

Institutional distinctiveness 2021-22

2021 continued with the same way of life in confinement and the pandemic still loomed large marked by a general sense of uncertainty compounded further by the unchecked phenomenon of Danse Macabre. The nature of living by now acquires a humdrum familiarity though there is a keen awareness about the developing boredom gradually enveloping our life and mental issues like anxiety, depression and purposelessness of life tend to characterise an existential angst overlying the minimum social dealings that could be carried on albeit the daily fear associated with contracting the disease and a general suspicion about the companion sitting next as a potential source of fatality. Masks and sanitizers very necessarily become a habitual way of our life but at the cost of gregariousness and sociability.

However, it is well into the new session and in the month of November that the state government, following a prod from the central government, has given a green signal of physically opening the college premises. Hectic preparation goes on as the fire service station, Tarakeswar is pressed into service for the sanitization of the entire premises while helping hands are hired for cleaning of the campus. The government has been wary and the uncertainty about continuity has been such that people only think of the curtains coming down at anytime if the daily graph of infection shows any upward trend. As a way of coping and since social gathering and or making is allowed only in a staggered manner and a general reluctance about joining the physical mode of teaching learning remains, the college has opted for a blended mode of education. RMV online continued along with other popular platforms while physical classes also are made to start parallelly. At the behest of the IQAC and the Academic Sub-committee, the department of Geography starts a mental counselling session with a host of experts from outside and to remarkable effect. In the month of February 2022, a lock down is once again imposed though to everyone's relief not for long. This continual switching poses a challenge but the institution proves itself up to it. Regular vaccination of students along with locals continue to take place. Online studies and university examinations by now has bred a psychology of non participation and shirking of duties among students which is reflective of the general trend among the common run of men. The institution tries its best to claw back to normalcy despite the setbacks. As a direct incentive to students for example a general reduction of 15% and 10% for Honours and general students is affected across the entire fee structure during this period. The distinctiveness of the college thus remains a chequered one and we only bide our time for a better future.