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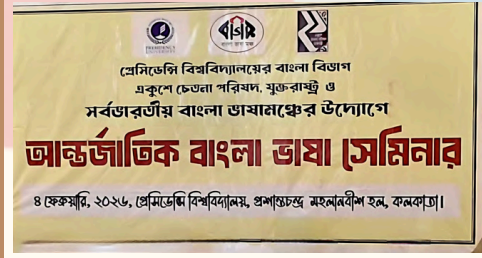
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Department of Bengali

আন্তর্জাতিক বাংলা ভাষা সেমিনার

An International Bengali Language Seminar was held on 4 February 2026 at Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Hall, Presidency University, organised by Nitish Biswas. The programme began with an inaugural address by Prof. Uttam Kumar Biswas, while the sessions were chaired by Dr. Dilip Kumar Sinha and Pabitra Sarkar. The seminar addressed contemporary challenges facing the Bengali language and emphasised the need to safeguard it. Speakers highlighted its cultural significance and reaffirmed the collective responsibility to preserve Bengali as a shared linguistic heritage.

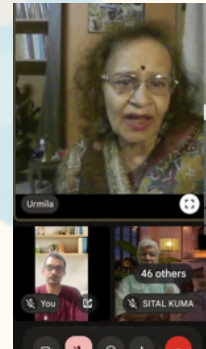


RAKTAKARABI... SHOTOBORSH PORE(রক্তকরবী... শতবর্ষ পরে)

A special commemorative programme titled “Raktakarabi... Shatabarsha Pare” was held on 18 February at A.K. Basak Auditorium, Presidency University, jointly organised by the Department of Bengali and the Presidency Alumni Association. The event featured a dance-musical collage performed by university students, celebrating the centenary of Rabindranath Tagore’s play Raktakarabi. Renowned speakers Biswajit Ray and Malay Rakshit delivered insightful talks on the enduring themes and contemporary relevance of the work. The programme served as a meaningful tribute to Tagore’s literary legacy.

জন্মদিনের জীবনানন্দ

The Department of Bengali at Presidency University organised an online event titled “Janmadiner Jibanananda” on 19 February 2026 to commemorate the 127th birth anniversary of the renowned poet Jibanananda Das. The programme also marked the first anniversary of the department’s Value-Added Certificate Course, Jibanananda Odhyayon. Led by Dr. Uttam Kumar Biswas and Dr. Ritam Mukhopadhyay, the event featured discussions and poetry readings by poet-professor Urmila Chakraborty and poet-critic Shital Chowdhury, celebrating the enduring literary legacy of one of the most influential poets of the post-Tagore era.



ভাষার ক্ষমতা, ক্ষমতার ভাষা

The Department of Bengali at Presidency University organised a commemorative programme on 20 February 2026 at the Jibanananda Seminar Hall. The highlight was a keynote lecture by Dr. Pradip Basu titled “The Power of Language, The Language of Power,” which examined colonial legacies, linguistic hegemony, and the influence of digital media on contemporary discourse. The event also featured cultural performances by students and scholars. Concluding remarks by Prof. Uttam Kumar Biswas and Prof. Sandip Kumar Mondal reaffirmed the importance of preserving linguistic heritage and cultural identity.

WORKSHOP ON INDIA-JAPAN PARTNERSHIP IN THE ASIAN CENTURY: STRATEGIC, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL DIMENSIONS.

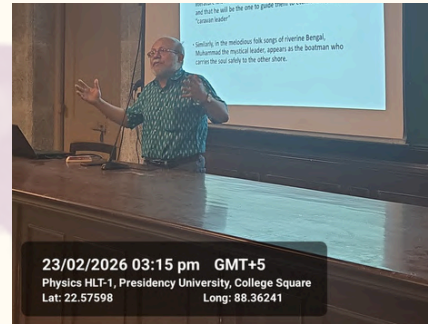
A one-day workshop titled “India–Japan Partnership in the Asian Century: Strategic, Economic and Cultural Dimensions” was held at Presidency University on 23 February, bringing together academics and diplomats to discuss the evolving bilateral relationship. The event began with a cultural dance-drama by students of the Department of Bengali, followed by inaugural addresses by Vice Chancellor Prof. Nirmalya Narayan Chakraborty and Registrar Dr. Debajyoti Konar. Two technical sessions explored cultural, linguistic, geopolitical, and economic ties. The workshop concluded with an engaging Q&A session, highlighting the multifaceted nature of India–Japan cooperation.



