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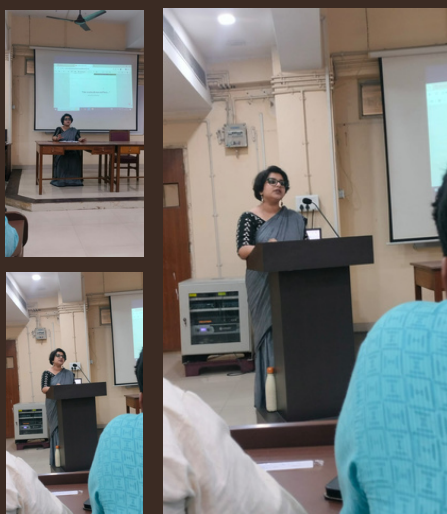
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DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

RAMIFICATIONS OF LAW AND JUSTICE IN THE INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM

On 22 July 2026, the Department of Political Science, Presidency University, Kolkata, organized a talk titled "Ramifications of Law and Justice in the Indian Knowledge System." Dr. Champak Bhattacharyya, IPS (Retd.), Ld. Mediator, Reviewer & Vetter, High Court at Calcutta, delivered the lecture in the Department Seminar Room. The session explored the philosophical foundations of the Indian Knowledge System, with particular emphasis on the enduring concepts of dharma and nyaya. Dr. Bhattacharyya's interactive approach encouraged students to engage critically with the subject, resulting in a lively and enriching academic discussion.



STICKING BY' IN THE LAND OF BONBIBI: BANGLADESHI WOMEN, THEIR MOBILITIES AND EVERYDAY ADAPTATIONS TO ENVIRONMENTAL STRESSORS

On 30 July 2026, the Department of Political Science organized an online webinar talk titled "Sticking By in the Land of Bonbibi: Bangladeshi Women, Their Mobilities and Everyday Adaptations to Environmental Stressors," delivered by Mrittika Bhattacharya, Ph.D., University of Bristol. Drawing on her doctoral research, the lecture examined the everyday experiences of Bangladeshi women who migrated to the Indian Sundarbans, highlighting their resilience and adaptive strategies in response to environmental stress. Through innovative methods such as adda and storytelling, Dr. Bhattacharya critically engaged with dominant global narratives on climate change and gender from a South Asian perspective, prompting lively discussion among the audience.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

THE EFFECTS OF SYSTEM SHAPE ON QUANTUM ROTATION

On 22 July 2026, a seminar was held featuring Prof. Sukalyan Chattopadhyay of SINP, Kolkata, who delivered a lecture titled "The Effects of System Shape on Quantum Rotation." The talk explored how the shape of finite fermionic systems influences their collective excitation modes, with deformed atomic nuclei serving as a key example of quantum rotors. Prof. Chattopadhyay discussed experiments conducted at national accelerator centres to investigate high-spin level structures in nuclei from the mass-100 region. He further examined how these observed structures relate to underlying symmetries associated with different nuclear shapes, offering insights into nuclear structure and quantum rotation.



FROM MATERIALS TO DEVICES: FLEXIBLE AND TRANSPARENT SUPERCAPACITORS

On 29 July 2026, the Department of Physics organized a lecture titled "From Materials to Devices: Flexible and Transparent Supercapacitors," delivered by Dr. Sukanta De of Presidency University. The lecture explored the design and fabrication of flexible and transparent supercapacitors, highlighting their role as high-capacity energy storage devices. Dr. De discussed electrode materials including 2D nanomaterials, biowaste-derived activated carbon and composites, along with transparent conductive films based on graphene, carbon nanotubes and silver nanowires. The session provided insights into materials synthesis, thin-film fabrication and device integration, emphasizing sustainable materials and scalable technologies for wearable electronics and next-generation energy storage applications.



