



MELAK



The NEWSLETTER of Patna Women's College Alumni Association



Editor's Note

Dear Alumni,
Greetings from the Editorial Team!
Through this issue you will get to know about the various activities that were conducted by the PWC Alumni Association.
We hope that you will enjoy the second edition of "Melak"
Happy reading !



CONTENTS

1. Members of Governing Body
2. Glimpses of Alumni meet 2022
3. PWCAA Activities
4. Shining Stars
5. Memory Walk
6. Chapters and Scholarships
7. Departmental Alumni Meet 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON



John F. Kennedy said "I think the success of any school can be measured by the contribution the alumni make to our national life."

It is heartening to see how beautifully our institution is intertwined with its alumni. Alumni through their quality contribution, achievements and accolades continue to enhance the reputation of the institution.

The Alumni Association publishes a newsletter to keep the Alumni abreast of its activities as well as keep them connected with their Alma matter. The connection with the

alumni is not just about the past, but also about shaping the future together. The newsletter details the events of the many interactive activities that have been worked on and avenues of alumni engagement with the community at large. PWC Alumni community is a powerful force, coming together to make a difference in the world.

I am euphoric to be a part of the victorious journey of all our alumni and wish them good luck for all endeavours in future.

MESSAGE FROM VICE CHAIRPERSON

"Every traveller has a home of his own, and he learns to appreciate it the more from his wandering."--Charles Dickens

The bond between alumni and the alma mater is unbreakable as it is forged through shared struggles and triumphs. We, the alumni of Patna Women's college are united in our shared passion for our alma mater and its mission.

We enable you to stay with us on the unique Alumni platform through the newsletter. Our role is to help you connect with your peers through the Alumni network and event. With great pleasure, I present to you the latest edition of MELAK, our annual newsletter where we share our best stories with as many alumni as possible, to connect, engage and inspire. I hope you find the newsletter motivating and informative.



"Nobody is bothered about an institution more than its alumni." - N. R. Narayana Murthy

PWC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (PWCAA) Members of Governing Body



Dr Sister Maria Rashmi A.C.
Academician
Chairperson



Dr Ameeta Jaiswal
Academician
Vice- Chairperson



Dr Shefali Roy
Academician
Secretary



Ms Manisha Singh
Advocate
Joint Secretary



Dr Kumkum Rani
Academician
Treasurer



Dr Maya Shankar
Academician
Member



Dr Sister M. Tanisha A.C.
Academician
Member



Ms Sheila Irani
Civil Servant
Member



Ms Sushmita Chakraborty
Academician
Member



Ms Devopriya Dutta
Social Activist & Environmentalist
Member



Ms Meenakshi Mishra
Academician
Member

"An alumni is not just a graduate, but a lifelong member of the community." – Anonymous

Glimpses of Alumni Meet 2022

The annual 'Alumni Meet' was organized by Patna Women's College on 21.12.2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Open Air Stage hall of the college. 250 alumni were present in the meet.



WELCOMING THE ALUMNI

PWCAA president Dr. Ameeta Jaiswal, welcomed the guests who had come from different parts of the country to attend the Alumni Meet. She said that any institution's Alumni are key to its name, fame, and growth. Alumni of Patna Women's College have adorned various Administrative, Judicial, Medical, Financial, and other posts. Dr. Manjari Jaruhar, IPS, Ms. Shruti Anandita Verma, Film-maker, Dr. Veena Singh, HoD of Plastic Surgery and Burns, AIIMS, Patna, Dr. Ravi Kiran Sharma, Retd. Professor of Geography, P.U. and Ms Neeta Sahay, teacher, were present and felicitated.



MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL AND FORMER PRINCIPAL



Dr. Sister M. Rashmi A.C., Principal, Patna Women's College addressed the alumni and said that Patna Women's College lives in the heart of every alumnus and they symbolize Patna Women's College. She expressed her good wishes to all the alumni present on the occasion and appreciated the efforts of Patna Women's College Alumni Association in conducting the programmes. Dr Sister M. Liceria A.C., Former Principal (1978-1997), Patna Women's

College also addressed the alumni. She motivated them to help and support the social causes the college is so passionate about. She conveyed her greetings and blessings for the new year.



Glimpses of Alumni Meet 2022

GROUP SONG



A group song and a thematic dance by the Alumni teachers were presented. Dr. Manjula Sushila, Head, Department of Hindi, conducted games for the alumni, then the Alumna shared their experience.