Department of History

5TH SUBODH KUMAR MUKHOPADHYAY MEMORIAL LECTURE 2025-2026

The 5th Subodh Kumar Mukhopadhyay Memorial Lecture was delivered by Prof. Amit Dey on 23 February 2026. His talk examined representations of the Prophet Muhammad in East Indian and Bangladeshi folk traditions, highlighting genres such as Baul, Jari, rain-invoking, and Maizbhandari songs. Prof. Dey explained how these rhythmic songs served as vehicles for oral transmission of religious knowledge among rural communities and contributed to the spread of Sufism. He also noted their connections with revivalist movements and influences from Vaishnavism and Buddhism, reflecting the syncretic cultural environment of Bengal.



ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION ON THE ROUTLEDGE HANDBOOK OF SUBALTERNACROSS HISTORY

The Department of History, Presidency University, organised a round table discussion on the Routledge Handbook on Subalterns across History on 25 February 2026 at A.K. Basak Hall. Edited by Prof. Ishita Banerjee and Prof. Saurabh Dube, the session featured Dr. Soumen Mukherjee and students Arka Sen Chakraborty and Chirantan Banik as discussants, with Prof. Arun Patnaik (University of Hyderabad) chairing. The discussion explored the evolving relevance of Subaltern Studies, the challenges of conceptualising the subaltern in contemporary contexts, and the role of digital media in expanding and reshaping archival practices.



EXCURSION TO THE PARSI DHARMASHALA (INN) AND PARSI AGIARI (PLACE OF WORSHIP) & ANJUMAN (COMMUNITY CENTRE)

On 28 February 2026, MA second-semester students from the Department of History visited the Zoroastrian Anjuman Atash Adaran at Metcalfe Street and the Manackjee Rustomjee Dharmashala at Bow Barracks as part of the course "A History of Small Communities of Foreign Origin in Colonial India." Students learned about Parsi heritage, architecture, and community life in Kolkata. At the Dharmashala, they also experienced traditional Parsi cuisine accompanied by an introductory talk on Parsi food culture. The excursion provided valuable insights into the history and cultural practices of the city's small Parsi community.



School of Astrophysics

WEEKLY COLLOQUIUMS

On 11 February, the School of Astrophysics at Presidency University hosted a talk by its alumnus Prof. Anirban Das, currently a faculty member at Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics (SINP). The lecture focused on the role of neutrinos in the cosmological framework. Prof. Das discussed how key cosmological observables—such as the matter power spectrum, the CMB temperature and polarization spectra, and the UV luminosity functions of distant galaxies—can provide insights into the fundamental properties of neutrinos, highlighting their unique significance in understanding the universe.



On 18 February, the School of Astrophysics at Presidency University hosted a colloquium by Dr. Lankeswar Dey from IA-FORTH, Greece, titled "Towards Multi-Messenger Nanohertz Gravitational Wave Astronomy." The talk discussed recent Pulsar Timing Array evidence for a nanohertz gravitational-wave background, likely originating from supermassive black hole binaries. Dr. Dey highlighted efforts to resolve individual sources using advanced Bayesian analysis, electromagnetic counterpart searches, and improved datasets. She also emphasized the transformative role of future facilities such as the Square Kilometre Array and the Vera C. Rubin Observatory in advancing multi-messenger astronomy.



The School of Astrophysics at Presidency University hosted a talk by Dr. Sangita Chatterjee, a postdoctoral fellow working with Dr. Ritabhan Chatterjee on 25th February. Her presentation explored how gas-rich environments around supermassive black holes influence gravitational waves emitted when stellar-mass objects spiral into them. She highlighted how the surrounding accretion disk can alter gravitational-wave signals, potentially affecting measurements made by future observatories like LISA. The talk emphasized the importance of accounting for environmental effects to accurately determine black hole properties and better understand extreme astrophysical systems.



