

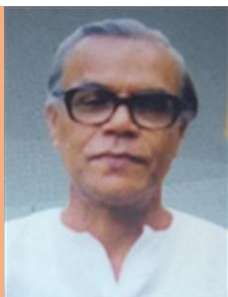
Distinguished Teachers from The Past



Dr Pabitra Kumar Sen (1906-1997) – The first principal (1949-1955) of Jhargram Raj College and Khaira Professor of Agriculture in Calcutta University. In 1949, when the young Raja of Jhargram, Raja Sir Narasingha Malla Ugal Sanda Deb, OBE, KBE, at the request of Pramathanath Banerjee, the then Vice Chancellor of Calcutta University, made a bequest of Rupees one lakh in cash and 450 bighas of land for the first agricultural college of West Bengal at Jhargram, they decided to bring the best man at the helm of affairs of the college. It could be no person other than Dr Pabitra Kumar Sen. Dr Sen had did his PhD at the Imperial College, London. Being invited by Gurudev Rabindranath Thakur he looked after the extension works at Santiniketan and Sriniketan. He did extensive works at Sabore, Bihar. His another memorable work is the foundation of Seva Bharati at the village Kapgari in what is now Jhargram District (formerly the District of Midnapore). Dr Sen remained principal of the college from 1949 till 1955. (<http://kapgari.org/>; <http://www.sbmahavidyalaya.com/>).



Professor Amiya Kumar Mazumdar (1917-1998) – Prof. Mazumdar was the third principal (1956-1959) of Jhargram Raj College. Prof. Mazumdar taught Philosophy at Presidency College, Calcutta, besides being the principal of various state government colleges in West Bengal. He retired as the Research Director, The Asiatic Society, Calcutta. He was the UGC Professor, Rabindra Bharati University, Calcutta. In 1995, Amiya Kumar was awarded Nivedita Commemoration Prize for his lifetime achievement in spreading the ideals of Ramakrishna and Vivekananda. (<http://www.amiyakmazumdarcentenary.in/career>).

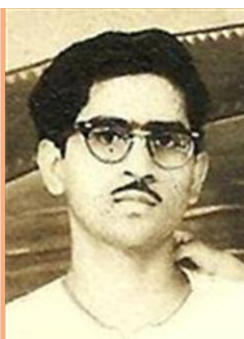


Dr Sisir Kumar Das (1936 – 2003) – It is very difficult to describe the achievements of a personality such as Dr Sisir kumar Das in brief. Sisir Kumar Das was a poet, playwright, children's writer, scholar, linguist, comparatist, translator, chronicler—all rolled into one. He had an impeccable academic career. Having stood first class first in both the Bachelor's and Master's Degree examinations of the Calcutta University, he obtained two doctoral degrees, one from Calcutta University and another from University of London. Dr Das started his career as a teacher from Jhargram Raj College (1958-1960). Thereafter he went to England. After a three-year-stint of teaching Bengali at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London (1960-1963), Sisir Kumar Das joined the Delhi University as Tagore Professor in the Department of Modern Indian Languages and retired from there in 2001 after a distinguished teaching career of thirty-eight years. In between, he did research in Linguistics for two years at the Cornell University, USA, which resulted in a seminal book in Bengali entitled, *Bhashajijnasa* (Inquiries into Languages). A pioneer in the Comparative Literature movement in India, Sisir Kumar Das lectured in various countries of Europe including Spain and Greece as well as in Japan and the USA, on invitation. He was the serving President of the Comparative Literature Association of India till his death. Among his numerous writings, all highly critically acclaimed, the magnum opus is perhaps “History of Indian Literature”. He received many awards and accolades from various institutions of many countries. Jhargram Raj College remembers him with gratitude and respect.

