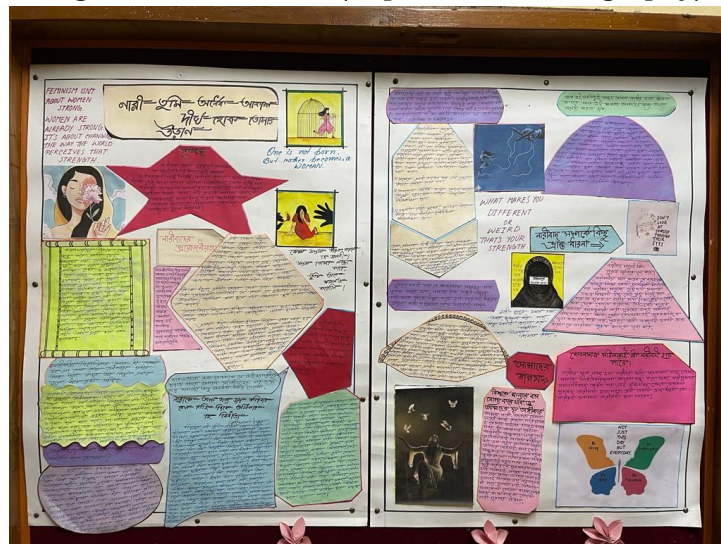
Magazine Front Cover (Department of Political Science)



Magazine Front Cover (Department of Chemistry)



Magazine Front Cover (Department of Geography)



Wall magazine of Department of Philosophy



Wall magazine of Department of English

An editorial team was formed comprising of 2-3 students of the senior most semester. They in turn recruited students from the other semesters and distributed the work load among themselves. All aspects of publication work like (i) selecting topics (ii) researching material (iii) writing on the selected topics (iv) selecting pictures and photographs to substantiate and corroborate the article (v) editing and proof reading (vi) designing the pages were done by the students with guidance of the teachers as and when required.

Evidence of success:

The students participated enthusiastically in the project. The brain storming sessions for choosing topics and writers were long and joined by most of the departmental students. Through this program, the students learned to (i) search the web, books, journals etc. for information on a particular topic (ii) write lucidly in English (not their mother tongue) (iii) use of various soft wares for typing, editing and page designing.

Problems Encountered: (i) All departments did not participate in the project (ii) Due to heavy load of the syllabus and examination pressure multiple issues could not be published although the students were keen to do so. (iii) Lack of computers and software restricted the publication work (iv) Most students are not well versed in the English language and the use of editing software's, thus publication process was delayed.

BEST PRACTICE 2

Title: Sensitization Programme on Gender Issues and Sexual Harassment

Objective: To spread awareness about gender related issues, particularly sexual harassment and the role of the Internal Complaints Committee in tackling such problems.

Context: Gender based discrimination and various forms of sexual harassment are a cause of major concern in our society. There is no better way to combat these problems than to spread awareness and sensitize people, particularly the impressionable minds of the younger generations about these evils. In this context the ICC organized several Gender Sensitization Programmes in collaboration with various departments of the college for the students of these departments.

Practice: The following is the list of workshops held in the various departments.

Sr. No.	Department	Date of workshop	No. of participants
1	Political Science	3rd February 2022	23
2	Chemistry	24th March 2022	32
3	Philosophy	24th March 2022	73
4	Geography	31st March 2022	48
5	Zoology	1st April 2022	44
6	History	5th May 2022	34



Flyers of the participating Departments



Gender Sensitization Workshop in the Department of Zoology



Gender Sensitization Workshop in the Department of Philosophy



Gender Sensitization Workshop in the Department of Political Science



Gender Sensitization Workshop in the Department of Geography



Gender Sensitization Workshop in the Department of Chemistry

The above workshops, conducted by Debapratim Chakraborty, Assistant Professor of the English Department and a member of the ICC focused primarily on the issue of consent and harassment and aimed at making the students understand the finer nuances of the issue. Various aspects of the topic were introduced by presenting imaginary scenarios to which the students were asked to respond according to their own understanding of consent. The instructor then amended their responses as necessary and further illustrated the points by showing film clips, popular memes, animations etc. and narrating anecdotes which would be easily relatable to the students. The participants were also made aware of the role of the ICC as a support system available to them.

Evidence of success: Students, particularly the girls, participated enthusiastically bringing their own views and personal experiences into the discussion. A short quiz was conducted at the end of each session to gauge their understanding of the subject. After attending the workshops the participants gained an enhanced awareness of issues relating to gender and sexual harassment and the resources available for their support which will definitely help in creating a safer work environment for the students.



Enthusiastic participation of students

Problems Encountered: While the response of some departments was quite enthusiastic, the other departments showed little response to the ICC's proposal to host these workshops. Hence, all the students of the college could not benefit from this programme. The ICC plans to hold more such workshops in a centralized manner in the next academic session so that all the students can be brought under this programme in phases.