Department of Sociology

BOOK DISCUSSION ON FEMINIST POLITICS, INTERSECTIONALITY AND KNOWLEDGE CULTIVATION (ROUTLEDGE, 2025) BY RADHIKA GOVINDA

A discussion on Radhika Govinda's book *Feminist Politics, Intersectionality and Knowledge Cultivation* (Routledge, 2025) on 16th February featured Supurna Banerjee (IDSK) and Nandita Banerjee-Dhawan (Jadavpur University) as discussants. The session highlighted key themes of the work, including feminist pedagogy, intersectionality, and autoethnography. Govinda also shared personal and professional experiences, along with insights from her fieldwork that shaped the book's theoretical focus. The event saw active participation from faculty and students, with discussions touching on feminist ethics, hope, and the institutional history of feminist pedagogy.



Department of Political Science

POLITICS AND RESISTANCE OF COAL IN AUSTRALIA AND INDIA CLIMATE JUSTICE ACTIVISM IN THE GLOBAL NORTH AND SOUTH.

On 18 February 2026, the Department of Political Science at Presidency University hosted a book talk by Dr. Ruchira Talukdar at the Department Seminar Room. The seminar discussed her research on the politics and resistance surrounding coal extraction in Australia and India. Drawing on ethnographic and historical analysis, Dr. Talukdar examined the intersections of Indigenous sovereignty, extractive capitalism, and climate justice. Her work offered a comparative perspective on resource politics in settler-colonial Australia and postcolonial India, highlighting global debates on environment and social justice.



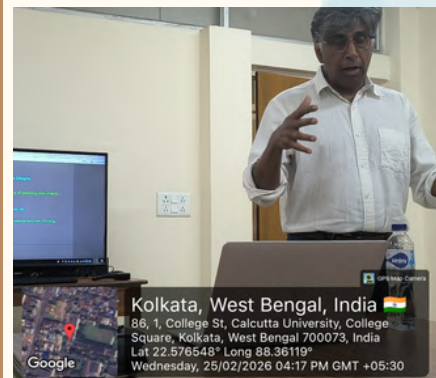
ETHNOGRAPHY WALK AND WORKSHOP

An ethnography walk and workshop introduced doctoral researchers from the Departments of Political Science and Sociology to “walking” as a method in urban ethnography on 9th February. Facilitated by Dr. Garima Dhabhai and Dr. Niloshree Bhattacharya, the two-hour walk through Burrabazar encouraged participants to engage with the urban landscape through a multi-sensory perspective. The activity was followed by a session on writing field notes and ethnographic essays, where participants reflected on their observations, photographs, and anecdotes, identifying patterns and themes that could develop into future ethnographic research.



CONTRADICTIONS OF SOUTHERN URBANISM AND THE EMERGENCY OF NEW ADMINISTRATION CATEGORIES IN RAJARHAT NEWTOWN.

The Department of Political Science, Presidency University, organised a talk titled “Contradictions of Southern Urbanism and the Emergence of New Administrative Categories in Rajarhat Newtown” on 25 February 2026. Delivered by Prof. Sourayan Mookerjee (University of Alberta) and Atriya Dey (IIT Bombay), the lecture examined Rajarhat Newtown within the broader transformations of Kolkata following the economic liberalisation of 1991. The speakers discussed how New Town developed as a utopian urban project, reflecting shifting paradigms of governance, planning, and development in the post-liberalisation era.



