



# Department of Japanese Nippon Bhavana

E-newsletter  
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## Department of Japanese, Nippon Bhavana, Bhasha-Bhavana, Visva-Bharati

The Department is pleased to bring out the second issue of the E-news Letter in the 2nd year of *Reiwa* Era. According to the Japanese Zodiac Calendar, each year in Japan is known by an animal. Last year was the year of Boar; the last one in the Japanese Zodiac Calendar; and this year is the year of 'Rat', the first year of the Japanese Zodiac Calendar. It is interesting that in India, *Lord Ganesha* who is worshipped at the beginning of all auspicious occasions, has "Rat" as His vehicle; and in Japan, *Daikoku-ten*, the God of Agriculture and Commerce has 'Rat' as His messenger. Also, *Daikoku-ten* is one of the Seven Lucky Gods (*Shichifukujin*) in Japan.

The auspicious occasion of the New Era in Japan, commencement of the Japanese Zodiac Calendar and the aspect that the same animal symbolizes a vehicle/messenger emphasizes common elements between India and Japan since ancient times. It is quite meaningful to all of us engaged in nurturing various aspects of Japanese culture and India-Japan relationship.

Since last year, students of Japanese Department involved themselves in restoring the inner Japanese rock garden and made a difference in the look of the garden. This is highly appreciated by Mr. M. Taga, the Consul General of Japan in Kolkata and also by the visitors from Japan.

We fervently wish that such enthusiastic endeavours of the students will continue, as learning a language finds its accomplishment thorough understanding of the culture and philosophy of the people.



## Departmental Activities

### Inter-Bhavana Football Championship

The Department of Japanese, Nippon Bhavana, Bhasha-Bhavana won the Inter-Bhavana Football Championship-2019 on November 03, 2019. The tournament was organized by the Sports Board & Bhasha-Bhavana, Visva-Bharati. At the very beginning of the tournament, the Department of Japanese became victorious against the Department of Santhali, with a difference of 1-0 goal. Sonatan Murmu, a B.A 3<sup>rd</sup> year student accomplished the goal with a free kick. In the second match of group league, the Department of Japanese defeated the Department of Persian with 2-1 goal. Suman Marandi, a student of B.A 2<sup>nd</sup> year was elected as the '*man of the match*'. The victory achieved by the entire team elevated towards Semi-Final, that was conducted between the Department of Japanese and the Department of Chinese. The Department of Japanese achieved victory in the Inter-Bhavana Football Championship, by defeating the Department of Chinese with a triumphant result of 2-0 goals. Subhrajyoti Mondal, a B.A 1<sup>st</sup> year student was elected as the '*man of the match*'; Bhaskar Das an M.A 1<sup>st</sup> year student was elected as the best goal-keeper; and Sonatan Murmu was elected as the '*man of the series*' of the entire Inter-Bhavana Football Championship-2019.

### Visitors to the Department

A visitor from Japan visited the Department of Japanese on December 20, 2019. He is an agricultural expert, and engaged with an NGO in India. He visited the library, class rooms, inner garden of the Department, and also interacted with the students. The Head, Department of Japanese, Nippon Bhavana, requested him to visit the Department again. The Department of Japanese welcomes such visitors for the benefit of the students.



## Departmental Activities

### Weekly endeavor by the Preparatory and First year students in restoring the Japanese Rock Garden

The Department has been conducting *Swacchata* drive programme since August 2019. Initially, it was conducted once a month, but with the spontaneous participation of students, presently the Department runs the drive twice a month. Keeping in tune with the Japanese way of customizing the cleanliness drive, the Department initiated gardening of the inner Rock-garden along with the *Swacchata* drive programme.

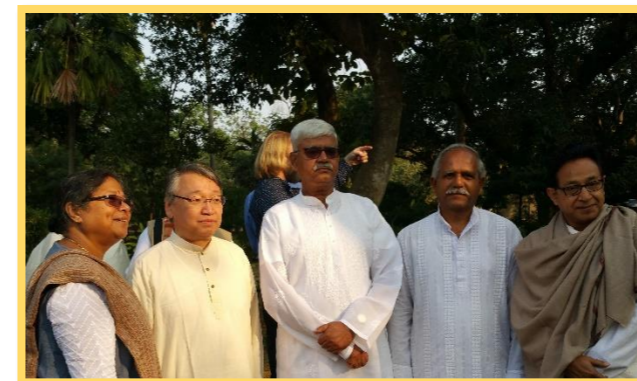
Students of the Department energetically participated, in restoring the inner garden. The work is still going on, the tireless and spontaneous participation made one part of the inner garden look beautiful.

