



Jatindra Rajendra Mahavidyalaya

Amtala, Murshidabad.

State Level Seminar On Women in Ancient India

Organized by: Department of History Jatindra Rajendra Mahavidyalaya,
Amtala Murshidabad.

May 08, 2019

About the College

Jatindra Rajendra Mahavidyalaya, also known as **Amtala College**, was established in **1986**. It is a **general degree college** located in **Amtala**, Murshidabad district. The college's mission was to **extend higher education opportunities** to economically disadvantaged and socially marginalized individuals residing in the remote areas of the district and its vicinity. Many of the



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students at this college are **first-generation learners**.



Here are some key points about Jatindra Rajendra Mahavidyalaya:

1. **Location and Background:**

- The college is situated in **Murshidabad**, a historically and culturally fertile region east of the Ganges in **West Bengal**.
- Around **1986**, the area of **Nowda** was a green, isolated countryside where farming was the primary occupation for the local population. Rice, mustard, and jute cultivation formed the backbone of agriculture.



- The society was stratified, with education accessible primarily to the elite class. Education for girls in the village was negligible, especially among Muslim families where early marriage was common.

2. Founding Vision:

- Sri Jayanta Biswas, an Assistant Teacher at Amtala High School, envisioned gathering support from academics, social workers, and teachers who could rise above self-interest.
- Their efforts and dedication culminated in the establishment of **Jatindra Rajendra Mahavidyalaya**, the only college within a **25-kilometer radius**.
- To secure government approval, an initial fund of **Rs 1.5 lakh** was necessary. Sri Guru Prasad Biswas donated this amount in memory of their fathers, **Jatindra** and **Rajendra**, respectively, leading to the college's name.

3. Mission and Impact:

- The college aimed not only to impart knowledge but also to empower economically challenged and socially backward individuals.
- Muslim women, in particular, benefited from higher education, as it played a major role in their empowerment.
- Jatindra Rajendra Mahavidyalaya has received **NAAC accreditation** twice, reflecting its commitment to quality education in the district.

For more information, you can visit the [official website of Jatindra Rajendra Mahavidyalaya](#)¹².

How to Reach the College



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Jatindra Rajendra Mahavidyalaya, located approximately 30 kilometers from Berhampore Railway Station, can be reached in about 1 hour via the Hariharpara route. Additionally, it is 24 kilometers away from Beldanga. The college's convenient location alongside the main road ensures access to various regular transport services, including local buses, trekkers, and taxis.

Organizing Committee

Chief Patron:

Sri Debabrata Sarkar, GB President, JRM

Patron:

Smt. Geetali Bera, TIC, JRM

Organising Secretary:

Sucharita Mitra, HOD of the Department of History

Convenor:

Sucharita Mitra, HOD of the Department of History

Jt. Convenor:

Kutubuddin Biswas Assistant professor of the Department of History



Finance Committee

Treasurer:

Sri Santosh Mandal, Bursar, JRM

Jt. Treasure:

Sri Sandip Das, Cashier, JRM

Members:

Sucharita Mitra, Dr Rina Majumdar, Dr Kutubuddin Biswas, Dr Ranjit Kumar Baidya, Pranab Ghosh, Subhadip Mukherjee, Monirul Islam, Abdul Halim Sheikh, Amal Sarkar

Advisory Committee:

Dr Rina Majumdar, Dr Ranjit Kumar Baidya, Pranab Ghosh, Subhadip Mukherjee, Monirul Islam, Abdul Halim Sheikh, Amal Sarkar & Riya Biswas.

Theme



In ancient India, women held **significant and influential positions**, often surpassing men in status. The term “**Shakti**”, representing power and strength, epitomized their role. Rig Vedic women enjoyed high standing in society, and early Indian grammarians like Patanjali and Katyayana suggested that women received education during this period. Here are some key points about women in ancient India:

1. Vedic Period:

- Women married at a mature age and had the freedom to choose their own husbands through practices like **swyamvar** or **Gandharva marriage**.
- Rig Vedic verses mention women sages and seers, such as **Gargi Vachaknavi** and **Maitreyi**.
- Women were allowed to undergo initiation and study the **Vedas**.
- Polygamy was matched with **polyandry** during this era.
- Goddesses were revered, and separate temples were dedicated to them.

2. Later Periods:

- **Maurya Period**: Despite employing female bodyguards, spies, and mahamantras, the status of women declined.
- **Gupta Period**: Women faced further challenges.
- **Smriti Shastras** imposed restrictions on them.
- **Manu** dictated that women would be dependent on their father in childhood, husband in youth, and son in old age.

3. Bright Exceptions:

- Ancient India boasted many **learned ladies** who contributed significantly to knowledge and culture.
- Women also played **prominent roles in politics**.



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The seminar aims to explore women's participation in **social, religious, economic, and domestic spheres** during ancient times.

Registration

Registration is compulsory for all the participants except Resource Persons.

