

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

From its very beginning, Netaji Satabarshiki Mahavidyalaya has maintained a balance between the academic pursuits and the cultural activities. A comprehensive learning can only be achieved when the need for both education and cultural awareness is met in the life of a student.

Ashoknagar-Kalyangarh, the small town where the college is situated, has a rich history of various sorts of cultural activities. Hence we get active participation from students as well as the guardians while holding the cultural activities. The college runs a course on Music honours, and so, our cultural programmes are enlivened with a quality performance from the students.

The college, in the beginning of its academic session, forms the cultural and sports sub-committee in the Teachers' Council, which draws a cultural and sports calendar for the academic year. Both the sub-committees are headed by teachers of the college. The cultural and sports activities are held according to this calendar.

To build up leadership, governance and management skill among the students the cultural sub-committee of the students' union are involved in these cultural and sports activities. The cultural secretary of the students' union and the sports & games' secretary attend the meetings that are convened to organize these events and actively participate in the discussions by sharing their opinions. The students' union ensures the engagement of students not only as participants but also as organizers of the said events.

Here is a short report on the cultural activities held all the year round in our college:

January :

1. Celebration of the **birthday of Swami Vivekananda** on 12th January.
2. **College Foundation Day** on 15th January: This day is celebrated with a combination of cultural and social service activities. The students and the teachers of the College take part in a procession with College Banners, Festoons etc. in the morning. In the next session our Principal inaugurates the main programme by lighting lamps and presides over the programme. A host of eminent personalities are invited to add value to our Foundation Day celebration. Then the cultural programme starts with participations from teachers and the students. On the 5th and 10th anniversary of the college we also took up some social awareness services together with the cultural activities.
3. Celebration of the **birthday of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose** on 23rd January. The Principal hoists National Flag while teachers and students take part in our National Song. The whole programme is organized by the college students' Union.
4. Celebration of the **Republic Day** on 26th January.

February:

1. **Saraswati Puja**, which has long stopped to be a merely religious performance in the socio-cultural milieu of Bengal, is arranged with great enthusiasm from all sections of our students and teachers. The goddess of learning, worshipped in the college premises, represents a tie-up between academic learning and an enthusiastic approach towards culture beyond religion. It is also followed by a big feast on a later date.
2. **International Mother Language Day**: celebrated with cultural activities on the 21st February. Students and teachers offer well rehearsed performances in Bengali and the eminent teachers talk on the significance of the day.

March:

1. **Vasantotsav**: The students of the college celebrate *Vasantotsav* on a day prior to the Holi. It becomes a beautiful celebration of the spring with dances, songs and smearing of aabirs on each other.
2. **World Drama Day**: on 27th March. Some theatre groups are invited to deliver some lectures and a performance at the college premises.

May: Rabindra Jayanti: Celebration of the birthday of the eminent poet Rabindranath Tagore, songs, dances, recitations, dance-drama, speeches etc.

June: World Environment Day: observed on 5th June with hanging festoons, poster presentation, making models, delivering lectures etc..

August:

1. **Baishe Sraobon** : commemorating the death anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore.
2. **Independence Day**: on 15th August we celebrate our Independence Day with the hoisting of national flag, offering respects to the national patriotic leaders and short speeches by the principal and faculty.

September: Teacher's Day: on 7th September, with a large participation from the students.

October: Agomoni: A celebration of Durga Puja, held before the puja vacation starts. It is celebrated with *agomoni* songs and dance in a festive atmosphere.

December: Freshers' welcome is arranged in collaboration with the Students' Union.

In addition to this, some programmes are arranged at the departmental level at times on several occasions. For instance, **Guru Purnima** is celebrated at the Departments of Sanskrit and Music.

We have two places assigned for the performances. For the indoor type programmes, it is arranged in the big hall (G4) at the ground floor with the seating capacity of 300 people. For

programmes that require a bigger, exposed platform, we use the ground outside the main building.

