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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

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SOCIETY AND CULTURE OF THE ANCIENT WORLD

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The Department of History at BHKM took a significant step towards nurturing the academic journey of History (Hons.) students by organizing an Orientation Programme on August 30, 2017. This event was meticulously planned and executed with the approval of esteemed faculty members and the support of the Seminar and Research Committee of the college.

The proposal for the Orientation Programme was presented during a Departmental meeting, where it received the endorsement of the faculty members who recognized its importance in guiding and enlightening students pursuing a History (Hons.) degree. Following this internal approval, the proposal was then forwarded to the Seminar and Research Committee and the Principal for their consideration. Once reviewed and granted endorsement, the necessary arrangements and preparations were promptly set in motion to ensure a successful event.

The Department of History left no stone unturned in ensuring that the Orientation Programme was both informative and engaging. To enrich the students' experience, two distinguished professors, Prof. Sanhita Mukherjee from R B C College, Naihati, and Prof. Ananya Niyogi from Mahadebananda Mahavidyalaya, Barrackpore, were invited to deliver lectures and share their expertise.

The day of the event marked an auspicious beginning with the ceremonial lighting of the pradip, symbolizing the illumination of knowledge. Dr. Subhas Biswas, the esteemed Principal of BHKM, had the honor of lighting the pradip, signifying the importance of knowledge in the students' academic journey. The atmosphere was further enhanced by the melodious welcome song performed by the students, captivating the attention of the audience and setting a positive tone for the proceedings.

Prajna Paromita Podder, the Head of the Department (HOD) of History, then delivered a warm welcome note, expressing gratitude to all participants, including the distinguished guests, faculty members, and students. This gesture created a sense of inclusiveness and set a welcoming tone for the rest of the programme.

The students of History took the opportunity to extend a heartfelt welcome to the esteemed guests and the Principal of the college. The Principal, in turn, expressed his appreciation for the presence of the guests and delivered a warm welcome note, acknowledging their expertise and valuable contributions to the field of History.

The first speaker of the day, Prof. Sanhita Mukherjee, took center stage, captivating the audience with her profound insights on the evolving patterns within the History syllabus. She discussed the changes and advancements made in the field, providing students with a broader perspective and encouraging them to think critically. Prof. Ananya Niyogi followed with her session, emphasizing the art of effectively writing answers in the field of History. Drawing examples from various aspects of the syllabus, she highlighted the importance of structured and well-supported arguments. Both professors meticulously elaborated on the intricacies of the honours syllabus, offering valuable advice on reference books and resources that would prove instrumental in the students' academic journey.

The engaged audience, comprising eighty-two History (Hons.) students, attentively listened to the esteemed guests, absorbing knowledge and gaining valuable insights for nearly three hours. The lecture sessions provided an interactive platform for students to ask questions, seek clarification, and engage in fruitful discussions with the professors. This active participation further enhanced the learning experience and facilitated a deeper understanding of the subject matter.

As the Orientation Programme drew to a close, the Head of the Department expressed a vote of thanks to all those who played a pivotal role in making the event a resounding success. This gesture aimed to convey gratitude to the guests, Principal, faculty members, and students who actively participated and contributed to the enriching experience.

The Orientation Programme organized by the Department of History at BHKM served as a vital platform for History (Hons.) students to familiarize themselves with various aspects of their academic journey. By inviting renowned professors and experts in the field, the event provided an invaluable

opportunity for students to gain insights, broaden their understanding of the subject, and enhance their writing skills.

The efforts of the faculty members in conceptualizing and executing the Orientation Programme were commendable. Their dedication and commitment to the students' academic growth were evident in the meticulous planning and organization of the event. The Seminar and Research Committee, along with the Principal, played a crucial role in providing support and granting endorsement, recognizing the significance of such initiatives in fostering a conducive learning environment.

The Orientation Programme not only focused on academic aspects but also emphasized the overall development of the students. Through interactive sessions and discussions, the event encouraged critical thinking, analytical skills, and effective communication. It served as a platform for students to engage with experts in the field, seek guidance, and broaden their horizons beyond the confines of their textbooks.

The presence of esteemed professors like Prof. Sanhita Mukherjee and Prof. Ananya Niyogi enriched the Orientation Programme. Their expertise and experience provided valuable insights into the evolving trends and advancements in the field of History. The students had the privilege of learning from their extensive knowledge, gaining a deeper understanding of the subject and its relevance in contemporary times.