The thematic dance was choreographed by Ms. Samiksha Sinha, Assistant Profes-

THEMATIC DANCE



sor, Dept. of Sociology together with Ms. Enakshi Dey Biswas, Coordinator, Performing Arts.

The student Council Members through a dance performance dedicated a few songs to the beautiful women present.

FELICITATION

Dr. Manjari Jaruhar, IPS, Ms. Shruti Anandita Verma, Film-maker from Mumbai, Dr. Veena Singh, Head, Department of Plastic Surgery and Burns, AIIMS, Patna, Dr. Ravi Kiran Sharma, Retd. Professor of Geography, P.U. and Ms Neeta Sahay, teacher, were felicitated and honoured by Dr. Sister M. Rashmi A.C., by giving a memento, shawl, and a sapling.



PWCAA Activities



The Alumni Association of Patna Women's College conducted several activities regarding conservation of bio diversity Awareness on Environment Protection on 28.01.2023 at Government Middle School Rajbhawan. Ms. Devopriya an Alumni of Patna Women's College and an official of Tarumitra conducted the event.

On International Women's Day, 16.03.2023 Patna Women's College Alumni Association (PWCAA), organized Sahas Award Ceremony to felicitate and honour the people who have shown immense courage for working towards the betterment of the society. **SAHAS (Sashaktikaran Hissedari Aevam Sahishnuta)**, which signifies that the real empowerment comes only with Gender equality. PWCAA honoured four Empowered women Anupriya Singh, Transgender Activist, Ms. Devopriya Dutta, U.N. Youth Representative-Tarumitra, Ms. Richa Vatsyayan, Founder, Sanitrust Biodegradable Pads and Ms. Juhi Smita, Journalist, Prabhat Khabar, Patna for their tremendous hard work and commitment towards the betterment of the society and making it gender equal.



Rakhi with trees was celebrated with the children of ICWA by PWCAA in collaboration with Tarumitra. Rakhi was made by the children and tied to the trees as a symbol of protecting the environment on 29.08.2023. The programme was held under the guidance of Dr. Sister M. Rashmi A.C., Principal, Patna Women's College, Sister Celine Cresta A.C., Coordinator ICWA, Prof. Dr. Ameeta Jaiswal, President, Alumni Association and Ms. Devopriya Dutta, Youth Activist, Tarumitra.

Patna Women's College Alumni Association started a Fitness Club today for the Staff of the college under the guidance of the principal Dr. Sister M. Rashmi A.C who is also the Chairperson of PWCAA and Dr. Ameeta Jaiswal, President PWCAA. There were two Sessions of one hour each - Yoga class was held by Ms. Mitu Kumari, Yoga instructor and Aerobics was conducted by Mr. Sanjay Kumar, certified trainer Cross Fit Studio. All the exercises aimed at building endurance, strength and flexibility in the participants. A course module of 3 months has been prepared for one batch of 40 staff, after which another batch will have the Sessions. The participants found the programme quite beneficial for them. The Alumni Association of PWC aims to conduct such programs within the campus for the physical and mental health of the Staff.



PWCAA Activities

The Department of Psychology, Patna Women's College, Autonomous organized a Session on Mental Health on the WHO theme "Mental Health is a universal human right" for the teachers on 14.10.2023. The guest speaker was Dr. Shruti Narain, Senior Psychologist, Patna. The session was organized in association with Alumni Association, Patna Women's College (PWCAA). The title of presentation was "Mirror-mirror on the wall am I happy after all?" The session started with an introduction to the session and Mental Health given by Dr. Nupur Sinha, Head, Department of Psychology. Prof. Ameeta Jaiswal, President, Alumni Association, Patna Women's College welcomed the speaker with a bouquet.



Dr. Shruti Narain asserted how positive self-talk is so important for overall well-being. She also encouraged to have a good work-life HARMONY, ways to deal with the 'Presenteeism' at the workplace. Teachers from different departments joined the session. The session was thought-provoking and reflective.



The Department of Business Administration and Alumni Association, Patna Women's College, Patna organized a Workshop on "Inclusive Business for Sustainable Livelihood". The Resource Person was Ms. Richa Vatsayayan, Director Sanitrust and Alumna, Patna Women's College. She

focused on the significance of the business models and their contribution towards creativity, innovation and sustainability. Team building exercises was also incorporated in the workshop by Ms. Richa Vatsyayan to enlighten students on the importance of teams in entrepreneurship and sustainable development. The President of the Alumni Association and Head, Department of Philosophy, Dr. Ameeta Jaiswal, Patna Women's College, Head of the Department of Business Administration, Dr. Pallawi Ambreesh Kumar, Ms. Kumari Priya, Dr. Ruchita Masih and teachers from the Department of Commerce were present on the occasion.

