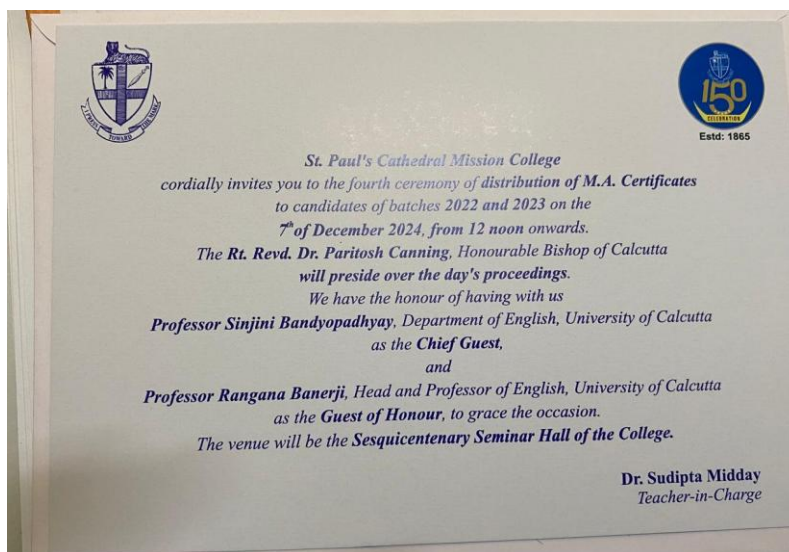


The Fourth Convocation – A Report

The fourth convocation or the ceremony marking the distribution of M.A. Certificates to English students of batches 2022 and 2023, took place on the 7th of December 2024. The program this year was special as it marked the first with our new Teacher-in-Charge Dr. Sudipta Midday, as well as our new Vice Principal Prof. Binayak Bhattacharya. The program was presided over by the Honourable Bishop of Kolkata, the Rt. Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning.



The Invitation Card

The program began on a sober note with the College Choir singing the College Song; it was an impeccable rendition. The inaugural prayer was said by the College Chaplain, Revd. Saikat Nath.



The College Choir

The Chief Guest for this year was Prof. Sinjini Bandyopadhyay from the Department of English, University of Calcutta. Dr. Bandyopadhyay has been associated with the Postgraduate Department of English since its inception in 2013, as a member of its Board of Studies. We are proud that she has been

a mentor to the Department in almost all matters. Although one of her areas of specialization is in twentieth century fiction, she shares expertise in many other critical spheres of literature, as well. In her address, Prof. Bandyopadhyay spoke about the digital resources of the Central Library of the University of Calcutta and pointed out how this is of seminal importance to research scholars. Meanwhile, it is heartening to note that many of our postgraduate students are also members of the Central Library, CU.

Our Guest of Honour, this year was Professor Rangana Banerji, Head, Department of English, University of Calcutta. Dr. Banerji is a specialist on Nineteenth Century Studies and has several publications in the area. Prof. Banerji nevertheless, shared a few anecdotes from the world of Shakespeare Studies, another field in which she specializes.



On the Dias



His Eminence, the Rt. Revd. Bishop, Dr. Paritosh Canning



Prof. Sinjini Bandyopadhyay



Professor Rangana Banerji



Dr. J.R.B Alfred

Dr. J.R.B. Alfred, Secretary of the Governing Body, was our Special Guest. As always, he was full of encouragement for the students and staff of the Department. The Department, too, is thankful for his constant guidance and support.

Twenty-four (24) students received their certificates from batch 2022 while nineteen (19) received the same from batch 2023. The top-scorer and medalist from batch 2022 was Ms. Sinjini Mukherjee while the medal for batch 2023 went to Ms. Diksha Sharma. Diksha, we are proud to say, was also an undergraduate student in this college. It is, indeed, a matter of pride that these forty-three (43) dreamt big, in the middle of the bitterest times – all of them having been admitted during the Covid pandemic. The times were a test of resilience for all of them as they held on in spite of incurring personal losses. The Department feels rewarded in their faith towards hard work and good scholarship.

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The Lists of Recipients

The programme was wrapped up with the distribution of certificates to the students. We felt blessed as the Rt. Revd himself took his time out to distribute a few certificates. This was followed by the same gesture by the Chief Guest, the Guest of Honour and the Special Guest.



The students receiving their M.A Certificates



Our Students, Our Pride

The programme could have hardly seen the light of day without the co-operation of all the colleagues of the Department of English. As always, all of them went out of the way to ensure the smooth running of the day's events. Dr. Syeda Ayesha Ali was in-charge of the medals and the certificates. The anchor persons were Prof. Kush Sengupta and Prof. Kankana Chatterjee. Prof. Richik Bannerjee was in-charge of the food and beverage section. The vote of thanks was said by the Head, Department of English, Prof. Tayana Chatterjee.



Moments of the Day



Department of English with the Guests



The Department of English

The Department would also like to acknowledge the co-operation extended to them by the college authorities, the Bursar of the college and all the non-teaching staff members. We extend our thanks to Sri Arijit Modak, the sole non-teaching member of the department for all his hard work.



The College Family

A very special word of thanks to the student volunteers for the programme. The small army of fourteen students did everything they were asked to do from ushering the guests, looking after the registration desk, ensuring every body their food packets and the felicitation of the guests. They were also responsible for the wonderful photographs displayed here. The photographs were taken by our own students Dipjeet Dutta and Arunesh Seal.



With our student volunteers

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