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

(RE)ROOTING THE FIELD

A collective of former and current students of the Department of Sociology, brought together an event named "Rerooting the Field" through a two day long session on the 9th and 10th of July, in an attempt to explore and question the idea of a composite Dalit methodology through various forms of media and performances, in order to broaden the scope of existing meanings and ideas. Appu Soman, Nilanjan Mishra and Kolotan school, Blue Banyan Collective, Suraj Nagaonkar, Manju Bala, Sayantan Ghosh, Dr. Rajat Roy, Dr. Madhura Damle, Dr. Antara Ray, Dr. Souvik Mondal were all present as speakers. The students, who became deeply interested in the non-text and its possibilities, while working on a sessional course on representing flows of life through audiovisual methods, were subsequently led to rethink the core of their discipline and its methodological concerns, specifically through Dalit studies. The event brought together scholars, performers, school children, filmmakers, sound archivists, writers and activists.



DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

THE SECOND SWAPAN CHAKRAVORTY MEMORIAL LECTURE :"IMAGE, TERRITORY, REPRESENTATION"

On 29 July 2026, the Department of English, Presidency University, Kolkata, organized the Second Swapan Chakravorty Memorial Lecture, titled "Image, Territory, Representation," delivered by Prof. Moinak Biswas of Jadavpur University. The lecture explored representations of people, places, and landscapes in the works of Abanindranath Tagore and Benode Behari Mukherjee, with particular focus on Abanindranath's Shahjadpur Series and Benode Behari's Scenes from Shantiniketan. Drawing on Chinese painting traditions and the ideas of François Jullien and Maurice Merleau-Ponty, Prof. Biswas discussed "Landscape Thinking" and the transformation of landscape into an independent artistic presence. The event concluded with an engaging question-and-answer session.



INSTITUTE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

PHYSIOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF INDIA (PSI) FOUNDATION WEEK CELEBRATION - UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS SEMINAR 2026

On 9 July 2026, the Institute of Health Sciences (IHS), Presidency University, hosted the Physiological Society of India (PSI) Foundation Week Celebration and Undergraduate Students Seminar Competition. The event provided a platform for undergraduate students to present detailed reviews on diverse and contemporary topics in biomedical sciences and physiology. Dr. Partha Chakrabarti, Senior Principal Scientist at CSIR-IICB, participated in the inaugural and valedictory sessions and served as an external judge alongside internal experts. The competition recognized Ms Srishti Das, Ms Adrija Mukherjee, and Ms Jinia Mukherjee for their outstanding oral presentations, highlighting the students' scientific curiosity and strengthening the connection between fundamental physiology and clinical applications.



DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

LECTURE SERIES

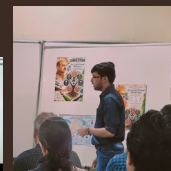
An informal lecture series on Newtonian Mechanics and Special Relativity was organized with Prof. Narayan Banerjee, IISER Kolkata, as the invited speaker on 24th July and 31st July, 2026. The sessions focused on the fundamental concepts and physical insights underlying classical mechanics and special relativity. Prof. Banerjee presented the topics in an engaging and interactive manner, encouraging students to ask questions and participate in open discussions. The programme received an enthusiastic response from students and other participants, who greatly enjoyed the informal and intellectually stimulating atmosphere. The lecture series provided an excellent opportunity to deepen conceptual understanding and appreciate the connections between classical and relativistic physics.



DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

AN EVENT TO COMMEMORATE 125TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF DR. SYAMA PRASAD MOOKERJEE

On 6th July 2026, the Department of Mathematics commemorated the 125th Birth Anniversary of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee through speeches, discussions, and reflections on his life and works. On this occasion, Dr. Kuntal Banerjee expounded on Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee's educational reforms as the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Calcutta and how he transformed the fields of Arts and research during his tenure. Our student, Indresh Mukherjee, spoke at length about his life, vision, and noteworthy contributions to the making of modern India in the educational, social, and political realms. The faculty and students alike paid homage to the great leader on this auspicious day.



