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Scottish Church College

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Scottish Church College, established in 1830 by the Scottish missionary Rev. Alexander Duff, is a 193 year old educational institution that has stood witness to the passage of time in the annals of India's social, cultural and political history. Its contribution towards this history lay in the illustrious personalities who have passed through its gates as students and spent their formative years within the walls of the institution. 12 alumni who studied through the many avatars of the college, namely, General Assembly's Institution (1830), the Free Church Institution later the Duff College (1844), the Scottish Churches College (1908) and finally the Scottish Church College (1929) till the year of our independence 1947, have been celebrated here. We pay homage to these great men and women who have made the College proud through their contributions in their respective fields.



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SCOTTISH CHURCH COLLEGE

January 2024

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SWAMI VIVEKANANDA (12th January, 1863 - 4th July, 1902): Narendranath Dutta, a graduate of the General Assembly's Institution from the Department of Philosophy, is one of the most illustrious alumni of the College. His meeting with Sri Ramakrishna and his subsequent transformation into the great Hindu monk, philosopher and religious teacher--Swami Vivekananda, is a significant piece of our nation's cultural and religious history itself. Celebrated as a youth icon, Vivekananda's contributions towards the philosophical readings into religion as a universal experience of transcendent reality, common to all humanity is immensely significant towards the concepts of rationalism, secularism and tolerance. The College stands testimony to the development of this great mind and personality as he spent the years from 1880 to 1884 with us.



February 2024

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BRAHMABANDHAV UPADHYAY (11th February, 1861 - 27th October, 1907): Brahmanandha Upadhyay was the adopted name of Bhabanicharan Bandyopadhyay, a graduate of the General Assembly's Institution and a classmate of Swami Vivekananda. He was the editor of the popular evening daily Sandhya and a great advocate of swadeshi. A contemporary of great men like Rabindranath Tagore and PC Ray, he was an ardent supporter of militant anti-imperialist struggle. When he converted to Catholicism later in his life taking up the title of Upadhyaya or preacher, he tried to bring together Hinduism and Christianity by practicing his own version of religious syncretism. A man with great intellectual gifts, the College takes pride in the belief that it contributed towards moulding it.

