

REPORT ON THE
SEMINAR COMMEMORATING
THE 165th BIRTH
ANNIVERSARY
OF
ACHARYA PRAFULLA
CHANDRA RAY

Introduction

The Department of Chemistry organized a Seminar on **19th September, 2026** to commemorate the 165th birth anniversary of the legendary scientist, educationist, and entrepreneur, **Acharya Prafulla Chandra Ray**. Keeping up with the academic tradition of the department, this annual event was organized to celebrate his monumental contributions to chemical sciences and his pioneering role in establishing the indigenous pharmaceutical industry in India. The seminar aimed to inspire the next generation of under graduate students by bridging his historical legacy with modern scientific advancements, thus it was titled- **“Annual Memorial Seminar on the Life and Legacy of Acharya P.C. Ray”**. The event was held at **Sesquicentenary Seminar Hall** and saw active participation from 40 attendees, including faculty members, non-teaching staffs, and students.

The Event

The programme officially commenced sharp at 10:30 AM with a collective rendition of the national song, ‘Vande Mataram,’ sung by the entire assembly, succeeded by a choir of 1st semester students singing an inaugural song, a formal welcome address delivered by Dr. Kalyan Kumar Mandal, Head of Department, was followed behind. A floral tribute was paid to the portrait of Acharya Prafulla Chandra Ray to honour his memory it was preceded by a unique and eco-friendly ceremony where the dignitaries on the dais poured water into a potted sapling, symbolizing the nurturing of knowledge and sustainability.

Following this, Mr. Priyabroto Bor, a staff of the office offered traditional prayer of St. Paul’s C.M. College. The dignitaries included College Bursar- Prof. Suvendu Kanjilal, IQAC Coordinator- Dr. Jaya Mukherjee, Head Clerk- Mr. Prabhat Kumar Jana and Head of Department (Chemistry)- Dr. Kalyan Kumar Mandal, they all highlighted the department's consistent dedication to maintaining this annual tradition and spoke on how Acharya Ray’s philosophy of using science for societal progress serves as an enduring blueprint for academic institutions.

A key highlight of the technical sessions was the academic presentations by the students of the department. Eight student speakers presented their insights on various sub-themes, including the struggles of Acharya P. C. Ray establishing a self-sufficient pharmaceutical and chemical company in India during the British rule and the Discovery of Mercurous Nitrite. The faculty members at the audience commended the presenters for their rigorous research and articulate delivery. The sub-themes are gathered, it can be presented as-

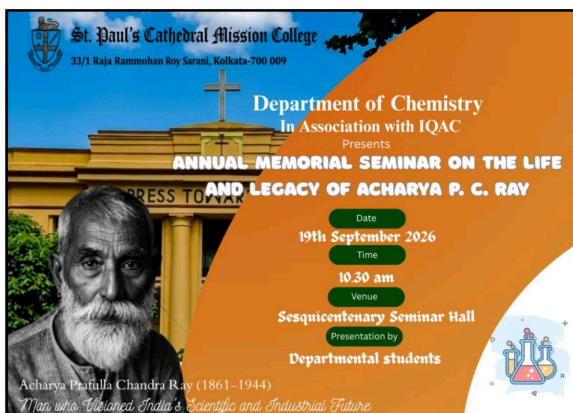
Conclusion

The seminar concluded at 1:30 PM. To acknowledge the effort and contribution of the participants, certificates of participation and merit were distributed to the students and presenters by the Head of the Department.

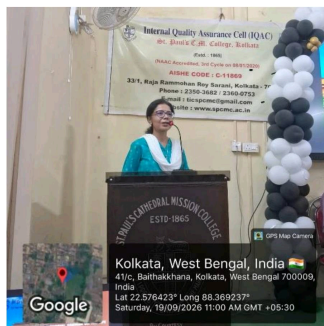
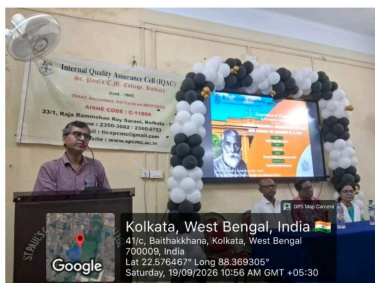
The formal vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Kalyan Kumar Mandal, Head of the Department. Deep gratitude was expressed to the speakers for sharing their research and insights, to the college administration for providing the necessary infrastructure, and to the faculty members and students whose meticulous execution ensured the seamless success of the event.