Md Saber Ali Khan (1920-2008) – Professor Md Saber Ali Khan, D.Phil., was twice (fourth and sixth) the principal (1959-1960 and 1964-1968) of Jhargram Raj College. He was one of the most renowned and respected professors of Arabic, Persian and Islamic Studies. He was also a one-time Director of Public Instruction, Govt. of West Bengal. He wrote learned articles to various journals of international fame such as Islamic Culture, Journal of the Asiatic Society, Indo-Iranica, Muslim World Book Review, Arabica, Humdard Islamicus, Maarif (Urdu), Burhan (Urdu) etc. Professor Khan worked at various Government Colleges of West Bengal. Besides being principal of Jhargram Raj College, he also held the post of Principal of Krishnanagar College and was a member of West Bengal Public Service Commission. He was a Member of Royal Asiatic Society (1959). (<https://www.cambridge.org/core/services/aop-cambridge-core/content/view/S0035869X00119343>)



Dr Sisir Bhanja – Retd. Professor of Physics, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata. He taught Physics at Jhargram Raj College (1965 -). Dr Bhanja did his PhD from the Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science, Kolkata. Apart from his doctoral work on the physics of molecular collisions, he did some work on Mossbauer effect.



Dr Kanan Bihari Goswami – Head, Department of Bengali, Rabindra Bharati University, 1995-1997. Served Jhargram Raj College (1970-1975). Author of several essays and books on Bengali Literature, particularly on Vaishnavite legacy and culture.



Professor Rasajit Kumar Bera – Dr Bera had served Jhargram Raj College (1967-1976) as an Assistant Professor of Mathematics. Dr Bera is a life member of Indian Association for Cultivation of Science, Calcutta Mathematics Association and, Science Cruiser. He retired as Professor and Head, Department of Mathematics, Heritage Institute of Technology.



Dr Prasanta Ray – Sociologist and Political Scientist Professor Ray is Emeritus Professor of Sociology and Political Science at Presidency College, Kolkata. He was Head, Department of Political Science and Department of Sociology at Presidency College. Served Jhargram Raj College (1968-1970) as a lecturer in Political Science.



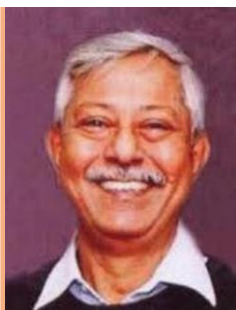
Abhaya Prasad Das – Retd. Professor of Botany, North Bengal University. Served Jhargram Raj College as a Lecturer in Botany (1976 – 1979).



Professor Biswajit Chatterjee – Retd. Professor and Head, Department of Economics, Jadavpur University. Prof. Chatterjee was President (2014 – 2015), The Indian Society of Labour Economics and President (2011 – 2013), Indian Econometric Society. He has contributed research papers in many reputed journals, authored several books and, edited volumes on International Trade, Labour Economics and, Development Economics. He taught Economics at Jhargram Raj College during 1983 – 1984.



Dr Subenoy Chakraborty – Dr Chakraborty had served Jhargram Raj College as a Lecturer in Mathematics (1982-1984). Dr Chakraborty is presently a Professor of Mathematics at Jadavpur University. He stood first class first in both B.Sc. and M.Sc. examinations of Calcutta University. He is a recipient of many honours and awards among which are National Merit Certificate, National Prize & National Scholarship from Govt. of India for the result of Higher Secondary Examination, 1975; Calcutta University Gold Medal, National Scholarship, Jubilee Post Graduate (Merit) Prize, Herschell Award for the result of B.Sc. Examination, 1978; Calcutta University Gold Medal for M.Sc. Examination, 1980.



Dr Antony Gomes, Retd. Professor of Physiology, Calcutta University. Served Jhargram Raj College 1985 – 1989.



Dr Ashutosh Ghosh – Vice Chancellor, Calcutta University (2016 – 2017). He started his career as a Lecturer in Chemistry, Jhargram Raj College (1990-1995).



Dr Guruprasad Samanta – Professor, Applied Mathematics, IEST, Shibpur, Howrah. Started his career as a Lecturer in Mathematics at Jhargram Raj College in 1989.



Dr Gandhi Kumar Kar – Professor of Chemistry, Presidency University. Served Jhargram Raj College during 1990 – 2002.

