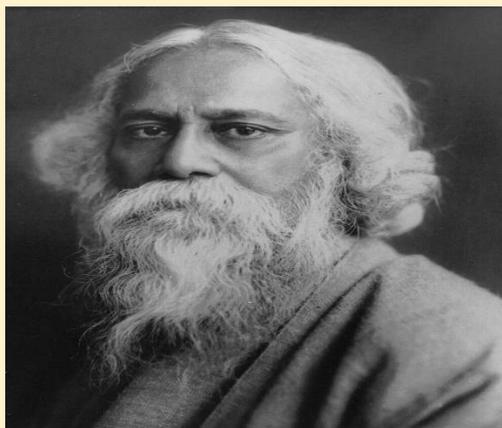# Bamanpukur Humayun Kabir Mahavidyalaya

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Best Practices of BA General Program of Sociology (2019-2022)

**"The highest education is that which does not merely give us
information but makes our life in harmony with all existence."
Rabindranath Tagore**

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The BA General degree course of sociology in Bamunpukur Humayun Kabir Mahavidyalaya, BHKM began its journey from the early days of the college and has continued for over a decade as a General subject. There is demand amongst students in opting for sociology as a General subject. In 2021-22 there were 705 students and currently there are 589 students in 2022-23. There is only one full time permanent faculty teaching in Sociology. The rooms allotted for Department of Sociology are Room No: 13 and Room No: 34.

The objectives of the BA General Course Programme in Sociology, BHKM are as follows:
- ► *To develop understanding of sociology as a discipline*
- ► *To impart theoretical and empirical understanding of the subject to its students;*
- ► *To help students take up sociology as a subject for appearing in competitive examinations*

Towards achieving the objectives best practices have been adopted. Best practices are perceived to have specific characteristics.
1) Identification of best practices
2) Sustainability of best practices
3) Dissemination of best practices
4) Adaptation of best practices

The best practices of the BA General Program of Sociology are as follows:

1) Library Day Observation

2) Student Seminar

3) Orientation Programme

4) Debate, Quiz, Extempore, Group Discussion on relevant topics related to the syllabus

5) Wall Magazine

6) Publication of Departmental Newsletter 'Sociological Illuminations'

Title of the Practice: Library Day Observation

Objectives of Library Day Observation:

i) To acquaint students with the books in the library

ii) To acquaint students how to study a book, how to cite it, where to look for the details etc.

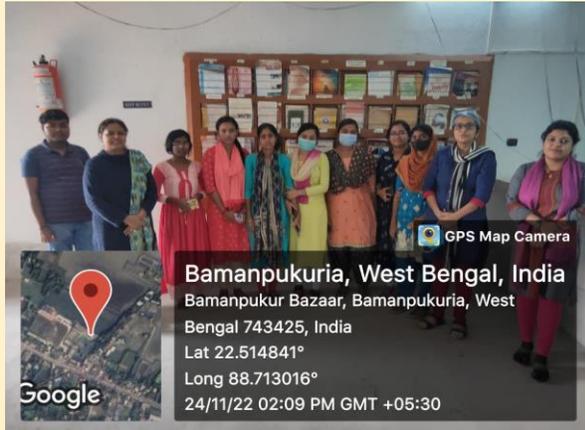iii) To create an interest in reading from books in the age of digital devices

The Context:

Research shows us that it is not possible to transmit understanding to students by simply telling them what they need to know. Instead, teachers need to make sure that they challenge their students' thinking. With active learning, students build knowledge and understanding in response to opportunities provided by their teacher. It helps to improve metacognition and self-efficacy. Introduced as a best practice in the Department from academic year 2019, the purpose of observation of library day is to promote active learning methods and experiential learning methods.

