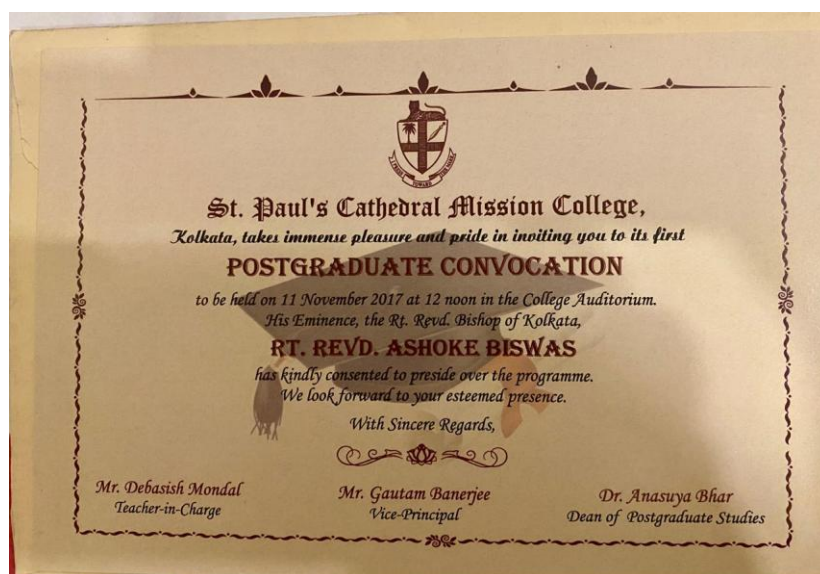


The First Postgraduate Convocation – A Report

The first convocation for the postgraduate students of the Department of English, where the students were awarded their M. A Certificates, was held on the 11th of November 2017. Since this was the first of its kind in the history of our college, the event was marked by a scintillating programme.



The Invitation Card

The programme was meant to be presided over by the Honourable Rt. Revd. Bishop of Kolkata, the Rt. Revd. Ashoke Biswas, but his Eminence was represented by Dr. J.R.B Alfred, due to the former's absence. The inaugural prayer for the programme was read by Revd. Shyamal Pal, the Presbyter-in-Charge of our college. The Chief Guest for the Programme was the Registrar, University of Calcutta, Professor Raja Gopal Dhar Chakraborti, the Guest of Honour was the Honourable Vice-Chancellor of Sanskrit University Professor Paula Bannerjee and the Special Guest was the Head, Department of English, Jadavpur University, Professor Abhijit Gupta. Apart from these dignitaries, also seated in the dais was the Teacher-in-Charge Prof. Debasish Mondal, the Vice Principal Prof. Gautam Banerjee and the erstwhile Dean of Postgraduate Studies Dr. Siddhartha Biswas.



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The programme was marked for the distribution of M.A. Certificates to 45 (forty-five) students, who graduated in the year 2015 and 2016, respectively. It is worthwhile to mention that the postgraduate section of the college began its journey from 2013, when its first batch of students, a humble number of fifteen candidates, put their faith in us. All of them received words of praise and encouragement from the Guests and dignitaries. Ms. Mohana Das was adjudged the best student among all in the first two batches, having scored an aggregate of 62% marks. She shared her experiences with her mentors and peers.



Our proud Students

Both the erstwhile Dean Dr. Siddhartha Biswas, and the present Dean, Dr. Anasuya Bhar shared their experiences, them being mainly the challenges of setting up the PG section. They also commented on the joy of seeing the young minds unfolding in front of them, shining with the prospect of a glorious future.



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The Dean's Address

The photographs for the programme were taken by Ms. Tania Ali, one of our ex-students. The programme concluded after the distribution of certificates. A word of special mention and appreciation should be made for the student volunteers who put in their sincerest efforts in the programme. The National Anthem was sung by all in the hall at the closing of the event. The programme received coverage in a well-known national daily as shown below.



The coverage

Reported by Dr. Anasuya Bhar