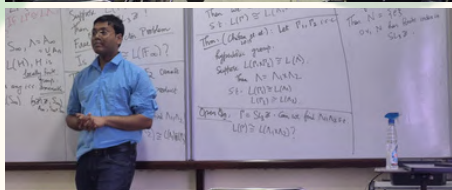
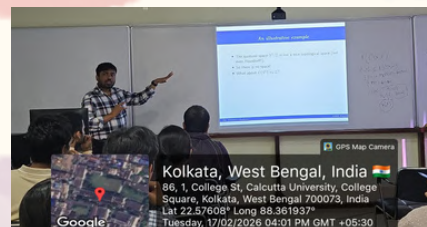
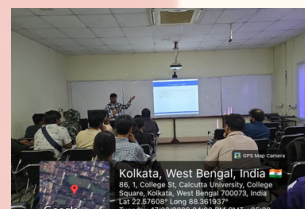
GRAMSCI AND SOUTH ASIA: A DIALOGUE WITH SUBALTERN.

The Department of Political Science, Presidency University, organised a talk titled “Gramsci and South Asia: A Dialogue With Subalterns” on 27 February 2026. Delivered by Prof. Arun K. Patnaik (University of Hyderabad), the lecture revisited key Gramscian concepts such as common sense, religion, and ideology. Prof. Patnaik explained how “common sense” functions as a fragmented and historically shaped social reality. The talk highlighted the continued relevance of Gramsci’s ideas for analysing subaltern politics, ideological struggles, and power structures in South Asian and postcolonial contexts.

Department of Mathematics

AN INVITED LECTURE ON "AN OVERVIEW OF NONCOMMUTATIVE GEOMETRY"

On 17 February 2026, the Department of Mathematics at Presidency University hosted the 99th lecture of its Q.E.D. series at MLTI. The session featured Dr. Soumya Joardar (IISER Kolkata), who delivered a talk titled "An Overview of Noncommutative Geometry." He traced the field's development from the Gelfand–Naimark theorem to the foundational work of Alain Connes. The lecture offered a comprehensive introduction to this modern area of mathematics, effectively connecting its historical origins with current research directions.

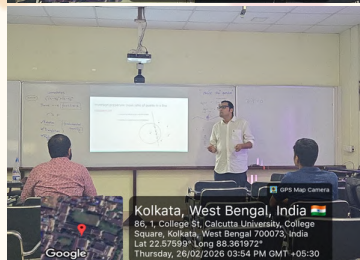
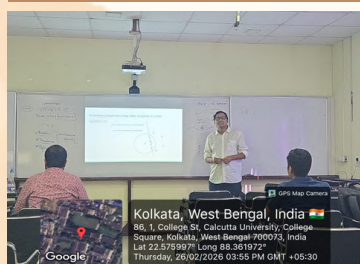
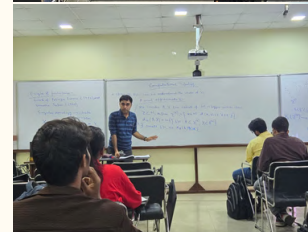


AN INVITED LECTURE ON "RIGIDITY OF VON NEUMANN ALGEBRAS"

On 18 February 2026, the Department of Mathematics at Presidency University marked the 100th lecture of its Q.E.D. series in MLTI. The session featured Dr. Sayan Das (East China Normal University), who delivered a talk titled "Rigidity of von Neumann Algebras." The lecture explored the mathematical foundations of quantum theory, tracing developments from John von Neumann to modern research on group actions and algebraic structures. The milestone event successfully connected historical concepts with contemporary advances, highlighting the significance of the Q.E.D. lecture series.

AN INVITED LECTURE ON "PERSISTENCE HOMOLOGY AND PERSISTENCE DIAGRAM"

On 19 February 2026, the Department of Mathematics at Presidency University hosted the 101st lecture of its Q.E.D. series at MLTI. The session featured Dr. Prateep Chakraborty (IIT Kharagpur), who delivered a talk titled "On Persistence Homology and Persistence Diagram." He discussed methods for extracting topological information from data using simplicial complexes and filtrations. The lecture introduced persistence modules, effectively linking abstract topology with computational data analysis, and fostered active academic engagement among students and faculty.



AN INVITED LECTURE ON "RELATIVELY HYPERBOLIC GROUPS AND BOWDITCH BOUNDARY"

On 26 February 2026, the Department of Mathematics at Presidency University hosted the 102nd lecture of its Q.E.D. series at MLTI. The session featured Dr. Ashani Dasgupta (Cheenta Academy), who delivered a talk titled "Relatively Hyperbolic Groups and Bowditch Boundary." He explored concepts of relative hyperbolicity, boundaries at infinity, and the motivations behind Bowditch's construction, along with recent research developments. The lecture concluded with an engaging discussion on future directions, offering valuable insights into advanced geometric group theory.