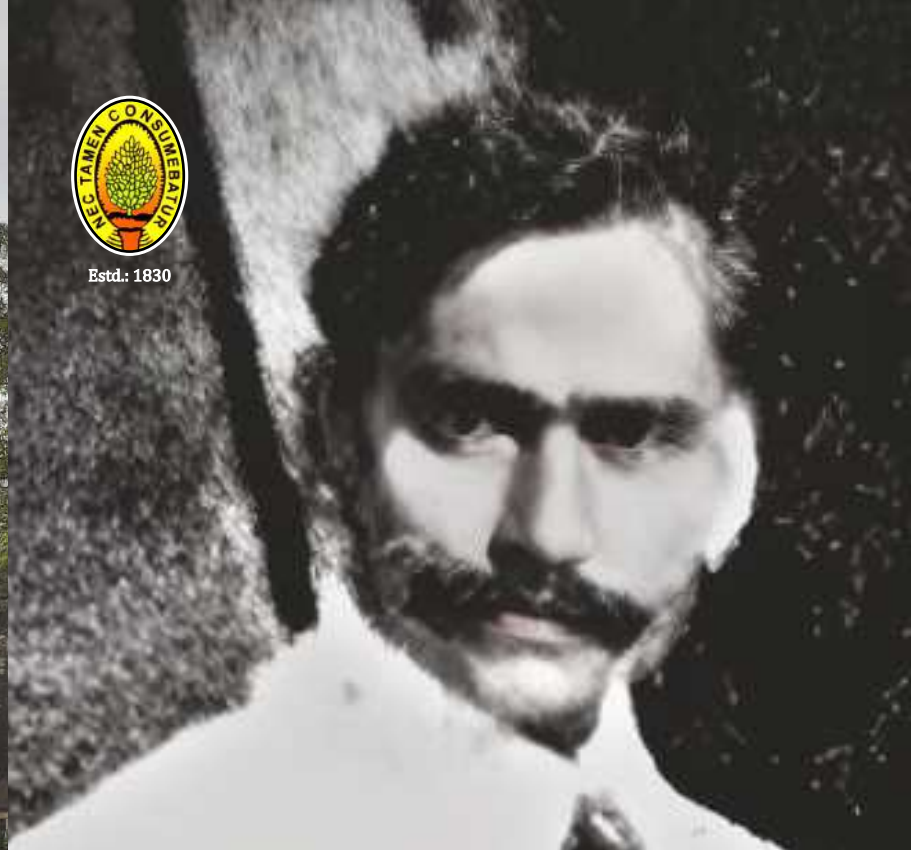


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KALIDAS NAG (16th January, 1892 - 9th November, 1966): Kalidas Nag was a student of History in the Scottish Churches College (1910-1912) and later joined the institution as a teacher as well (1915-1919). A renowned Indologist Nag was a well known figure in European academia as well having worked with scholars of the likes of Sylvain Levi and Roma Rolland. An ardent traveller, Nag was willing to look for India in the far corners of the East and seek cultural linkages. His close connection with French academia earned him a nomination as an Officer d' Academic by the Government of France. In India, he also served as the member of Rajya Sabha from 1952 to 1954. His contributions towards the college are still remembered in the recently revived Historical Society that he helped set up in early 20th century.



April 2024

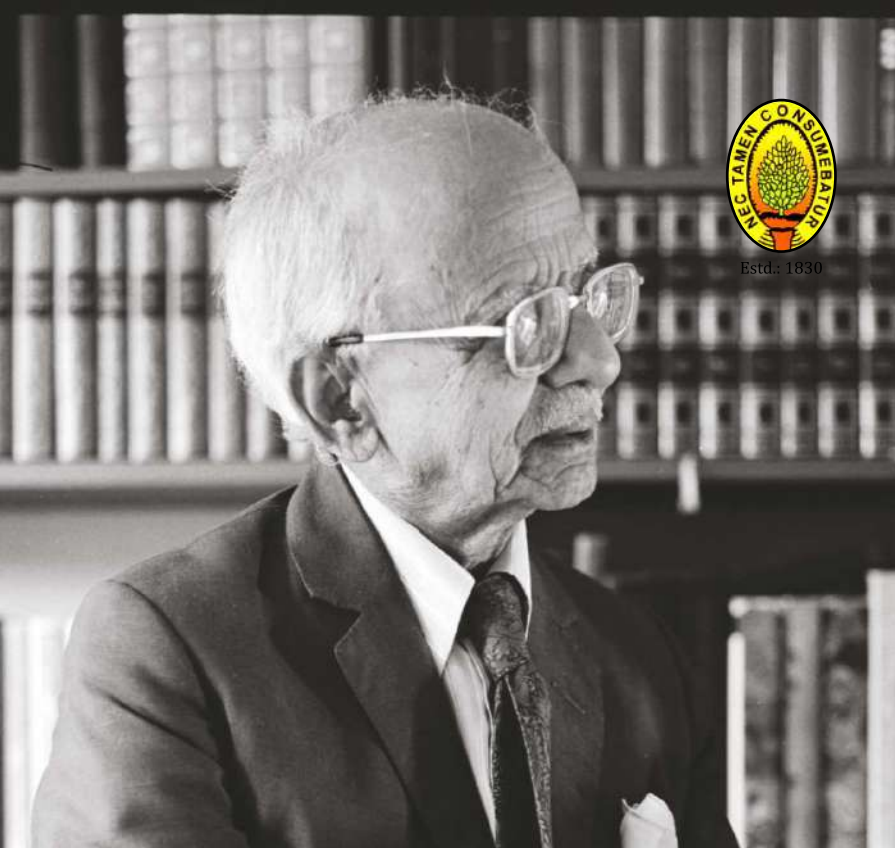
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CHANDRAMUKHI BOSE (1860 - 1944): Chandramukhi Bose was one of the two first women graduate of British India. She had cleared her Entrance Examination in 1876 but the University of Calcutta refused to enlist her as a successful candidate. Moreover, being a Bengali Christian, she was refused admission in Bethune institution as well as, the latter at that time admitted only Hindu girls. She then received admission in the Free Church of Scotland College in the First Arts (F.A.) class thus allowing her to continue with her education and ultimately graduate. The role of the College in the education of women thus have a long and rich history.