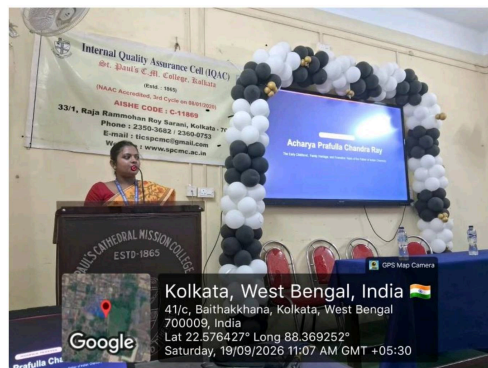
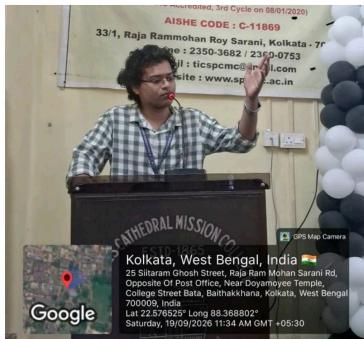
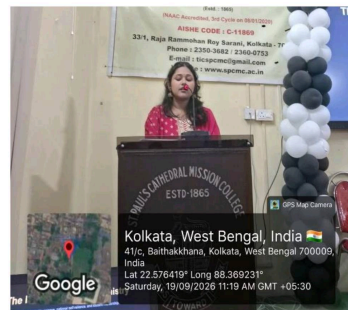
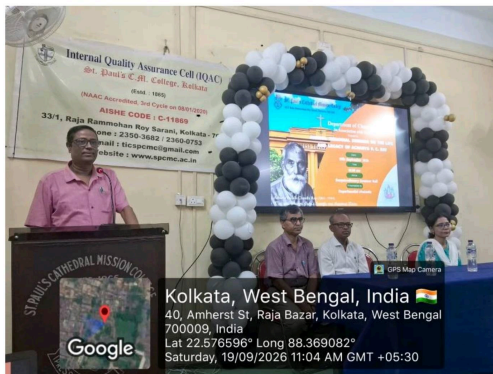
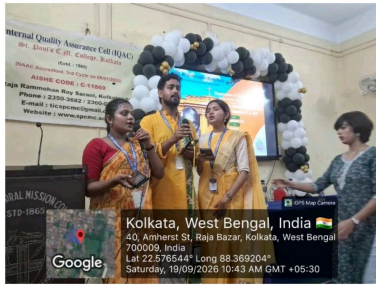
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01	Sneha Paul	1	Birth and Upbringing
02	Sneha Mondal	1	Education and time at University of Edinburgh
03	Dweeptanghsu Tah	1	Life as an Educator and experiments with the chemical knowledge
04	Subho Haldar	5	Establishing Bengal Chemical
05	Soumyashree Rana	1	Researches and Literary Works
06	Sousmit Ghosh	1	Discovery of Mercurous Nitrite
07	Soumodwip Maity	1	Role in India's Independence
08	Riddhi Guchhait	1	Students of Acharya P.C. Ray

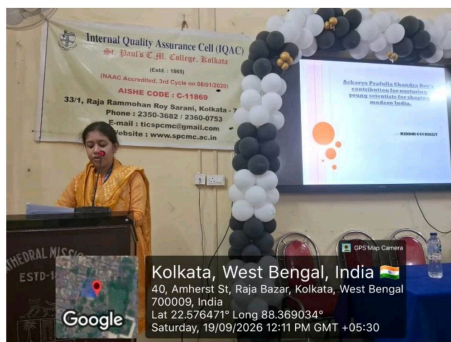
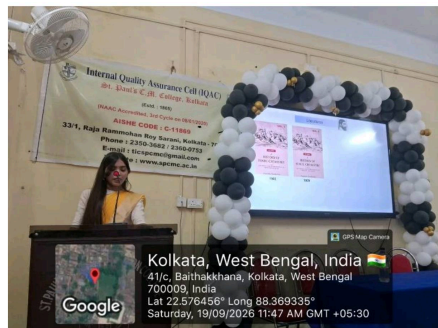
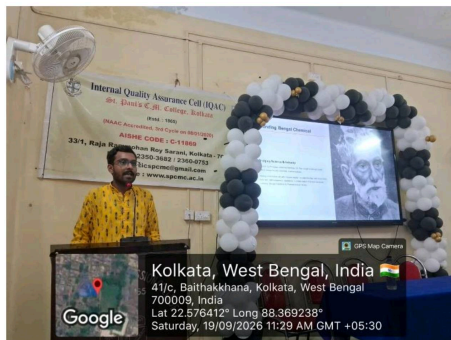
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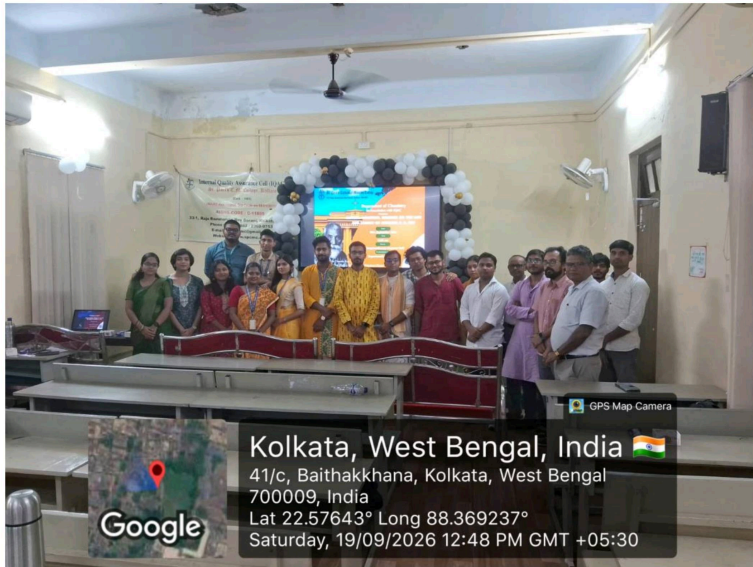