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Department of Physics

COLLOQUIUM ON "LIGHT FROM THE NEUTRINOS"

On 18 February 2026, the Department of Physics at Presidency University hosted a colloquium featuring Dr. Sudip Jana (HRI, Allahabad). The talk focused on neutrinos, among the most abundant yet least understood particles in the universe. Dr. Jana highlighted key questions in particle physics and explained how neutrino studies can provide insights into new physics. He also emphasized the complementary roles of experiments across energy, intensity, lifetime, and cosmic frontiers in advancing our understanding of fundamental particles.



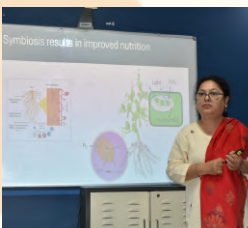
COLLOQUIUM ON "STOCHASTIC PROCESSES AND NON-EQUILIBRIUM TRANSITIONS IN BIOLOGICAL SYSTEMS"

On 25 February 2026, the Department of Physics at Presidency University hosted a colloquium by Dr. Dipjyoti Das (IISER Kolkata) on stochastic processes and non-equilibrium transitions in biological systems. The talk explored how statistical physics links microscopic molecular interactions to large-scale biological behavior. Dr. Das discussed how stochastic processes can generate phenotypic variation at the cellular level and how cell-cell interactions influence tissue mechanics. The lecture highlighted the role of statistical physics as a unifying framework for understanding emergent properties in living systems.

Institute of Health Sciences

IMPACT 2026

IMPACT 2026 was held on 26 February 2026 at the Institute of Health Sciences, Presidency University, showcasing students' entrepreneurial creativity and innovation. Participants presented business ideas, displayed working models, and set up creative food stalls as part of their ventures. The event highlighted critical thinking, teamwork, and practical problem-solving among young innovators. The session was guided by a panel of experts, including Dr. Sanchita Mukherjee, Mr. Rajiv Agarwal, Mr. Vishal J. C., Dr. Sampa Dhabal, and Mr. Vishal Kumar, who provided valuable insights and encouragement to the aspiring entrepreneurs.



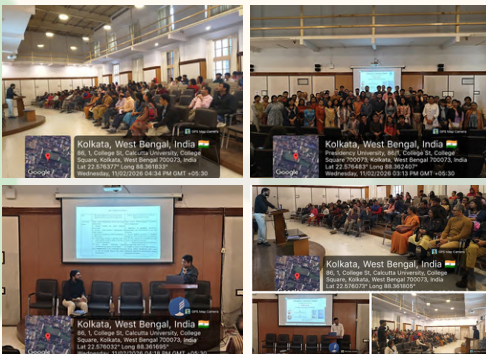
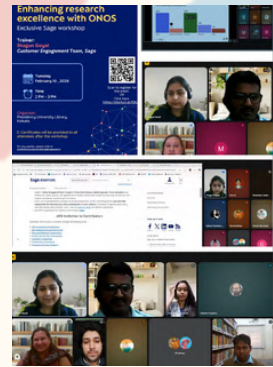
NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY CELEBRATION

The Institute of Health Sciences (IHS), Presidency University, celebrated National Science Day on 27 February 2026 with enthusiastic participation from students of Jatragachi Pronobanondo High School and Patharghata High School. The event featured lab visits, exhibitions, quizzes, and science-themed Rangoli displays, creating an engaging learning environment. Talks by Prof. Anindita Seal (University of Calcutta) and Prof. Benubrata Das (IACS, Kolkata) enriched the programme. With active involvement from students, researchers, and faculty, the celebration successfully promoted scientific curiosity and outreach.

