## RAJA NARENDRALAL KHAN WOMEN'S COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) BALAKA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT 2019 – 2020

The Balaka Alumni Association of Raja Narendralal Khan Women's College (Autonomous) has been running successfully under the guidance of our College authority. Balaka strives towards spreading education for the upliftment and emancipation of women in our society. It also assists the College in creating social awareness amongst the students, encourage positive thinking and foster development in various fields of their lives. Balaka provides a platform for interaction between former and present students and their families in order to provide continuity between an inherited glorious past and a prospective future.

Some of the major highlights of the work done by the Association during 2019-20 include:

1. The Birth Centenary of Dr. Sushila Mondal was celebrated on 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2019, A Memorial Lecture was also organized for the occasion. Smt. Debarati Sen Gupta, a former student of Dr. Sushila Mondal, shared her cherished memories of those golden days of learning under the guidance of Dr. Mondal. Prof. Tapati Sinha, former Head of the Department of Bengali, was present along with Prof. Rekha Sarkar, former Head of the Department of Philosophy. A total of 178 alumni members attended this memorial lecture.



Fig: Celebration of the Birth Centenary of Dr. Sushila Mandal.

2. On 21<sup>st</sup> July 2019, the Balaka Alumni Association organized a tree plantation drive to increase the green cover inside the college campus. Students prepared creative hand-drawn posters to create awareness amongst their fellow-students. The Association planted 35 new tree saplings in the college campus. Active involvement of the Teaching and non-teaching staff, alumni members, and students made this programme a grand success.





Fig: Alumni members, students, teaching and non-teaching staff's active participation in the tree plantation drive.

3. A Health Checkup camp was organized by Balaka Alumni Association on 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019. Renowned doctor, Dr. Arpita Maity, attended to each student separately and helped them overcome various health issues. In case of serious medical conditions, students were advised to visit the doctor's chamber. In the first half of the camp, Dr. Maity delivered her valuable speech on "Teenager's Anemia: Prevention and Cure". 100 students were attended to directly by Dr. Maity.



Fig: Welcome address delivered by Prof. Gargi Medda.



Fig: Dr. Arpita Maity being felicitated by Balaka.



Fig: Teachers and Alumni members attending the camp.

- 4. The process of establishing the statue of Dr. Sushila Mondal (revered ex-Principal of our College) was initiated on 17<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2019. An initiative of building a Garden in front of the Central Library building was also undertaken by the Balaka Alumni Association. Prof. Sanchita Kabi and Dr. Rashmi Mukherjee were given the responsibility to look after the garden. It was unanimously decided to raise fund for this work.
- 5. Winter garments were distributed among the adopted children of our college on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2020. Smt. Anjana Pal, an esteemed alumna of the College, donated a sum of Rs.5000/- to provide winter garments to the adopted children. Around 15 children were provided with winter garments. Many alumni members attended this programme. The Principal, Dr. Jayasree Laha, along with our alumni members and teaching staff distributed the winter garments to the children. The excitement and happiness on the faces of the poverty stricken children on receiving new clothes encouraged us to arrange such camps again in the future.





Fig: Winter garments distribution programme organized by Balaka.

- 6. Rs.5000/- was donated to the Students Aid Fund of the College on 18th February, 2020.
- 7. Rs.9600/- was contributed towards admission fees of student Mousumi Biswas (Department of Education) on the basis of her poor financial condition. Balaka took the responsibility of Miss Mousumi Biswas as she lost her mother after getting molested in her village. Balaka highly condemns and strives to create awareness in the society against such criminal activities. The Principal arranged hostel facility for Miss Mousumi Biswas and various members of our working committee agreed to help her continue her studies.





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