### Visit of the Consul General of Japan

His Excellency, Mr. Masayuki Taga, the Consul General of Japan, Kolkata, visited the Department of Japanese on November 20, 2019. His Excellency's enthusiasms to manage valuable time from his busy schedule for the Department of Japanese, always encourage the students and members of the faculty.

### NSS Activities in Pous Mela 2019

Students of the Department actively participated in the NSS programme during the Pous Mela 2019. The National Service Scheme or NSS arrange for volunteers from Patha-Bhavana, Siksha Satra and various departments of Visva-Bharati to stay on the grounds of the fair and carry out various activities such as cleaning campaigns and awareness campaigns. The volunteers of the Department of Japanese diligently carried out their duties on the assigned days.

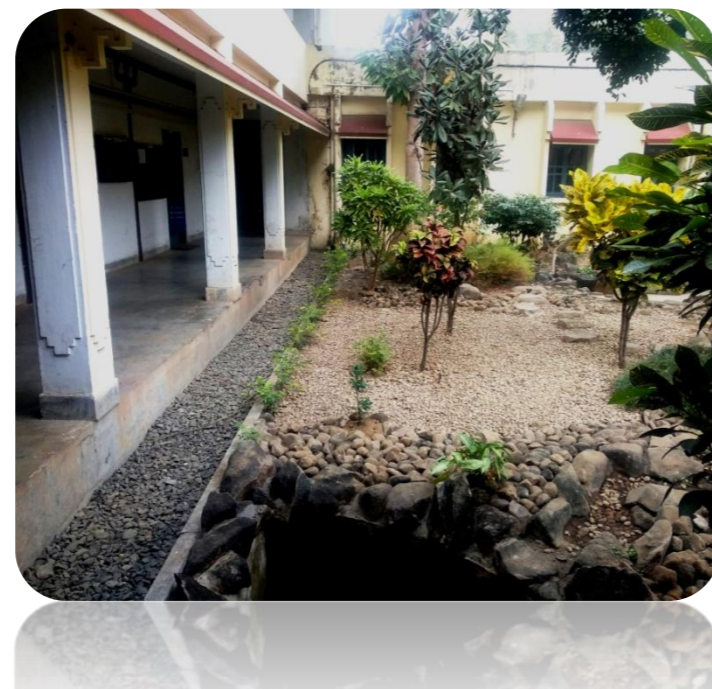
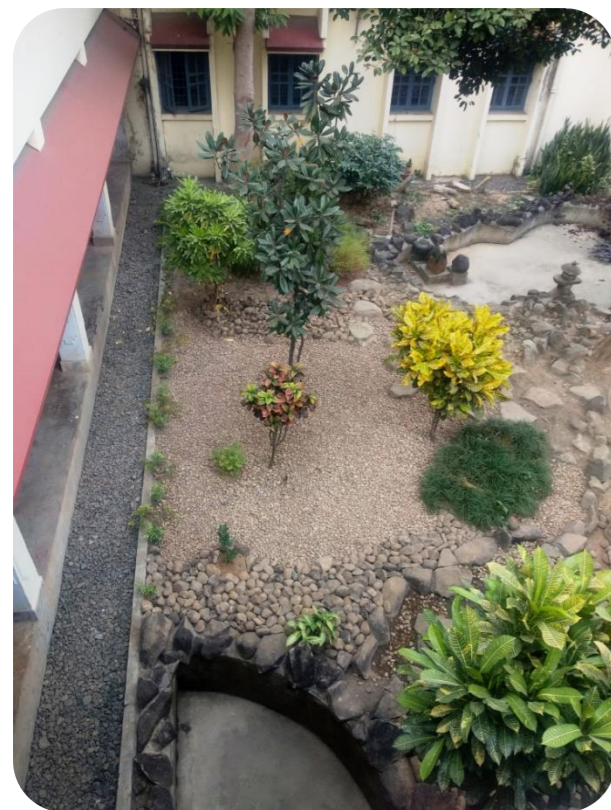




Prize distribution ceremony of the Football Tournament



Japanese Rock Garden, Department of Japanese, Nippon Bhavana (Left to Right)



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