On 8th November, The Annual General body meeting of PWCAA was organised at Lucile Memorial Hall. Around 120 alumni of the college from different batches attended the meeting. Principal Dr Sister M Rashmi AC addressed all the alumni present and briefed them about the agenda of the meeting; which included the achievements of 2023 and the target for 2024.



PWC Shining Stars



Prof. Shukla Mahanty
Economics
Batch 1974-77
Vice Chancellor, R& D University,
Jharkhand



Justice Nilu Agrawal
History
Batch 1977-79
Judge Patna High Court
Patna



Ms Nina Singh
Geography
1977-81
First Woman IPS officer of Rajasthan
Cadre, DG/ CISF



Ms Leena Nandan
English
1982-84 Batch
I.A.S (UP Cadre), Author



Ms Shinjini Kumar
English
1984-87 Batch
Former CEO, Paytm, Citibank
Co-Founder at SALT



Dr Sunita Prakash
Home Science
1986-89
Textile Designer, State Awardee-
Block print
Vice president, Bihar Council of
Women



Ms Sweta Singh
CEMS
1994-97 Batch
Indian Journalist and News Pre-
senter-Aajtak



Ms Neha Sargam
Advertising and Marketing Man-
agement
2007-10 Batch
Indian Actress and Singer



Ms Archana Soreng
Political Science
2013-16 batch
Member of United Nations
Secretary General's Youth
Advisory Group on Climate
Change

Memory Walk

मैं नम्रता सिंह पटना विमेंस कॉलेज की संस्कृत- ऑनर्स की छात्रा रही हूँ। एम. ए. बी. एड (पी. यू)। विमेंस कॉलेज प्रथम सत्र फैशन डिजाइनिंग इस कोर्स को मैं पूरा तो नहीं किया पर तनुजा मैम (फेवरेट टीचर) जिन्होंने मुझे ऐसी उत्कृष्टता प्रदान की कि आज उसी की वजह से मैं सफलतापूर्वक "अदा बुटीक" खोल पाई और डिजाइनिंग के काम को बखूबी अंजाम दिया। मेरे शौक बहु आयामी रहे हैं। मैं स्पोर्ट्स में आगे रहती थी। कॉलेज में अपने बैच में मैं हमेशा ऊँची- छलांग प्रतियोगिताओं में जीतती आई हूँ। सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रमों में भी भाग लिया करती थी। मुझे कई बार मननीया स्व डेजी मैम के साथ डांस करने का मौका मिला है। मैं कॉलेज के एनसीसी ग्रुप में भी थी। मैंने कई कैम्प, होम नर्सिंग, प्री आर डी कैम्प (दिल्ली) भी की। कॉलेज मैगजीन में मेरी कविताएं छपा करती थी। काव्य पाठों एवं प्रतियोगिताओं में भाग लेती हूँ और जीता करती हूँ। कई मंचों से जुड़ी हूँ। पुरस्कृत हुई हूँ। कई पत्रिकाओं में मेरी रचनाएं प्रकाशित हुई हैं। दूरदर्शन के एक मुट्ठी धूप में मैंने अपनी कविताएं पढ़ी हैं। विश्व काव्य मंच पर ऑनलाइन प्रस्तुति दे चुकी हूँ। ऑनलाइन लाइव काव्य पाठों में हिस्सा लेती रहती हूँ। साहित्य से गहरा लगाव है मुझे।

कालेज के इस गरिमामयी कैम्पस ने मुझे बहुत सारी बेशकीमती यादें, उपलब्धियां दिलाई हैं। अर्चना, अज़ीमा, अंजू, अदिति, नम्रता, रश्मि सिंह, रश्मि प्रसाद, सीमा, मंजुला, वर्षा के साथ की अनगिनत यादें....