Best Practices-Library Day Observation (2019-2022)

Sl. No.	Event	Date	Semester	Time	Place	Organizing Secretary
1.	Library Day Observation	06.09.2019.	I	1-2p.m.	Library Room	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri
2	Library Day Observation	29.11.2019.	III	3-4p.m.	Library Room	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri
3.	Library Day Observation	11.2.2020.	II	2-3p.m.	Library Room	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri
4.	Library Day Observation	14.2.2020.	IV	3-4p.m.	Library Room	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri
5.	Library Day Observation	25.11.2021	I	2-3p.m	Library Room	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri
6.	Library Day Observation	27.9.2022	V	11-12p.m.	Library Room	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri
7.	Library Day Observation	27.9.2022	III	1-2p.m.	Library Room	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri
8.	Library Day Observation	24.11.2022	I	1-2p.m.	Library Room	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri

Glimpses of Library Day Observation

Title of the Practice: Seminars and Innovative Practices

Objectives of Seminars:

i)Learning about new topics in Sociology motivates and encourages students to learn more

ii) Student seminars aid students in gaining information about how seminars work, how things take place, enhances their confidence in communication skills and promotes performance and productivity

iii) Innovative practices broaden the scope of learning and helps bridge gaps between teaching and learning

The Context:

Most of the young graduates lack the confidence and fluency while interacting verbally. Coming from rural background many students hold good academic records and individual skills but lack behind in expressing themselves. Speaking about a research topic in a seminar before a gathered audience boosts the confidence of the students preparing them for interviews and group discussion. Also seminars provide a chance to interact with experts from the specific discipline. Discussing the relevant topics of the particular subject, students learn about the latest information and new skills related to the concerned subject. Moreover since learning environment of seminars are different and unique from classrooms, students feel interested which in turn enhances confidence and promotes performance and productivity. To this end, students are encouraged to take up peer learning as evident in student to student learning program or their coming together to express their own ideology as demonstrated in their protest against racism in the aftermath of the brutal killing of George Floyd.

Best Practices-Seminar (2019-2022)

Sl. No.	Event	Title of Event	Date	Time	Place	Organizing Secretary
1.	Student Seminar	Caste and Tribe in India	18.02.2020.	1-3p.m.	Seminar Hall	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri
2	State Level Webinar	Class Societies in Urban India	19.2.2021.	5.30-7p.m.	Google meet	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri
3.	Innovative Practices	Student-to-student learning	15.3.2021 18.3.2021	2-3p.m.	Google meet	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri
4.	Innovative Practices	Protest Against Racism	29.5.2020.	2-3p.m.	Google meet	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri
5.	Faculty Seminar	The Social Relevance of Classical	24.6.2022	1-2 p.m.	Teacher's Room	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri

		Sanskrit Texts				
6.	Student Seminar	Revisiting Theories of Max Weber	20.9.2022	1-3p.m	Smart Classroom	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri
7.	Student Seminar	Family in India	29.11.2022	2-4p.m.	Seminar Hall	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri

Glimpses of Seminars:

<u>Title of the Practice: Orientation Programmes</u>

Best Practices-Orientation Programme (2019-2022)

Objectives:

i)Orientation programs provide a chance for the students to learn about how things work at their own institution and meet other students as well as faculty and staff members.
ii)A good orientation program helps students feel excited about starting college and makes easy the transition to campus life and the independence which comes with it.

The Context:

Orientation programs serve as the foundation for college success for new students. The main purpose of a good orientation in a college is to bridge the gap between the professors and students, ensuring smooth and healthy communication between the two.

Sl. No.	Event	Semester	Date	Time	Place	Organizing Secretary
1.	Orientation Programme	I	3.9.2020	2-3 p.m.	Google meet	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri
2.	Covid Orientation Programme	All ongoing semesters	23.11.2021.	2-3p.m.	Room No.-13	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri
3	Orientation Programme	I	26.8.2022	1-2 p.m.	RoomNo. 34	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri

4.	Induction Programme on Examination	III	20.12.2022	1-2p.m.	Room No.34	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri

Glimpses of Orientation Programmes

Title of the Practice: Debate Competition

Objectives of Debate Competition:

i)To nurture the ability of free thinking among the students.

ii) To develop speaking ability of students in English.

iii) To accustom the students with the contemporary issues in today's world.

The Context

Debates help students gain broad, multi-faceted knowledge cutting across several disciplines outside the learner's normal academic subjects. It also aids in increasing students' confidence, poise and self-esteem and improving rigorous higher-order and critical thinking skills.

