

“Celebration of 203th Birth Anniversary of Pandit Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar”

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Pandit Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar was born on September 26, 1820. The late Sanskrit scholar, writer, educator and philanthropist is known for his work on social emancipation and women upliftment. The 19th-century educationalist and social reformer challenged the thinking of society and brought a change which turns out to be a revolution at every social level. Between 1851 and 1855, Vidyasagar, along with other reformers, opened many schools for women across Bengal. He used his own income to open 35 schools and was able to enroll 1,300 students. He is known not only for his contribution in the field of educational and social reformation, but also for his literary works and contribution in the development of modern Bengali language. One of his popular creations is “Barna Porichay”, means introduction to the simplified Bengali alphabet. He was also known as the ‘father of Bengali prose’.

To commemorate Pandit Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar on the occasion of his 203th birth anniversary, teaching, non-teaching staff of Asutosh College and the students gathered at the common room of the college. The floral tribute to Vidyasagar was given by Professor Apurba Roy, Vice- Principal of our college followed by Dr. Rina Kar Dutta, Dr. Sraboni Roy, Dr. Sanchita Sanyal and all the teachers, students present over there. A brief talk was delivered by the Vice-Principal Sir on this special occasion to highlight the significant contribution of Vidyasagar (ocean of knowledge for his outstanding academic performance and brilliance) in the field of educational and social reformation. Vidyasagar strongly believed that everyone irrespective of caste or gender, had the right to education. Michael Madhusudan had given him the epithet ‘Dayasagar’ or ‘Ocean of Generosity’ for his selfless altruism. He was also a key figure in Bengal Renaissance. He fought for women education and vigorously challenged the barbaric practice of Child Marriage. He will forever be remembered for his work to Bengalis and the world.

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