Events of Library

ONLINE WEBINAR ON "ENHANCING RESEARCH EXCELLENCE WITH ONE NATION ONE SUBSCRIPTION (ONOS)

The Presidency University Library organised an online webinar titled "Enhancing Research Excellence with ONOS – Exclusive SAGE Workshop" on 10 February 2026 under the One Nation One Subscription (ONOS) initiative. The session was conducted by Ms. Shagun Goyal from the SAGE Customer Engagement Team, who introduced ONOS and demonstrated the effective use of SAGE journals, eBooks, and databases. She also discussed search strategies, citation tools, and best practices in research and publishing. The webinar benefited faculty members, research scholars, and students, and concluded with a vote of thanks.



BOOK TALK ON ANCIENT EGYPTIAN ARTS AND MYTHOLOGY

As part of its multidisciplinary outreach initiatives, the Presidency University Library organised a Book Talk on "Ancient Egyptian Arts and Mythology" on 11 February 2026 at the P. C. Mahalanobis Auditorium. The event featured Dr. Anirban Ray, Assistant Professor, Department of English, as the speaker, with Dr. Soumen Mukherjee, Assistant Professor, Department of History, serving as the discussant. Attended by students, research scholars, and faculty members, the session encouraged scholarly discussion and concluded with an engaging question-and-answer interaction.

SEVEN-DAY FDP ON SYSTEMATIC REVIEW, META-ANALYSIS, BIBLIOMETRICS, AND RESPONSIBLE AI IN RESEARCH

A seven-day Faculty Development Programme titled "Systematic Review, Meta-analysis, Bibliometrics, and Responsible AI in Research" was held from 16–22 February 2026 at the Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK). The programme was organised by IDSK in collaboration with the Presidency University Library and the Population Studies unit of the Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata. Featuring expert resource persons from reputed institutions, the event brought together researchers and scholars from diverse disciplines. The programme promoted multidisciplinary knowledge exchange while strengthening academic collaboration and research capacity.



LIBRARY USER ORIENTATION-CUM-AWARENESS PROGRAM

The Presidency University Library organised a User Orientation-cum-Awareness Programme for first-year UG and PG students on 17 February 2026 at the A. K. Basak Auditorium. The session introduced students to the library's resources, facilities, and digital services, including OPAC, the Digital Archive, Shodhganga, and various e-resources available through the ONOS platform and remote access. Library rules and regulations were also explained. The interactive programme helped students become familiar with the library system and encouraged effective use of its resources throughout their academic journey.

BOOK EXHIBITION ON "WORLD PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING DAY"

On 23 February 2026, the Presidency University Library organised a special Book Exhibition to mark World Peace and Understanding Day. The exhibition showcased a curated collection of books on themes such as peace building, peace studies, global understanding, and cultural harmony. It offered students, faculty, and staff an opportunity to engage with literature promoting dialogue and reflection on peaceful coexistence. The initiative reinforced the library's role in supporting academic inquiry while encouraging awareness of global harmony and social responsibility.



Events of NSS Cell

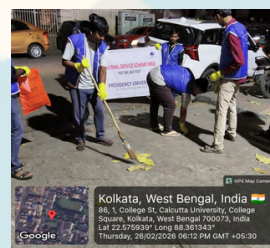


NATIONAL INTEGRATION CAMP 2026

On 11th February two students from Presidency University, Dyuti Biswas and Shubhradip Sen, represented West Bengal at the National Integration Camp (NIC) 2026 held at Savitribai Phule Pune University. They actively participated in activities such as yoga, cultural performances, dance, drama, and music, engaging with peers from across India. The camp provided a vibrant platform for cultural exchange, showcasing the spirit of "Unity in Diversity." The students proudly represented West Bengal's heritage while gaining valuable experiences of interaction, learning, and national integration.

CLEANLINESS DRIVE

The NSS Cell (Unit 3) of Presidency University, under Programme Officer Dr. Puja Ray, organised a Cleanliness Drive to promote environmental responsibility on 26th February. Led by Dipta Mondal (Chemistry Department) and supported by 10 NSS volunteers, the initiative covered the Presidency University campus and nearby areas including College Street and Eden Hindu Hostel. Volunteers carried out cleaning activities and raised awareness about maintaining hygiene in shared public spaces. The drive highlighted the importance of collective action and encouraged sustainable habits for a cleaner and healthier environment.