शिक्षा, अनुशासन, उत्कृष्ट- शिक्षक-गण, साफ सुथरा वातावरण, बेहतरीन पुस्तकालय, कैटीन, इन सबों में यह अग्रणी है। कॉलेज कैम्पस में घुसते ही इसके महलनुमा वास्तु को देखते हर छात्राओं को एकबरगी शहजादी सा महसूस कराता है। हमारे बैच की छात्राओं ने अपने-अपने क्षेत्रों में अव्वल स्थान पर अपना योगदान दे रही हैं।

मंजुला मेरी प्यारी दोस्त हमारे बैच की शान है जो हमारे समय की लगातार चैंपियन रही है वो आज कैम्पस में स्पोर्ट्स विभाग और साथ ही साथ हिंदी विभाग में अपना योगदान देती आई है और वर्तमान में हिंदी विभाग की अध्यक्ष है। कैम्पस में साथ बिताए पल बहुत याद आते हैं। गणेश (जो अब नहीं रहे) का चार, कैटीन का चाट, कटलेट, एग रोल, समोसा, थोड़े-थोड़े पैसे जोड़कर इकट्ठा कर हम लोग खाया करते थे। वो स्वाद अब फाइव स्टार होटलों में भी नहीं मिल पाता।

नए ऑडिटोरियम का निर्माण हुआ है, जो कैम्पस में मैं चार चांद लगा रहा है।

नित नए सितारे जुड़ते रहें,
तुम आसमां को छूते रहो।
ना हुआ नहीं होगा तुमसा,
तेरा रूप सदा सजदा ही रहे।
ना तुम पर आंच कभी आए,
रहे नाम अमर इतिहासों में।
तैयार करो उन रतन को,
जो मूल्य देकर भी नहीं मिले।

भव्य-भव्यता तेरा कायम रहे,
रौशन करते हो कितनों को।
हीरों को तुम जो तराश रहे,
तुमसा जौहर ना दूजा कोई।

नम्रता सिंह
संस्कृत
88—91 बैच

It is always a pleasure when it comes to walking down the memory lane of Patna Women's College. Since I did, both my intermediate and graduation from Patna Women's College, I had the privilege of flowering under the dynamic leadership of the then Principal, Sr Liceria and the guidance of the learned Professors of the different departments of the College. The fine blend of curricular and co-curricular activities of the College catered to the needs of holistic growth and development of the students.

Those five years were one of the best periods of my life. I still remember how we would always look forward to having 'chaat' from "Ganesh" or 'Thumbs Up' from the canteen. Be it the practice for "PT Display" or the rehearsals for the "Dance Performances" we would enjoy every single moment. The fights and the cries..... the tears and the laughter... all the bitter-sweet memories are treasured carefully till date. Patna Women's College was one place where learning and fun would go parallel.... mischief and discipline would go side by side.... friendship and competition would go together.

Moreover, being the daughter of Prof Ratna Chaudhary, Department of Philosophy, Patna Women's College, was altogether a very different experience from that of being her daughter at home.

The discipline, ethics, and social values of our College have made the person I am today.

Although thirty summers have passed, just the thought of Patna Women's College revitalizes the life force in me even today.

Dr Shilpa Chowdhary
Department of English
Delhi College of Arts and Commerce
University of Delhi

Memory Walk

एक लंबी फेहरिस्त है उन यादों की,
जिनमें आज भी अतीत को जीती हूं।
डरी सहमी सी आई थी जहां,
आज गर्व से वहां मैं रहती हूं।
दी ऐसी पहचान इस प्रांगण ने,
लोगों की जुबां पे नाम है मेरा।
हूं आज जहां मैं निखरी सी,
पहचान दी है तूने पी डब्लू सी।
मेरी प्यारी प्राचार्या सिस्टर लिसेरिया,
स्नेह अनुशासन की मूर्ति।
प्यारी सिस्टर मार्ग्रेट मेरी,
करतीं सबकी इच्छा पूरी।
सिस्टर डोरिस की तो बात निराली,
वन मैन आर्मी सी व्यक्तित्व वाली।
सिस्टर जेसी ममता से भरी,
हर दुख में मेरे साथ रहीं।
अब दौर है सिस्टर रश्मि का,
जिनमें प्रतिभा गुण है अपार भरा।
सिस्टर तनिषा का स्नेहिल व्यवहार,
भरता है हर दिल में प्यार अपार।
अब बात करूं मैं खेलों की, जिसमें बस्ता है मेरा दिल।
तिकी मैम सा कोई था न होगा,
उन जैसा जोश और फुर्ती कहीं नहीं होगा।
यादें बहुत हैं इस प्रांगण की,
लंबी लिस्ट है उन यादों की।
मन आज भी करता है मेरा,
उन दिनों में लौट जाने का।
जिसमें था बचपन और यौवन,
सीखा बहुत कुछ होके मगन।
विमला, किरण, चंद्रावती-शरण,
देके शिक्षा काबिल बनाया।
इंद्रा, सुधा, कुमुदिनी, रत्ना,
नीना, डेजी, माया, पद्मा,
सबसे इतना प्यार मिला,
दिल करता है आभार सदा।
कुछ साथ हैं, कुछ छूट गए,
कमियां उनकी भी खलती है।
अब दुआ मेरी बस है इतनी,
कॉलेज मेरा प्रगति करे।
निरंतर स्त्री शिक्षा क्षेत्र में,
बुलंदियों के शिखर चूमे।।