Best Practices-Debate Competition (2019-2022)

Sl. No.	Event	Date	Sem-ster	Time	Place	Organizing Secretary
1.	Debate Competition	07.11.2019	I	2-3p.m.	Room No.-13	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri
2.	Debate Competition	15.11.2019.	III	3-4p.m.	Room No.-13	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri
3.	Debate Competition	15.2.2020	II	1-2 p.m.	Room No.-13	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri
4.	Debate Competition	18.5.2020	IV	1-2p.m.	Google meet	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri
5.	Debate Competition	7.12.2021	I	3-4p.m.	RoomNo.-13	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri
6.	Debate Competition	13.12.2021	III	1-2p.m.	Room No.-13	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri
7.	Debate Competition	1.4.2022	IV	1-2 p.m	Room No.-34	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri
8.	Debate Competition	25.4.2022	II	3-4 p.m.	Room No.-34	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri
9.	Debate, Extempore and Quiz Competition	30.8.2022	V	11-12 p.m.	Room No.-34	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri
10.	Debate, Extempore and Quiz Competition	30.8.2022	III	1-2p.m.	Room No.-34	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri

Title of the Practice: Quiz Competition

Objectives of Quiz Competition:

i)To prepare the students for different competitive examination in job market.

ii)To engage students in classroom activities.

iii)To motivate students for interactive learning.

The Context

Quizzes help the student gain a broad or specialized understanding of the subject. Quizzes are intended to encourage fun learning methods while also enhancing general knowledge. Students can "think out of the box" or from diverse perspectives by participating in quiz competitions arranged for them in classes.

Best Practices-Quiz Competition (2019-2022)

Sl. No.	Event	Date	Sem-ster	Time	Place	Organizing Secretary
1.	Quiz Competition	26.9.2019	I	2-3p.m.	Room No.-13	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri
2.	Quiz Competition	30.4.2020	II	1-2 p.m.	Google meet	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri
3.	Quiz Competition	17.12.2021	V	11-12p.m.	Room No.-13	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri
4.	Quiz Competition	3.3.2022	IV	1-2p.m.	Room No.-13	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri
6.	Quiz Competition	14.12.2022	I	2-3p.m.	Room No.-34	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri

Title of the Practice: Extempore Competition and/or Group Discussion

Objectives of Extempore Competition:

i) To nurture the ability of creative communicative speaking in English.

ii)To prepare students for different co-curricular activities like Youth Parliament Competition.

iii)To develop the students' leadership quality.

The Context

Extempore speech is a technique for evaluating and judging a student's speaking ability, the flow of their thoughts, and the way they communicate their ideas. It encourages students to think quickly and creatively. Extempores have proved an excellent approach to practicing communication and time management skills.

Best Practices-Extempore Competition and/Group Discussion (2019-2022)

Sl. No.	Event	Date	Sem-ster	Time	Place	Organizing Secretary
1.	Extempore Competition	21.11.2019	I	1-2p.m.	Room No.-13	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri
2.	Extempore Competition and group discussion	28.4.2020	II	1-2 p.m.	Google meet	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri
3.	Extempore Competition	14.12.2021	III	1-2p.m.	Room No.-13	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri
4.	Group Discussion	22.9.2022	I	3-4p.m.	Room No.-34	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri
5.	Group Discussion	20.9.2022	V	12-1p.m.	Room No.-34	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri

Glimpses of Debate, Quiz and Extempore Competition

Title of the Practice: Wall Magazine

Objectives:

i)To enable students in building a cooperative and collaborative learning situation.
iii)To inspire the learners to publish their own writings and drawings.

The Context:

The purpose of the wall magazine is to be "a device to induce people to read any important message." Wall magazine often reflects the image of the educational institution through the articles presented by the students. Wall magazines are great way to encourage creativity in students which makes them effectively utilize language for conveying ideas. It also helps the students to do research on topics before making their draft write-ups to be published in the magazine.