ANTI-DRUG AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

The NSS Cell (Unit 2) of Presidency University, under Programme Officer Dr. Mery Biswas, organised an Anti-Drug Awareness outreach programme on 28th February at College Square to highlight the dangers of substance abuse. Led by Dyuti Biswas (Sociology Department) and supported by nine NSS volunteers, the initiative involved distributing informational pamphlets and engaging with members of the public on the physical, psychological, and social impacts of drug addiction. The programme emphasised the importance of awareness and community support in preventing substance abuse and promoting healthier choices.

Events of Central Sports Board

13TH ANNUAL SPORTS MEET 2026

The 13th Annual Sports Meet 2026 was held on 12–13 February 2026 at the Main Campus of Presidency University, organized by the Central Sports Board. The two-day event witnessed enthusiastic participation from more than 500 students, staff members, and faculty, making it a vibrant celebration of sportsmanship, teamwork, and university spirit.



Central Events

Presidency University is deeply honored to receive a donation of ₹20 lakh from Tapan and Arupa Ganguly (Batch of 1973), in memory of Arupa's father, the late Professor P K Sen Choudhury, a distinguished cosmic ray physicist who served our physics department with distinction from 1948 to 1973. This generous contribution will be instrumental in advancing the School of Astrophysics through:

- Infrastructure Upgrades: ₹8 lakh will be utilized to modernize two classrooms, which will be proudly named in honor of Professor P K Sen Choudhury.
- Endowment Fund: The remaining ₹12 lakh will establish a permanent fund to support our MSc and PhD students. This will provide crucial assistance for research activities, including attending conferences, covering publication charges, and purchasing essential academic resources like computers and journals.

This gesture is a way to give back to their alma mater and motivate the next generation of bright minds to pursue research in basic sciences right here in West Bengal.

Presidency University extends heartfelt gratitude to its esteemed alumni for their incredible generosity and commitment to the future of Astrophysics at the institution

In memoriam: Presidency physics family donates ₹20L to honour professor dad

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Kolkata: New Jersey-based couple and senior alumni of the 1973 physics batch of Presidency College (now a university), Tapan and Arupa Ganguly, donated Rs 20 lakh to ramp up the infrastructure and support academic programmes at the school of astrophysics. The donation was made in memory of Arupa's father, P K Sen Choudhury, who was a physics professor at Presidency College and a well-known cosmic ray physicist.

Both Tapan and Arupa are professors at the school of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. They got in touch with the school's assistant professor, Suchetana Chatterjee, last year and expressed their wish to contribute to the academic development of the department. "We were both students at the physics department of Presidency College between 1970 and 1973. My father was a profes-

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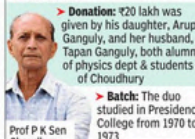
► **In memory of:** PK Sen Choudhury
► **Tenure:** Taught in the physics dept of the then Presidency College from 1948 to 1973

► **Known for:** Contributions as a cosmic ray physicist

► **Death:** 1997

► **Donation:** ₹20 lakh was given by his daughter, Arupa Ganguly, and her husband, Tapan Ganguly, both alumni of physics dept & students of Choudhury

► **Batch:** The duo studied in Presidency College from 1970 to 1973



Prof P K Sen Choudhury



One of the classrooms at the school of astrophysics that will be upgraded

we would consider our contribution to be meaningful," said Tapan. "Research needs passion, funding and a constant supply of good students and teachers. Through this contribution, we also wanted to encourage others to come forward and support our alma mater so that we can protect its excellence and glory," he added. According to Chatterjee, the money has been received in Feb.

"About Rs 8 lakh will be utilised to upgrade two classrooms of the school of astrophysics, and they will be named after Professor P K Sen Choudhury. The remaining Rs 12 lakh will be kept as an endowment fund, and the yearly interest will be utilised purely for research activities of MSc and PhD students of the physics and astrophysics departments. We will support them in attending conferences, for paper publication charges, and buying necessary things such as a computer, books and journals," said Chatterjee.

son in the department and taught us. He often said that the crème de la crème of students study at Presidency and was very affectionate towards his students," said Arupa.

