

Student Centric Pedagogy 2022-23

Department of English

Gour Mahavidyalaya



Learning is fun...



2022-23

Students as Teachers: Nurturing the Teaching Capacity of the Students

Students are the future teachers and academics. Therefore, their teaching and research aptitude need to be fostered.

The Department of English takes particular interest in nurturing the teaching skill of the students. **Faculty members invite the students to take a class on a prior given topic. This helps the students break their shyness, boosts their confidence and develop their public speaking ability.** They are thus introduced to the art and craft of teaching while they are students. Since most of our students are from rural background with little exposure to English teaching, such classes help them immensely to learn while teaching and teach while learning.

Often we have been surprised the ability of our students to take exceptionally good class. Pradipta Mandal was invited to teach some chapters from Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*. He made us feel proud by his wonderful command over language and the ease with which he taught the subject.

We often ask the students to prepare few questions on the topic discussed in the class. We then select some of the questions and take class test based on the questions prepared by them. This helps the students comprehend a topic thoroughly and understand how to set questions on a given topic.



Pradipta & Farhin taking class...

Nurturing Writing and Editorial Skill: Publication of Wall Magazine and Digital Magazine

Nurturing the writing skill of the students is important. However, we also focus on introducing the students to the art of editing by helping them publish Wall Magazine and the Departmental Digital magazine *Extra Notes: Essays on Literature, Culture and Society*. We assigned the task of publishing wall magazine of the Department of English to specific students. They collect essays and other creative writings by students, edit them, decorate them with colour and designs and publish them. We have also incorporated some of the students in the editorial team of the digital magazine.



Students with the Principal de-screening the Wall magazine

Student Seminar & Workshop on Women Question

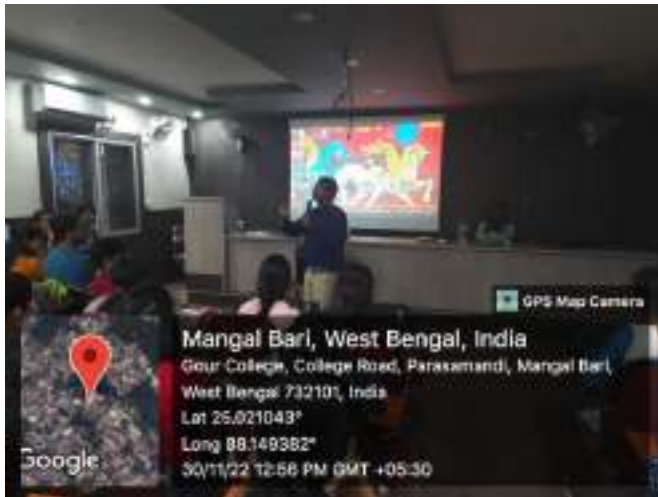
In 2022 The Department of English organised one student seminar and a workshop on the question of literary and cultural representation of women in order to sensitise the students of the issues of gender. This helps the students present publicly and develop their public speaking ability.



Student presenting paper in a seminar...

Organising Lecture on Cinema, Annual Film Festival

The cine club of the Department of English, Gour Mahavidyalaya called *Cinebus* screens movies time to time and organises annual film festival every year. It also organises lectures by scholars on cinema, and film-makers themselves. This gives the students an opportunity to learn interact with the film-makers and scholars. **In 2022, we invited Saurav Sarkar, an independent film maker to screen and talk about his movies which gave a unique opportunity to the students.**



Sourav Sarkar, an independent film-maker giving speech...

Experiential Learning

The Department of English organises Educational Tour every year to the norther part of Bengal or North-East India. The objective is to sensitise the students about North Bengal and the north-east of India which is under-focussed in the cultural discourse of India. This helps the students learn the problems of North Bengal/ north-east of India and its diverse literary and cultural heritage.

Such experiential mode of learning is particularly helpful as the students experience first-hand the landscape and the socio-cultural setting against which the characters of some of the texts on their syllabus move and make meaning of their life. **The Educational Tour to Shillong and North-East India helped the students appreciate the poetry of Mamang Dai much better.**
Educational Tour to Kurseong



Visit to Kurseong



Visit to District Library Malda

Slow/Advanced Learners Class

The Department of English, through the specified process, selects the Slow and Advanced Learners and takes appropriate actions. The slow learners are taken care of through special classes. Special focus on their language learning i.e. correcting grammar, spelling etc is

given. The Advanced Learners are encouraged and trained for entrance test to reputed universities in the country.



Mentor-mentee Groups and Remedial Classes

In order to encourage the students in their educational journey and equip them with necessary skills to prepare for future, the Department of English assigns each student his/ her mentor so that they can develop a personal bonding. The mentee is encouraged to share their problems with their mentor and the mentor mentors them through their difficulties. The mentor can reach out to their mentee through email, mobile, WhatsApp or can share their ideas and problems in the specified meetings with their mentors.

After the completion of the syllabus, the Department also organises few remedial classes to take stock of the problems of the students relating to the syllabus. The students are provided with suggestions, materials, prepared notes or extra classes, if necessary.

Annual Quiz, Debate Club, Reading Club and Newspaper Supply

The department of English also organises annual quiz completion; encourages the students in charge with the debate club to organise debates on contemporary issues from time to time; organises reading sessions and supplies soft copies of newspapers frequently to the students so that they can develop their reading habit and know about the current affairs.

Co-Curricular Activities



Swarnali and Najmin anchoring.....



Sanghamitra and Debarati performing



Students after participating in inter-departmental cricket match



& Paintings by Students