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NIRAD C CHAUDHURI CBE (23rd November, 1897 - 1st August, 1999): Nirad C Chaudhuri was a renowned writer who lived in England for long after graduating from the College in History. Always a prolific writer and researcher, he was an active member of the Historical Society of the College that was set up by Prof. Kalidas Nag. He, however, held great admiration for the British Empire, and was thus was a misfit in his age as he was criticised for his pro-British sentiments in a newly independent nation. But Chaudhuri was arguably the greatest writer of nonfiction among Indians in the twentieth century. His best known work was his memoir titled *The Autobiography of an Unknown Indian* (1951). He received an honorary doctorate from the University of Oxford in 1990 and an honorary CBE (Commander of the Order of the British Empire) from Queen Elizabeth II in 1992.



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ASIMA CHATTERJEE (23rd September, 1917 – 22nd November, 2006): Asima Chatterjee is celebrated as one of the greatest minds in Chemistry who contributed substantially to the field of medicinal Chemistry and to the research on Indian medicinal plants. She graduated from Scottish Church College in 1936. She pursued Organic Chemistry in her post-graduation studies from the University of Calcutta and broke the glass ceiling as the first woman scientist to receive a doctorate degree from this University in 1944. After completing her post-doctoral research on biologically active alkaloids at University of Wisconsin and Caltech she returned to join the University College of Science at the University of Calcutta as a Reader in pure Chemistry. In 1962, she became the Khaira Professor of Chemistry, one of the most prestigious Chairs of the Calcutta University which she adorned till 1982 and was the first woman scientist to adorn a chair of any University in India. A recipient of Padma Bhushan, Chatterjee is a glowing testimony to the college's contributions to the promotion of women's education in the country.



July 2024

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AMARENDRANATH CHATTERJEE (1st July, 1880 - 4th September, 1957): The Indian revolutionary Amarendranath Chatterjee graduated from the then Duff College and immediately immersed himself to the cause of his motherland. Inspired by and closely associated with men like Sri Aurobindo Ghosh, Jatin Mukherjee or Bagha Jatin, he was deeply involved with the anti-partition agitation in Bengal at the beginning of the 20th century. A member of the Jugantar group of revolutionaries, Chatterjee was a key figure in the Indo-German conspiracy during the first World War led by Bagha Jatin that ultimately led to the martyrdom of the latter. Amarendra lived a life of a devoted son of his motherland who continuously strived to contribute constructively towards India's freedom struggle. The College salutes this brave alumnus.



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NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE (23rd January, 1897 – 18th August, 1945):

Subhas Chandra Bose was a student of the Scottish Churches College in the department of Philosophy from 1917 to 1919. He graduated from the College with a first class and stood second in the University. He received a new lease of life here after his rustication from the Presidency College. In this regard his gratitude and feelings of respect towards the then College Principal Dr. W. S. Urquhart are well documented. Bose led a very active student life including being the Secretary of the Students' Philosophical Society of the College. He returned to his alma mater in 1930 as the Honourable Mayor of Calcutta on the occasion of the Centenary Duff Celebrations commemorating hundred years of the College. The College feels extremely proud of being instrumental in shaping the mind and character of one of India's bravest freedom fighter.