Moments from the Event:









St. Paul's C.M. College
Department of Chemistry
Teachers' ^{staff} Attendance

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Sl. No.	Name	Department	Signature
01.	KALYAN KUMAR MANDAL	Chemistry	<u>N. Kumar</u> 19.09.26
2.	ANIL KUMAR BARIK	Chemistry	<u>Anil</u>
3.	KAUSHIK BASU	Chemistry	<u>K. Basu</u>
4.	Kamaljit Singh	Chemistry	<u>K. Singh</u>
5.	शुभेन्द्र काशिकला	Staff	<u>Shubendra</u>
6.	Dilip Paul	Physics	<u>D. Paul</u>
7.	~~Titendra Nayak~~	~~Physics~~	~~T. Nayak~~
8.	PRABHAT KUMAR JANA	Office	P. Jana
9.	Priyabrato Das	Office	P. Das
10.	M. Ghosh. Khan	Office	M. Ghosh
11.	Jaya Mukherjee	Economics	<u>J. Mukherjee</u> 19.9.26
12.	Basanta Nayak	Electrician	<u>Basanta</u>
13.	Somen Naha		
14.	Ratikanta Pradhan	Chemistry	R. Pradhan
15.	Benedict Mohanty	Physics	B. Mohanty
16.	Basanta Kumar Manik	Office	B. Manik
17.	Ramesh Nigam	Staff Room	<u>R. Nigam</u>
18.	Goutam Munna	Chemistry	Goutam
19.	Prasanna Kumar	Office	<u>P. Kumar</u>
20.	Biswajit Paul	Chemistry	<u>B. Paul</u>

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Name

Jaydip Gangopadhyay

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Students' Attendance

Sl. NO.	Name	Semester	Department	Signature
01.	Subrojit Nandy	VII	Chemistry	<i>[Signature]</i>
02.	Soumit Ghosh	I	Chemistry	<i>[Signature]</i>
03.	Dweepam S. Tah	I	Chemistry	<i>[Signature]</i>
04.	Soumodip Maity	I	Chemistry	<i>[Signature]</i>
05.	Shubho Haldar	V	Chemistry	<i>[Signature]</i>
06.	MD. Harneem	V	Chemistry	MD. Harneem
07.	Sneha Paul	I	Chemistry	Sneha Paul
08.	Riddhi Guha	I	Chemistry	Riddhi Guha
09.	Rishika Kumari	VIII	Chemistry	Rishika Kumari
10.	Abu Hayat	V	Chemistry	<i>[Signature]</i>
11.	Sneha Mondal	I	Chemistry	Sneha Mondal
12.	Nityan Basak	(VII)	Chemistry	<i>[Signature]</i>
13.	Abdulla Bin Masud	(V)	Chemistry	<i>[Signature]</i>
14.	Amrick Maity	(V)	Chemistry	Amrick Maity
15.	Souraj Kumar	(I)	Chemistry	Souraj Kumar
16.	Soumitri Deb Nath	(I)	Chemistry	Soumitri Deb Nath