Registration Fees

1. **Delegate Fees for Faculties, Academicians, and Paper Presenters** (joint presenters must register separately): **₹300 only**.
2. **Students**: No fees. However, **Research Scholars and Students** can avail of the subsidized registration fee by providing a certificate from the Head or Supervisor of their institution.



Registration

1. **Smt. Geetali Bera** serves as the **Patron and TIC** (Teacher-in-Charge) at **JRM**. You can reach her at **9434687179**, and her email address is principal@jrm.org.in.
2. **Sucharita Mitra** serves as the **Convenor and HOD** (Head of Department) of **History** at **JRM**. You can reach her at **9732656465**, and her email address is sucharitamitra22@gmail.com.
3. **Kutubuddin Biswas** serves as the **Jt. Convenor and Member** of **History** Department at **JRM**. You can reach him at **6296791451**, and his email address is kutubuddinbiswas@jrm.org.in.

Resource Person

Dr. Subhash Chandra Mandal,

Associate Professor of the Department of History, S.R.F College, Beldanga Murshidabad.



Jatindra-Rajendra Mahavidyalaya

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Name of Program: *One Day Seminar on “Women in Ancient India”*

1. Name of Department/Committee/Cell: Department of History in collaboration with IQAC, JRM
2. Date(s) of the Event: 08-05-2019
3. Venue of the Event: College Seminar Hall
4. Nature of Activity: Seminar
5. Level of the Activity: State
6. Name of the Collaborator, if any: College
7. Name of the Chairpersons: Geetali Bera, Associate Prof., Dept. of Philosophy, JRM
8. Name and Designation of guests and participants:

Sl. No.	Speakers/Guests	Designations
1	Subhas Chandra Mandal	Associate Professor, Dept. of History, SRF College, Beldanga, Murshidabad

9. Beneficiaries: College Teaching Staffs and Students (Total 56 nos.)

10. Outcome of the Activity:

- i) Position and status of women in society.
- ii) Role and Contribution of women to society.

Signature of HoD

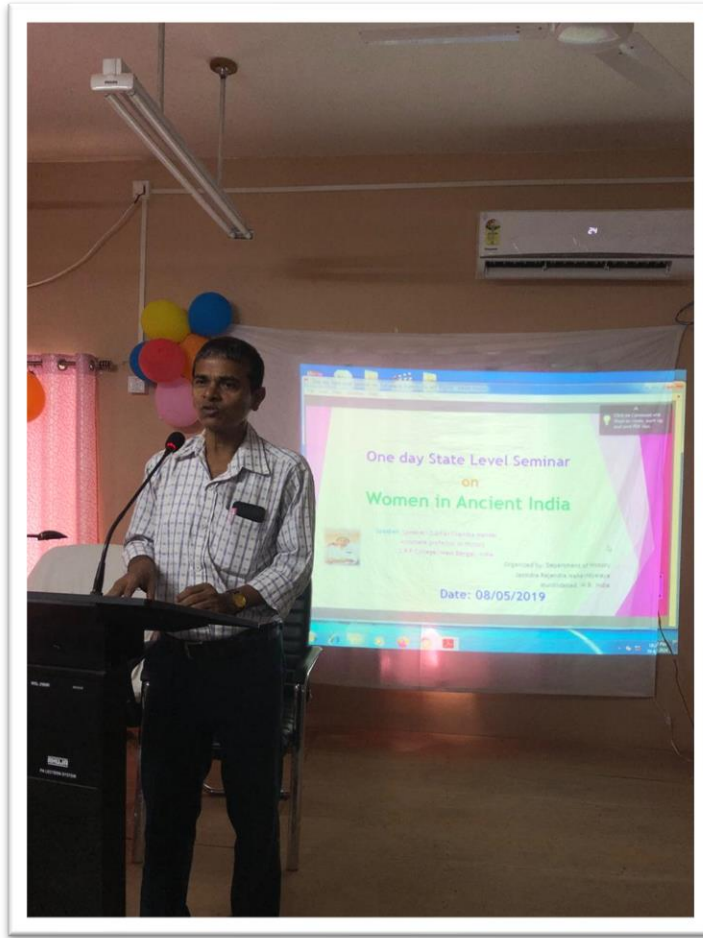
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11. Evidence: Photographs of that Event.

Some Photographs of the Seminar:



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Topic : The Women in Ancient India

Date : 08.05.2019

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Organized by : Department of History

Speaker: Dr. Subash Chandra Mondal

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18	B.A/18/592	BAPAN SK
19	B.A/18/595	RAHIBUL DAFADAR
20	B.A/18/597	ABUTALIM SHEIKH
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34	B.A/18/649	NAJMA KHATUN
35	B.A/18/652	KAMIMA KHATUN
36	B.A/18/661	LAILA KHATUN
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10	Najma Aktar	SACT
11	Tania Khatun	SACT
12	Kuheli Chowdhury	SACT
13	Habibullah Biswas	SACT
14	Supti Sanyal	SACT
15	Badsha Jahangir	SACT