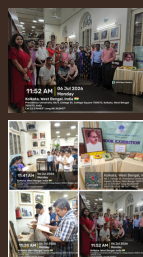
LECTURE SERIES ON: "INSIDE REAL-WORLD AI SYSTEMS: A PRACTICAL VIEW OF DATA AND DECISIONS"

The Department of Mathematics, Presidency University, in collaboration with the Computational Research and Operations Wing (CROW), hosted the fourth session of the six-part lecture series, "Inside Real-World AI Systems: A Practical View of Data and Decisions," on 31 July 2026. UG 3 student Ashmit Mukherjee demonstrated techniques for extracting data from platforms such as YouTube and Google Trends. Participants also compared previous projects and their findings with anticipated outcomes. Chief Guest Mr. Sanjoy Chatterjee, Entrepreneur and Technology Evangelist, encouraged participants to undertake a thorough literature review and begin developing a Minimum Viable Product (MVP).

DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY

BOOK EXHIBITION

The Presidency University Library, Kolkata, organised a Book Exhibition on 6th July 2026 to commemorate the 125th Birth Anniversary of Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee. The exhibition featured a curated collection of books authored by and on Dr Mookerjee, highlighting his remarkable contributions as an educationist and former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Calcutta. The Library Staff members paid tribute to him by reading excerpts from his life and contributions. Registrar, along with other dignitaries, officers, faculty members, students, research scholars, and staff, visited the exhibition and explored the collection with great interest.

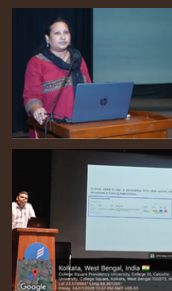


LIBRARY SUMMER INTERNSHIP COURSE

The Presidency University Library inaugurated its first Summer Internship Programme 2026 from 15th June to 17th July, 2026 under the guidance of the Professor-in-Charge, Library Services. Aligned with NEP 2020, the 120-hour, four-credit programme offered 16 students from the Departments of Bengali, History, Sociology, and Political Science hands-on training in library operations and academic research. Supervised by library professionals, the programme connected theoretical learning with practical workflows. Interns also visited the Central Library of the University of Calcutta for wider exposure. The successful inaugural batch marked an important step towards experiential learning and research-skill development, with HODs and coordinators encouraging similar initiatives in future.

ONE-DAY NATIONAL-LEVEL USER AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON ONE NATION ONE SUBSCRIPTION (ONOS) AND INFLIBNET SERVICES

Presidency University, Kolkata, in association with the INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, organised a one-day National-Level User Awareness Programme on One Nation One Subscription (ONOS) and INFLIBNET Services on 24 July 2026 at Derozio Hall. Shri Dinesh Pradhan, Scientist-D (LS) and Shri Raja V., Scientist-D (CS) from the INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar were present on the dais. Dr. Dipankar Sadhukhan, OSD, University Branch, Department of Higher Education, Govt. of West Bengal was invited as the guest speaker. The programme brought together over 250 participants from academic and research institutions across West Bengal. Experts from INFLIBNET provided practical insights into ONOS, Shodhganga, ShodhShuddhi, Shodh-Chakra and IRINS. Interactive technical sessions, a quiz and certificate distribution enhanced participants' understanding of these digital resources. The programme strengthened awareness, research capabilities and academic collaboration among higher educational institutions.



EVENTS OF NSS CELL

BENGAL BIRDER'S MEET-2026

On 18 and 19 July 2026, volunteers from Unit-3 of the NSS Cell, under the guidance of Programme Officer Dr. Puja Ray, participated in the Bengal Birder's Meet at the Biswa Bangla Convention Centre. The two-day event featured insightful sessions on migratory bird monitoring, citizen science, owl evolution and systematics, and the birds of Sri Lanka. Dr. Sonali Ghosh (IFS, Addl. PCCF) and ornithologist Lester Perera were among the distinguished speakers. The NSS volunteers actively engaged with experts, gaining valuable insights into avian diversity, migration, and conservation while strengthening their commitment to protecting the region's rich birdlife.

