

Vivekananda College Retired Teachers' Association

Among other best practices, Vivekananda College has a beloved distinction of retaining a fabulous connection with the retired faculty members of the institution by way of the Vivekananda College Retired Teachers' Association, 'Bhushundir Mathe', named after a short story written by the legendary author, Parashuram. It was formed in April 2006.

Once a year there is a reunion of the erstwhile colleagues where they heartily indulge in retracing their previously trudged paths, in and outside the classrooms, in a spirit mixed with nostalgia and of course, a sense of fulfillment of having completed a successful career. The spirit of bonhomie and adda sprawls out to the canteen which is more than happy to serve them familiar delectable dishes as they reminisce about yesteryears.

It also allows the former coworkers, some of whom have spent close to three decades together, to share their joy as well as losses, to mourn the demise of a beloved colleague or friend - in other words, it is an opportunity for them to vent the suppressed feelings that one can share only with friends.

As one ages, there is a sense of loneliness that sets in, accompanied by the inevitable losses of bereavements and empty nests left behind by grown-up children who are now far away. Hence, this reunion is like a rainbow in their lives, adding colour, vivacity, and succour for the days that lie ahead. Another year has gone and another year to look forward to the next reunion, a bond that assures them that they are still an integral part of this college.

Vivekananda College Retired Teachers' Organization is as much a part of the college's other accomplishments as any other, and we are truly proud to savour the opportunity of taking them into the fold, lest we forget!







