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About Us

INDO BRITISH SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION (IBSA) is the Kolkata Chapter of Association of British Scholars (ABS), a national forum and a division of the British Council in India.

An integral part of Association of British Scholars, IBSA is an association of corporates, with connection to Britain, and individuals who have benefitted from Britain's education and training institutions or have worked in Britain.

As a part of a network of over twenty-five member chapters, IBSA has been formed to help promote enduring relations between Eastern India and Britain through the pursuit of scholarship in the fields of liberal arts, sciences, medicine, engineering, education, legal, and governance.

IBSA is a registered society under the Societies Registration Act. It is also registered under Sections 80G and 12A of the Indian Income Tax Act of 1961.

Social Responsibility

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IS AT the core of activities at IBSA. Working alongside well recognised non-governmental social welfare organisations IBSA has been engaged, since its foundation in 1997, in contributing towards furthering the cause of education, helping those affected by natural calamities and engaging with specially-abled people.

Select Donations...

- Donated Rs. 90,000/- towards providing educational infrastructure for village based schools
- Donated Rs. 50,000/- towards earthquake victims of Nepal
- Donated Rs. 35,000/- towards Uttarakhand Disaster Relief under the aegis of Ramakrishna Mission
- Donated Rs. 50,000/- towards 'Alia' hit victims of Sunderbans
- Donated Rs. 29,000/- to the Welfare Society for the Blind
- Support for student travel expenses for deserving students travelling to the UK for education or training

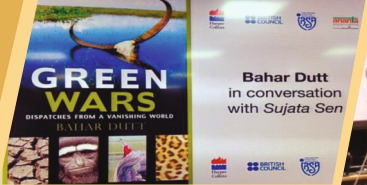
Knowledge Sessions



Dominic Thompson, Prof of Paediatric Neurosurgery, at Great Ormond Street Hospital brings art and science together as he enthral his audience with his talk on 'The Art of the Spine'



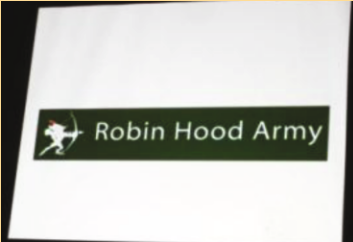
Prof Partha Mitter, Emeritus Professor of Art History, University of Sussex, in partnership with INTACH (Kolkata Chapter) captivates his audience with his talk on 'Early Indian Photography and the Mughal legacy'



IBSA in partnership with Ananta Aspen and British Council launches Bahar Dutt's debut book 'Green Wars'. Bahar Dutt is a noted wildlife conservationist and environment journalist, having won many awards for her work, including the prestigious 'Green Oscar'



Commemorating Shakespeare's 450th birth anniversary by exploring 'Shades of Love: Shakespeare's Immortal Couples' in collaboration with Spotlight. The dramatic presentation explored Romeo and Juliet, Mcbeth and Lady Mcbeth among other characters



The Robin Hood Army (RHA) along with Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East makes a compelling case against food wastage. The RHA is a volunteer based organisation, made up of passionate students and young adults, that works to get surplus food from restaurants across to the less privileged people.

Robin Ghosh, a co-founder, took members of IBSA through the motivation and origins of the organisation, its ethos and the role of volunteers in the movement.



Dr Hirak Sen engages a full house by his thought provoking presentation on 'Talent is not Innate. It is Developed'



Nayantara Palchoudhuri, immediate past President of IBSA, being welcomed by outgoing President Subrata Ghosh



Right to Left: Ranajit Banerjee - President, Suman Chakraborty - Treasurer, and Saptarshi Kar - Secretary



Bruce Bucknell, British Deputy High Commissioner Kolkata, & wife Henrietta. Listening on closely is Dr Debanjan Chakrabarti, Director, British Council, East & NE India



Rajive Kaul (left), Dr Amit Paul and his wife Sutapa

Social Meets



Celebrating Christmas with Street Kids of Kolkata



Family Day Out at NICCO Park



Annual Founders' Day Lunch with Members, their spouse and select guests

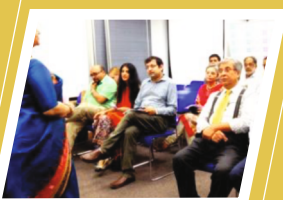


Foundation



IBSA was inaugurated on the 8th of January, 1997 by Prime Minister of United Kingdom, Honourable John Major

Celebrating Indo-British Culture



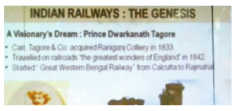
Celebrating British Poetry and Music through the ages...



Exploring the life and times of celebrated British film director Sir Richard Attenborough and his close relationship with Indian film director Satyajit Ray



Discovering the rich heritage Indian Railways at the Regional Rail Museum in Howrah.



Celebrating Rabindranath Tagore's 155th Birth Anniversary. Themed around the bard's love for English songs, the audience were captivated by the performance of both the original English song and the Bengali version written and composed by Tagore.

Sherlock Holmes comes alive at a talk on Sherlock Holmes on Screen followed by the screening of the much acclaimed Jeremy Brett starrer 'The Speckled Band'





Membership

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ELITE Indo British Scholars' Association is open to any company or firm that has a connection with Britain either through their directors or partners or otherwise. Individual membership is open to any individual who has studied or trained in Britain.

Membership Advantages:

- *Network with well known scholars and successful professionals from a wide variety of disciplines, including, but not limited to, liberal arts, sciences, medicine, engineering, education, legal, and governance*
- *Explore business opportunities and collaborations. IBSA provides a robust skills exchange platform*
- *Help empower the weaker sections of society by participating in IBSA's social welfare initiatives*
- *Extend your company's CSR reach*
- *Reconnect with alumni across British universities*

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