

Report on the Annual Tea Club Gathering(In Association With Sparsha)

On 23 December 2023, the Asutosh College Tea Club hosted its annual get-together of current and retired teachers. Also present were former colleagues who had migrated to other institutes.



That day our retired colleagues, along with many of our newly inducted teachers, were asked to fill up registration forms which will give us an updated information base. The comments and observations of many of our retired colleagues were obtained by Sri Ashis Sahu and Dr. Surama Bera, Assistant Professors in the departments of English and Communicative English respectively. Their signatures were also collected for their archival value. For the first time an attendance sheet was maintained. The programme began as scheduled at 12-30 pm. with an entertaining speech by the Principal, Dr Manas Kabi. There were further short speeches by the Tea Club Secretary (also the Teachers' Council Secretary), Dr Rina Kar Dutta and the Tea Club Treasurer, Dr Tapti De. Dr. De mentioned those of our colleagues who had passed away since the last get-together in December 2022.



This was followed by the launch of *Sparsha*, a book based on the reminiscences of many former and some current teachers. The book was launched by the Governing body President, Sri Saugata Roy, in the presence of the Principal, Dr Manas Kabi, and two former teachers-in-charge, Professors Sudhin Bandopadhyay and Swapan Brahma. This work, conceptualised in collaboration with the Archives & Documentation Cell and in association with the Publication Cell of our college, is intended to be the first of many volumes which will create living institutional memory.



It was decided that our Governing Body President would be interviewed for his reminiscences at the earliest possible date.

There were heartwarming speeches by many of our retired colleagues. Their memories were interesting and rich in informative detail. Our retired colleagues Smt. Mahasweta Das Sharma and Smt. Debika Halder then sang for the gathering. They were followed by some of our current members of staff. This brought the cultural programme to a close.



The day concluded, as always, with a sumptuous feast that also rang the curtain down on the year.