Prof. Sanhita Mukherjee's session on the evolving patterns within the syllabus shed light on the dynamic nature of History as a discipline. Her discussion of changes and advancements inspired the students to adopt a more holistic approach to their studies, encouraging them to explore diverse perspectives and connect historical events with present-day realities. This broader outlook would undoubtedly equip the students to navigate the complexities of the subject and make meaningful contributions to the field in the future.

Prof. Ananya Niyogi's session on effective answer writing proved to be invaluable for the students. By drawing examples from various facets of the syllabus, she demonstrated the importance of structuring arguments, supporting them with evidence, and presenting a coherent narrative. This

guidance would undoubtedly enhance the students' ability to articulate their thoughts and convey historical analyses effectively, a skill that is essential for success in their academic pursuits.

Moreover, the professors' recommendations of reference books and resources served as valuable guidance for the students. By highlighting the most relevant and authoritative sources, the professors provided a roadmap for the students' self-study and research. This guidance would prove instrumental in helping the students delve deeper into specific topics, broaden their knowledge base, and develop a strong academic foundation.

The active participation of the students during the Orientation Programme was indicative of their enthusiasm and eagerness to learn. The interactive nature of the sessions fostered a vibrant learning environment, allowing students to seek clarifications, ask thought-provoking questions, and engage in fruitful discussions. The students' active involvement in the event not only enriched their own learning but also contributed to the collective knowledge of the entire cohort.

The vote of thanks expressed by the Head of the Department served as a gesture of gratitude towards all those involved in making the event a success. The acknowledgment extended to the guests, Principal, faculty members, and students demonstrated the collective effort required to create an enriching academic experience. It also highlighted the importance of collaboration and cooperation in fostering an inclusive and supportive educational environment. Overall, the Orientation Programme organized by the Department of History at BHKM was a resounding success. It played a vital role in equipping History (Hons.) students with the necessary tools, knowledge, and guidance to embark on their academic journey. By providing a platform for interaction with renowned professors, the event instilled a sense of confidence, enthusiasm, and passion for the subject among the students. The efforts of the faculty members, along with the support of the Seminar and Research Committee and the Principal

of the college, were instrumental in orchestrating a memorable and enriching experience for all attendees.

The significance of such initiatives in the field of education cannot be overstated. Orientation Programmes like this go beyond the traditional classroom setting, offering students a unique opportunity to interact with experts and gain practical insights. By bridging the gap between theory and practice, these events contribute to the holistic development of students, equipping them with the necessary skills and knowledge to excel in their academic pursuits and future careers.

The Department of History at BHKM must be commended for its commitment to providing quality education and fostering a conducive learning environment. The meticulous planning and execution of the Orientation Programme exemplify the department's dedication to the academic growth of its students. By organizing such events, the department ensures that students are exposed to a diverse range of perspectives, enabling them to develop a well-rounded understanding of the subject.

The benefits of the Orientation Programme extend beyond the immediate impact on students. The presence of esteemed professors and experts from other institutions strengthens intercollegiate collaborations and promotes knowledge sharing. The event serves as a platform for networking, encouraging academic discourse, and fostering a sense of camaraderie among institutions. This collaboration between academia and industry professionals creates a symbiotic relationship that enriches the academic landscape and promotes the exchange of ideas.

Furthermore, the Orientation Programme emphasizes the importance of lifelong learning and professional development. By providing students with insights into the evolving patterns within the syllabus and highlighting the significance of staying updated with current trends, the event instills a sense of curiosity and a desire for continuous growth. This mindset is essential in today's rapidly changing world, where adaptability and a willingness to learn are key to success.

The success of the Orientation Programme would not have been possible without the active involvement of the students. Their enthusiasm, attentiveness, and participation were a testament to their commitment to their academic journey. The event provided them with a platform to voice their opinions, seek guidance, and connect with like-minded individuals. It created a sense of belonging and community within the department, fostering an environment where students feel supported and motivated to achieve their full potential.

In conclusion, the Orientation Programme organized by the Department of History at BHKM was a significant milestone in the academic journey of History (Hons.) students. The event provided a platform for students to gain valuable insights, broaden their understanding of the subject, and enhance their writing skills. The efforts of the faculty members, along with the support of the Seminar and Research Committee and the Principal, were instrumental in ensuring the success of the programme. Such initiatives play a vital role in fostering a conducive learning environment, promoting academic growth, and contributing to the overall development of students pursuing their passion for History. By nurturing the students' intellectual curiosity and providing them with the necessary tools for success, the Department of History at BHKM continues to make a lasting impact on the lives of its students and the field of historical studies as a whole.

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