Tapan shared that one of the other reasons for contributing to Presidency University was to stop bright stu-

dents from shifting from the institution and the state for pursuing higher studies. "It was a shocking revelation to us a few years ago when we heard that students leave Presidency for other institutions like IITs to pursue engineering courses. So we thought of making this contribution to

support the academic and research activities in a bid to bring back the past glory and motivate students to pursue research in basic science at the Presidency University. If our contribution can stop at least a few students from Bengal from moving out of the state and the university,

Success Stories

Prof. Gautam Ghosh and Prof. Nilanjan Dasgupta imparted two weeks' Training on Structural Geology to nineteen Trainee Scientific Officers of Atomic Minerals Directorate at Jamshedpur from 9th February 2026 to 22nd February 2026. The training included fieldwork in and around Singhbhum Shear Zone along with theoretical and laboratory exercises on different aspects of structural geology. The program was inaugurated by Dr. S. Dash, Regional Director, Eastern Region, AMDER, Jamshedpur.



Prof Sankar Bose was invited to participate in a fieldwork related to an international Maestro Project funded by Govt. Of Poland during February 19-March 3 2026



Daibanshu Mukherjee and Sayani Mondal of B.Sc. 3rd Year students of Geology Department have presented Poster at IISWBM on WASHscapes. They have secured Third Position in that event.



Nisha Paul and Amartya Roy, final-year MSc students of Geology, participated in a two-week student exchange program (13 February – 6 March) at the Institute for Planetary Materials (IPM), Okayama University, Japan. As part of this program, they attended the two-day Misasa International Symposium (MISASA IX) held on 26–27th February in Misasa, Tottori, focused on planetary surface environments, planetary exploration, and habitability, bringing together researchers and students from different countries.



Aryadeep Sinha from Dept of History and Choutisha Chakraborty Department of Sociology of Presidency University visits La Sapienza University, Rome on a Student exchange program.



Success Stories

- Two students from NSS Presidency University, Dyuti Biswas and Shubhradip Sen, had the honour of representing West Bengal as part of the state contingent at the National Integration Camp (NIC) 2026, held at Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune. During the camp, the students actively participated in a variety of activities including yoga sessions, cultural performances, dance, drama, and song presentations, collaborating with participants from across the country. These activities created a vibrant platform where diverse cultures, traditions, and languages came together, reflecting the true spirit of "Unity in Diversity." Representing West Bengal, the participants proudly showcased the cultural richness of the state while also engaging with the traditions of other regions. The experience provided valuable opportunities for interaction, learning, and building friendships beyond regional boundaries.



- Pramita Ghosh, a student of M.Sc. Applied Geology at Presidency University, has been placed as a Graduate Engineer Trainee (Geology) at AMNS India through the Placement Cell of the Department of Geology. AMNS India is one of the leading steel manufacturing companies in India and a joint venture between ArcelorMittal and Nippon Steel. The placement reflects the continued efforts of the department in supporting students' career opportunities. The department extends its best wishes to her for her future endeavors.



- Students of our university secured a Silver Medal in the Relay Competition at the Inter-College Loreto College Annual Sports Day held on 28 February 2026. The team members were Rohit Chowdhury (UG 3, Geology), Tuhin Paul (UG 3, Mathematics), Devrup Dutta (UG 2, Sociology), and Kesang Lama (UG 2, Political Science). This achievement has brought pride and recognition to the university."



- Indranath Chatterjee, a scholar in the Economics department, was awarded the Best Paper Prize at the International Conference on Contemporary Issues of Economic Development, held at Visva-Bharati University, Shantiniketan, on 26-27 February 2026. His paper, titled "Youth Labour Market Outcomes in India: A Triple Hurdle Analysis" analyses the structural barriers faced by youth in the labour market. His Ph.D. supervisors are Dr. Prithviraj Guha and Prof. Supravat Bagli.