August 2024

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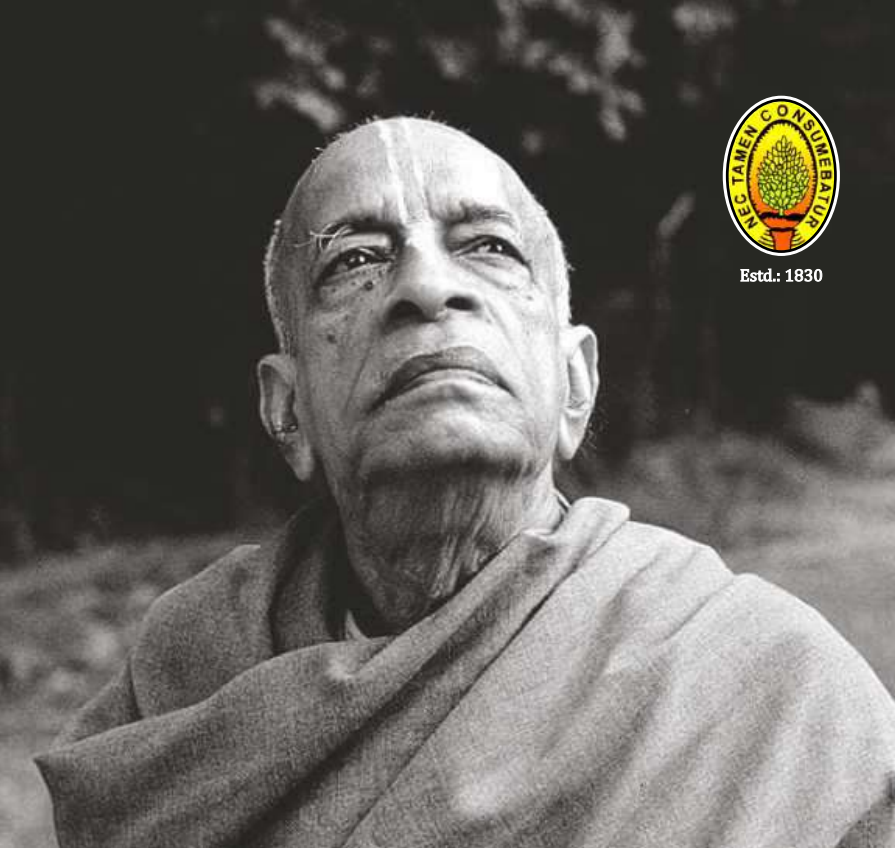
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ACHARYA BROJENDRANATH SEAL (3rd September, 1864 - 3rd December, 1938): A philosopher per excellence, Acharya Brojendranath Seal was a student of Philosophy at General Assembly's Institution at the same time as Swami Vivekananda. He was very close to Vivekananda and seems to have had some influence over him. But he was a great mind himself who began his career as a lecturer at the Scottish Church College only, and later became the Principal of a college in Berhampore. Seal was the inaugural chair of Philosophy at India's first graduate school in Philosophy at the University of Calcutta and in his seminal work *The Positive Sciences of Ancient Hindus* established interrelations among the ancient Hindu philosophical concepts and their scientific basis. It is indeed rather thrilling to think of those days in the General Assembly's Institution when great minds like Vivekananda, Brahmabandhav and Brojendranath, shared the class room space all at the same time. There is no doubt that the College is immensely blessed to have served these great personalities during their most crucial years of growth.



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A. C. BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI PRABHUPADA (1st September, 1896 – 14th November, 1977): Abhay Charanaravinda Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada was the founder of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON, estd. 1966), commonly known as the "Hare Krishna movement". Born as Abhay Charan De, Prabhupada after graduation from the College, joined the Bose's Laboratory as a department manager. In 1933 he met and became a follower of Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvat, a Gaudiya Vaishya Hindu guru who led Prabhupada on his religious journey. In 1959, after his retirement, he became an ascetic and started writing commentaries on Vaishnava scriptures. As a travelling Vaishnava monk, he became an influential communicator of Gaudiya Vaishnavite theology across India and the Western world through his leadership of ISKCON.



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SARAT CHANDRA ROY (4th November, 1871 - 30th April, 1942): Sarat Chandra Roy, the 'father of ethnography' was a graduate of General Assembly's Institute in English in 1892. He subsequently studied law and began his career as a teacher. But he later started practicing law in Ranchi after he became aware of the plight of the tribal people in the region and wanted to help them. Deeply moved by their hapless situation, he tried to make their lives better by trying to understand them and their ways more. He spent many years among them studying their languages, their customs, practices, religion and laws. He wrote pioneering monographs on his ethnographical studies, and thus although he was not formally trained in either ethnology or anthropology, he is regarded the first Indian ethnologist or an Indian anthropologist. He also started the reputed anthropological journal Man in India in 1921. The College is proud to have nurtured such an empathetic yet scientific mind.



November 2024

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REV. LAL BEHARI DAY (18th December, 1824 – 28th October, 1892): Lal Behari Day was one of the first five boys admitted by Rev. Alexander Duff to the General Assembly's Institute. He converted to Christianity in 1843 following which from 1855 to 1867 Lal Behari was a missionary and minister of the Free Church of Scotland. And from 1867 to 1888 he worked in the Education Department of the Government. During this time, he worked as a lecturer in English at the Hooghly Mohsin College. He was remembered by his students with much respect and fondness. Day is best known for his two popular works titled, *Folk Tales of Bengal* and *The History of a Bengal Raiyat*. Scottish Church College thus stands witness to the life of a man who lived and contributed towards what is rather an interesting time in Bengal's social history.



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Nec Tamen Consumeatur
The bush burns, but is not consumed

LOVE the Lord your God
with all your **HEART,**
with all your **SOUL,**
with all your **MIND,**
and with all your **STRENGTH.**
LOVE your **NEIGHBOR**
as **YOURSELF.**

There is no other commandment
greater than these.

— JESUS