डॉ मंजुला सुशीला
1986-88 (इंटर)
1988-91 (हिंदी स्नातक)
सहायक प्राध्यापिका
हिंदी विभाग, पटना वीमेंस कॉलेज

My association with Patna Women's college was for 5 years from 1986 to 1991. I joined the institution as a humanities student and later on completed my Economics Honours from here. Those 5 years have shaped my personality and character immensely. I had the privilege to serve as college premier for three years (ours was the first batch of integrated course). We had witnessed the college's Golden Jubilee ceremony and how each one of us participated enthusiastically and how sisters, professors, alumni and the cabinet took care of all the minute details as the Vice President was the chief guest.

Today I am managing Radiant Academy group of schools. We have two branches in Noida and one near Jewar. I am the founder principal of Radiant Academy, sector 55, Noida. My vision has a reflection of my association with my alma mater. So proud to be associated with this institute which has given me the foundation on which I have developed all my skills.

Rajani Singh
Economics
Founder Principal
Radiant Academy
Batch (1988-91)



Literary contributions for the next edition of the newsletter can be sent on the email id-

alumni@patnawomenscollege.in

For registration

to the Alumni Association and other details.

Please Visit-

<https://patnawomenscollege.in/alumni/>

PWC ALUMNI SPONSORED MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Sl. No.	Department	Number of Sponsors	Name of Sponsors
	<u>UNDERGRADUATE</u>		
1	Home Science	2	ACES - MTH, Alumni 1970 batch
2	MBIO	1	PWC
3	CEMS	1	Rashmi Jain, M/o Neerja Jain
4	AMM	1	PWC
5	Botany	1	Late Shweta Utkarsh
6	English	1	Ms Manjari Jaruhar
7	Physics	1	Dr Aprajita Krishna
8	Psychology & Sports	1	Ms Namrata Singh
	<u>POSTGRADUATE</u>		
1	Applied Psychology	1	Binoy Choudhary (Ratna Choudhary)
2	Home Science	2	Alumni Association PWC, Dr. Ranjan Chowdhury
3	MSW	1	PWC Alumni 2014 Batch
4	Zoology	1	PWC Alumni 2015 Batch
5	Physics	1	PWC Alumni 2016 Batch
6	Biotechnology	1	PWC Alumni 2017 Batch
7	B.Ed	2	Henry D'Souza, Rashmi Kumari & Ranjan Michael
8	Geography	1	Dr Vinita Prasad, Dr Rita Sinha, Dr Amrita Chowdhury
9	Psychology	1	Dr Aprajita Krishna
11	Psychology	1	Dr Alpana Sen Gupta
12	English	1	Dr Amrita Chowdhury

Glimpses of Departmental Alumni Meet 2022



**Patron**

**Dr Sister M. Rashmi A.C. Principal, Patna Women's College
Chairperson, PWCAA**

Editor- In- Chief

**Dr Ameeta Jaiswal, Head, Department of Philosophy,
Vice Chairperson, PWCAA**

Editorial Board

**Dr Muniba Sami, (Retd.) Associate Professor, Department of English,
Patna University**

Dr Maya Shankar, (Retd.) Professor, Department of History, Patna University

Dr Shefali Roy, Director, Public Administration, Patna University

Dr Sahar Rahman, Head, Department of English, Patna Women's College

Designing and Consulting Editors

Ms Roma, Head, Department of Mass Communication

Mr Prashant Ravi, Faculty Member, Department of Mass Communication

Mr Ajay Kumar Jha, Assistant Professor, Department of Mass Communication

Published by: Patna Women's College Alumni Association

Patna Women's College

Autonomous

Patna University

Bailey Road, Patna- 800001, Bihar

Ph: +91 612 2531186

website: <https://patnawomenscollege.in/>