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To Whom It May Concern

This is to certify that the mentioned texts of the syllabi of the Department of English, Gour Mahavidyalaya as prescribed by the University of Gour Banga tallies with the following core values-

Human Values:

Macbeth, Twelfth Night, The Lamb and The Chimney Sweeper, The Tyger, A Passage to India, Oedipus the King, Six Characters in Search of an Author, The River Churning, The Rape of the Lock, Paradise Lost Book-I, Dream Children: A Reverie, The Praise of the Chimney Sweepers, The Superannuated Man, Christ's Hospital Five and Thirty Years.

Ethics:

Gulliver's Travels, The Glass Menagerie, A Farewell to Arms, Ghost, Alam's Own House, Toba Tek Singh', 'Two Women, One Family', Gulzar 'Toba Tek Singh', Tonight I Can Write, The Way Spain Was, Hard Times

Gender:

Chaucer: The Wife of Bath's Prologue, The Way of the World, Pride and Prejudice, Jane Eyre, The Lady of Shallot, My Last Duchess, The Last Ride Together, Nagamandala, Feminist Theories, The Yellow Paper', 'Bliss' 'Droupadi', The Colour Purple.

Environment:

Tintern Abbey, Yarrow Unvisited, Kubla Khan, The Lime Tree Bower Prison, Childe Harold, Canto-III, Canto-IV, Ode to the West Wind, To A Skylark, To Autumn, Ode to Nightingale.

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Action taken on the Cross-Cutting Issues

As society faces newer challenges under the changing circumstances of climate change, gender violence, social disharmony, growing disintegration of community feeling, the need to foster the core ethical values of human dignity and co-living among the students is highly important. The Department of English, Gour Mahavidyalaya takes the following steps in fostering such ethical values and principles:

Grounded Class Teaching: As the classroom is the forum for direct interaction with the students, the faculty of the department of English makes every effort to bring into discussion issues of gender justice, climate change, human rights etc while taking class. This helps inculcate such values among the students. As for example the Unit on Feminism directly engages with issues of domestic violence, eve-teasing, rape etc while discussing core issues of feminism. We also organise workshop on Code of Conduct for the students where we bring in issues of respecting each other, showing sensitivity to the others etc.

Workshop on Code of Conduct



Teaching Romantic Poetry amidst Nature



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.



Students debating Issues Facing the Nation



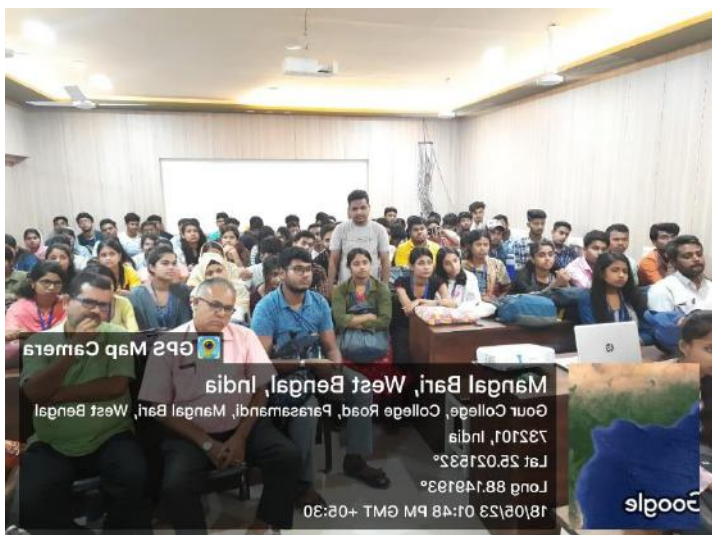
Experiential learning to foster National Integration

The Department of English organises Educational Tour every year to the norther part of Bengal and North-East India. The objective is to sensitise the students about the north-east of India which under-focused in the cultural discourse of India. This helps the students learn about problems of north-east of India and its diverse literary and cultural heritage so that the students can understand them better. This helps in fostering national integration as well.

Educational Tour to North-east India



Discussion on Ambedkar’s writing on Caste



Writings by Students on Human Values, Climate Change and National Integration

We particularly encourage our students to write short essays on issues relating to climate crisis, gender violence and human rights etc. We publish their article in the digital magazine of the Department of English called *Extra Notes: Essays on Literature, Culture and Society*. The 2023 Issue of *Extra Notes* was dedicated to issues of climate change and the north east. Such platforms are important as they help students understand and analyse societal problems and think of solutions on their own.

Extra Notes: *Essays on Literature, Culture & Society*
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Editorial

We are glad to publish the new issue of *Extra Notes: Essays on literature, Culture and Society!*

The short essays collected here were submitted by the students of the Department of English as part of the Essay Competition organized by the Department.

The planet earth is facing a crisis today. Our age is the age of climate emergency- of global warming, polluted rivers, droughts and flash floods. Scientists have variously characterized the present age as *anthropocene* or *capitalocene*- the age in which capitalist greed, plundering of earth and excessive use of fossil fuel has made human beings the agents of geological change. Earth days are celebrated, ENVS projects are collected every year by teachers, seminars and talks are ritualistically delivered, politicians daily promise and COP conferences are annually organised. And yet the crisis seems to be deteriorating every day.

We are, however, not despairing. Young people across the world have shown way. Greta Thunbergs are our hope. Instead of reducing ENVS into project reports carrying 8 marks we propose to make the students think about the present crisis. One way of doing this is to ask them to write about it and to suggest possible ways to minimize the damage. Today, we are aware of the power of new media. Can it serve as fora for consciousness raising in this regard- and about other societal issues? With these objectives in mind we organized the essay competition 2023. And we are now glad to publish the essays.

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Anthropocene and Youth Leadership

Prasenjit Das

"Two years back, I lost whatever I had. I have a family of seven people. There was no other option for me except coming here and doing this." – This is the story of Sunil, who is currently working as a day labor in a brickfield in Malda. But just a couple of years ago he had a beautiful house and a well-earning job in Supaul. Sunil lost his livelihood and his house too when a flash flood emerged his village and villages around. Flood and flash floods now have become a part of their lives for the people of Bihar. Some of the villages have the record of being flooded 60 times in a single year. There is hardly any year in which there was no incident of flood in Bihar. Not only Bihar, from Bengal-Odisha to Kerala we have seen flood all over the country. But flood is not the main concern here. That is just one side of the coin. Where some places are getting drowned, there are places where a drop of water is as much precious as someone's life. What is the reason behind these natural disasters. The real issue is the rapid change in climate of the