Best Practices-Wall Magazine (2019-2022)

Sl. No.	Event	Semester	Date	Time	Place	Editor
1.	Wall magazine	I	17.9.2019.	2-3 p.m.	Departmental Board	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri
2.	Wall Magazine	II	18.4.2022.	3-4p.m.	Departmental Room	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri

Glimpse of Wall Magazine Publication:

Title of the Practice: Publication of Departmental Newsletter *Sociological Illuminations*
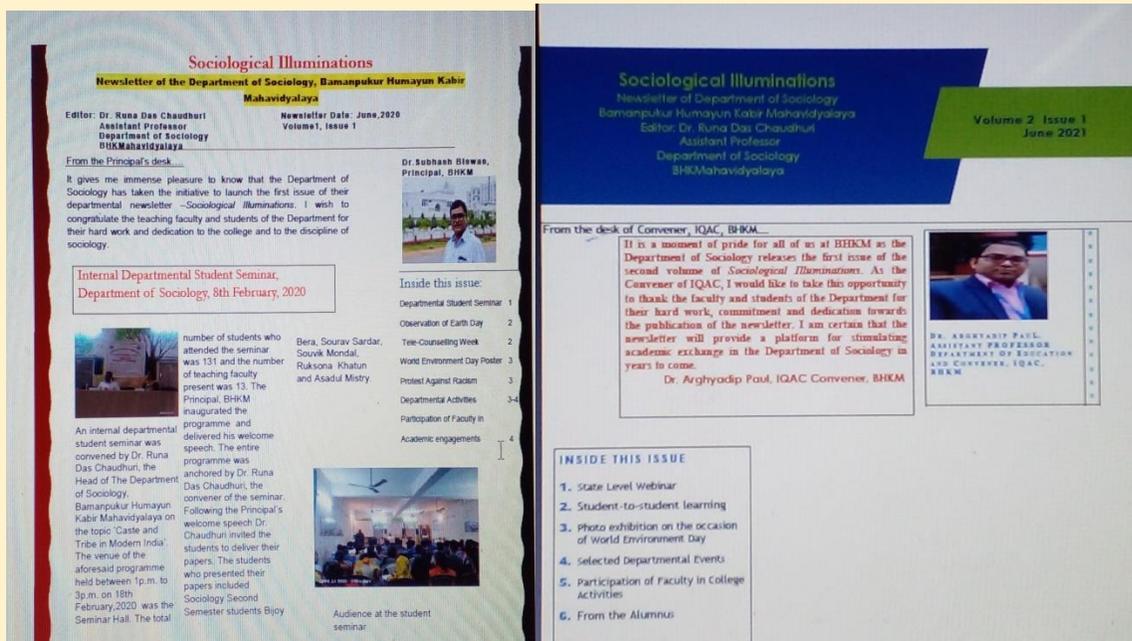
The Context:

In a digital age with so many avenues of communication available to us, it seems that a departmental newsletter is outdated and irrelevant imparting news that has already been hashed to death over social media and student texting. Yet a departmental newsletter is the perfect medium to allow responsible expression, challenging of ideas, promotes peer influence and much more. Students need an outlet for their creative ideas and developing critical thinking skills. So *Sociological Illuminations* the Departmental Newsletter of Sociology was launched in June, 2020 under the editorship of Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri, Assistant Professor and HOD of Sociology, BHKM.

Best Practices-Departmental Newsletter *Sociological Illuminations* (2020-2022)

Sl.No.	Name of the Departmental newsletter	Volume	Year	Editor
1.	*Sociological Illuminations*	1.1	June, 2020	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri
2.	*Sociological Illuminations*	1.2	December, 2020	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri
3.	*Sociological Illuminations*	2.1	June, 2021	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri
4.	*Sociological Illuminations*	2.2	December, 2021	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri
5.	*Sociological Illuminations*	3.1	June, 2022	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri
6.	*Sociological Illuminations*	3.2	December, 2022	Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri

Selected title pages of newsletter *Sociological Illuminations*:

Problems encountered and resources required in implementation of best practices

Following resources are required for effective implementation of best practices:

1. Budget provision for the best practices need to be increased.

2. There is need for increasing availability and upgrading of computer facilities, internet bandwidth and connecting devices like web camera etc.

3. Availability of mikes in classroom teaching need to be provided.

Sl.No.	Annexure	Documents
1.	1.	Notice of the Event
2.	2.	Brochure of the Event
3.	3.	Attendance List of the Event
4.	4.	Photograph of the Event
5.	5.	Report of the Event

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