

Observation of Shree Panchami/Saraswati Puja at Birpara College

Date: 05/02/2022, Time: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Number of participants from Birpara College: 300 (approx.)

The students and staff of Birpara College, with help from the two units of the National Service Scheme (NSS), organised Saraswati Puja on the campus on Saturday, 05/02/2022. This was the first in-person event organised at college since offline classes were suspended on 03/01/2022 along with Students' Week Celebration.

In the absence of an elected students' union, regular students of the college joined hands with members of NSS and teaching and non-teaching staff of the college to make the event possible, taking active part in everything from budgeting to decorating the pandal, choosing the idol and bringing it to the college and organising *khichuri* and fruits as *prasad*.

Encouraged by the West Bengal government' decision to reopen offline classes in schools and colleges of the state from Thursday, 03/02/2022, nearly 300 students came to college to take part in the puja. Around 20 teaching and non-teaching staff were also present. *Prasad* was distributed among local residents as well.