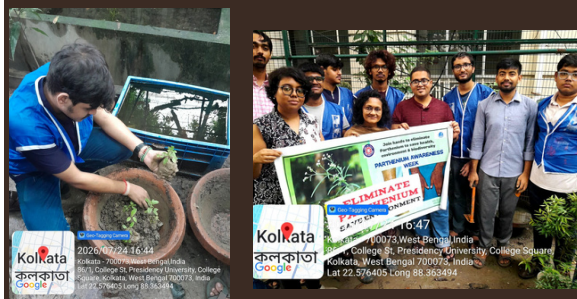


TREE PLANTATION DRIVE IN OBSERVANCE OF AFFORESTATION WEEK

On 24 July 2026, NSS Unit-3 of Presidency University, under the guidance of Programme Officer Dr. Puja Ray, organized a Tree Plantation Drive as part of Afforestation Week. The initiative resulted in the successful plantation of 25 saplings across the university campus, reflecting the institution's commitment to environmental conservation and ecological regeneration. The drive emphasized the importance of combating climate change, promoting biodiversity, and nurturing green spaces. It also encouraged students to embrace environmental responsibility as an essential aspect of their academic and civic duties, contributing meaningfully to the broader vision of sustainable development.

PARTHENIUM AWARENESS DRIVE

On 24 July 2026, Unit-3 of the NSS Cell, under the guidance of Programme Officer Dr. Puja Ray, observed Parthenium Awareness Week to sensitize students about Parthenium hysterophorus, an invasive weed posing serious threats to agricultural productivity, livestock health, and biodiversity. Through interactive awareness activities, NSS volunteers highlighted the rapid spread of the weed and discussed sustainable strategies for its control and eradication. The initiative emphasized the importance of environmental conservation and collective responsibility in addressing invasive species and protecting ecosystems. It also encouraged students to become more aware and proactive in promoting sustainable environmental practices.



INTERACTIVE SESSION ON DE-ADDICTION: NASHA MukT YUVA CAMPAIGN

On 30 July 2026, the NSS Cell of Presidency University organized an Interactive Session on De-addiction as part of the Nasha MukT Yuva Abhiyan for Viksit Bharat Campaign at the Manik Bandyopadhyay Auditorium. More than 60 students and NSS volunteers from various departments participated in the programme, assisted by Dr. Mery Biswas and Dr. Jayeeta Deshmukh. Resource persons Dr. Rishav Mukherjee and Asmita Biswas discussed the physiological, psychological, and social consequences of substance abuse, along with rehabilitation and community-based interventions. The session sensitized students to the dangers of addiction and encouraged collective responsibility towards building a healthier, drug-free society.

CENTRAL EVENTS

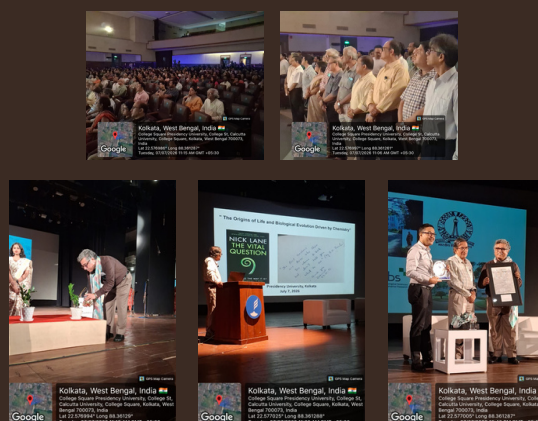
125TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF SYAMA PRASAD MOOKERJEE

Presidency University observed the 125th Birth Anniversary of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee on 6 July 2026 through a series of academic and cultural programmes. The observance featured a poster exhibition on his life and ideals, a special book exhibition by the Central and Arts Libraries, an essay competition on his vision for modern India, and cultural performances. Selected excerpts from his life and contributions were also presented, followed by a scholarly presentation by a History research scholar on his political vision and legacy. The programme encouraged students and the university community to reflect on his contributions to education, public life, national integration, and nation-building.



UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION DAY

On the occasion of the 1st ever University's Foundation Day on 7th July, 2026, Padmabhushan Padmanabhan Balaram, Indian biochemist and former Director of the Indian Institute of Science was invited to deliver a key note speech on t "The Origins of Life and Biological Evolution Driven by Chemistry". All the stake holders of the University gathered on this day and celebrated this auspicious occasion while envisioning 200 years ahead for our esteemed University



PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY, KOLKATA AND INFLIBNET CENTRE EXCHANGE MOU FOR SHODHCHAKRA

Presidency University, Kolkata, and the INFLIBNET Centre formally exchanged an MoU for implementing ShodhChakra, a digital platform for managing research scholars, topics, synopses, theses, and other scholarly activities. The initiative will strengthen the University's research-support infrastructure by enabling systematic digital management, preservation, and accessibility of doctoral research. The collaboration marks an important step towards enhancing research communication, scholarly visibility, and the University's digital research ecosystem through engagement with national-level research-support initiatives.



CENTRAL SPORTS BOARD

ANNUAL STAFF FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Susanta Roy Memorial Football Tournament 2026 was successfully organized by the Non-Teaching Staff of Presidency University on 13 and 15 July 2026. A total of six teams participated in the tournament, showcasing great enthusiasm, teamwork, and sportsmanship. After an exciting series of matches, Team Modric Masters emerged as the Champions of the Susanta Roy Memorial Football Tournament 2026.



STUDENTS' SUCCESS STORIES

Sayan Lodh, PhD Research Scholar and UGC Senior Research Fellow of History Department, presented a paper titled "Antisemitism in India: Student Responses in Kolkata to October 7 and Its Aftermath," at an international conference on Contemporary Antisemitism at the Elizabeth and Tony Comper Center for the Study of Antisemitism and Racism, University of Haifa, Israel, July 6-9, 2026. He was awarded a travel grant worth 1800 USD for this purpose.

Sayan Lodh, PhD Research Scholar and Senior Research Fellow of History Department, published a paper in collaboration with Bhargodev Sengupta, an alumnus of the department in the peer-reviewed journal Snithika III, pp. 205-213 (ISSN: 2454-2881), published by Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit & Ancient Studies University, Nalbari, Assam. Their paper was titled "Swadeshi Enterprises: The Impact of Indigenous Technologies in Everyday Life in Colonial India".

Arunoday Halder of MA (History), Semester 3, presented a paper titled "The Chittagong-Calcutta Intellectual Network: Pandit Dharmadhar Mahasthavira and the Making of Modern Pali Scholarship" at the one-day National Seminar on Pali Language and Literature in the Indian Knowledge System, held on 27 July 2026 at the Senate Hall, University of Calcutta, organised by the Department of Pali, University of Calcutta, in collaboration with Pandit Dharmadhar Welfare Society, Kolkata to commemorate the 125th Birth Anniversary of Pandit Dharmadhar Mahasthavir.

ABP Digital Recruits Five Students as Trainee Journalists
Five of Presidency University students- **Sagnik Roy- Dept of English, Salmita Ghosh- Dept of Bengali, Rik Bhattacharya- Dept of History, Aratrika Mukherjee- Dept of English, Sanchari Mukherjee- Dept of English**, have been selected for the Trainee Journalist positions at ABP Pvt. Ltd. following the successful completion of the recruitment process conducted by ABP Digital.

Three final Year Master's students (recently passed out in 2026) Anikate Chowdhury, Arijit Pritam Naiya and Soumyadipta Shaw of Department of Geology, got placed at Maheshwari Mining Pvt. Ltd. on 24.07.2026. They have been recruited to be posted at various exploration project sites across India.

Aditya Ray, final year Master's student (recently passed out), Department of Geology, published a research paper titled "Surface Geology and Evolution of asteroid Ryugu: Insights from Hayabusa2 Global Mapping" in peer-reviewed journal JGR: Planets, published by American Geophysical Union (AGU).

Rittika Talukder, an MA Part 2 student of the Department of History, Presidency University, attended the Summer Institute in Critical Contemporary Antisemitism Studies organised by the Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy (ISGAP) at the Moller Institute, Churchill College, University of Cambridge, from 25 July to 7 August 2026. She was selected as an Elie Wiesel-Martin Luther King Jr. Scholar and received a scholarship of US \$600. As part of the programme, she presented her project on combating antisemitism within educational institutions, drawing on the perspectives gained during the Summer Institute.

