

Asutosh College Centenary Commemoration

‘Let knowledge reach the ignorant mind as air goes to the tired lungs and water the parched lips,’ so once voiced Sir Asutosh Mukherjee with his characteristic liberating spirit. Asutosh College has lived up to his visionary zeal and earnest effort to spread the light of knowledge all over.

Asutosh College completed the hundredth year of its journey on 17 July, 2016. From the rich past to the shining present we continue to aim to keep our path alighted as shown by Sir Asutosh and other distinguished minds. To commemorate this milestone, we published Centenary Commemoration Volume (1916-2016), a compendium that records some invaluable articles, personal voices, memories, activities, achievements and postscript. Former and current students across disciplines and members of teaching and non-teaching staff collectively worked to its materialization. This lively, well illustrated centenary volume reflects the ethos of this prestigious institution. The life-tales tied with Asutosh College, compiled in this book, takes us immediately to the past, as if in a dream that could illuminate the most ignored corner of heart. Once a dream, now a reality, Asutosh College is rich with visions, ideas and commitments. The Centenary Volume serves as an enormous historical record that the College has been carrying over the years. We, moreover, released a DVD containing some memorable speeches by eminent personalities as documentation for archival purpose.

Our Centenary Commemoration was officially opened by the former President of India, Sri Pranab Kumar Mukherjee, on April 1, 2015 with the inauguration of the Centenary Building of Asutosh College. The official programme was conducted at the auditorium of Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark, Kolkata. The commemoration, that continued year-long, incorporated the inauguration of Centenary Building, road shows, social engagements, path-plays, and various cultural activities attended by hundreds of special guests across diverse sections of society. The celebration gave us an opportunity to create an even platform for students, ex-students, guardians, teachers, staff and other co-workers to showcase our rich and vibrant history. Its unified spell was felt all over. Chitrangada, a dance-drama by Rabindranath Tagore, was staged by the students of Asutosh College as a part of Centenary Celebration in 2016, vivifying the cultural spirit of Bengal.