

INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS

Women empowerment and capacity building is one of the key factors for attaining sustainable economic growth, social development and environmental sustainability. For the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development, the target is set in tune with the vision of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) passed in 2015 embracing three dimensions of sustainability – economic, social and environmental.

The Indian policy makers do feel that women empowerment and their inclusion marks the primary foundation for sustainable development. India has ratified various international conventions and human rights instruments committing to secure equal rights of women. Key among them is the ratification of the Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) in 1993. The principle of gender equality is protected in the Indian Constitution in its Preamble, Fundamental Rights, Fundamental Duties and Directive Principles. The Constitution not only grants equality to women, but also empowers the State to adopt measures of positive discrimination in favour of women.

The Census (2011) data showed a significant declining trend in the Child Sex Ratio (CSR),. -- an alarming indicator for women disempowerment that reflects both pre-birth discrimination manifested through gender biased sex selection, and post birth discrimination against girls. Alarmed by the sharp decline, the Government of India introduced *Beti Bachao*, *Beti Padhao* (BBBP) programme to address the issue of decline in CSR in 100 gender critical districts. The Overall Goal of the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao (BBBP) Scheme is to Celebrate the Girl Child & Enable her Education. Women encounter discrimination in most sectors like education, economic opportunities and job placements, health and medical assistance, and political participation portray considerable gaps between strategy announcements and practical execution at the primary level.

In tune with the above Central Government programme of *Beti Bachao*, *Beti Padhao* (BBBP) and to provide a positive support to the mission of empowering women - the prime objective of this educational institute established in the year 2016 is to facilitate the enrolled students in every possible way for continuing their higher education in undergraduate and post graduate levels and to get proper placement after the completion of their studies. The college was established after a decade long pressing demand for a Women's college in the locality of Mominpore – Ekbalpore in the port area of Kolkata. This college visualizes the academic and intellectual development, moral uplift, social commitment, cultural refinement of the upcoming generation by nurturing a student within a liberal, secular, progressive and enlightened environment.

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Dimension1: Awards and Recognitions to Students for academic excellence

Institutional awards, recognitions, and student achievements play a crucial role in enhancing the overall educational environment and performance. Recognitions, such as non-monetary rewards based on academic performance, have shown potential in improving student outcomes when both teachers and principals are incentivized. This kind of initiative is being taken by the college authority every year during annual meet. A medal is awarded by the Principal of the college – Dr. Syeda Shariqatul Moula Alquadri in memory of her father-in-law --his Holiness Hazrat Syed Shah Rashad Ali Alquadri for obtaining Highest Marks in C.U. final Examination in Humanities since 2017. Likewise, Dr. Sampa Sen, Associate Professor Dept. of Bengali added another award in memory of her father Sri. Bhupendranath Sen for the best performer in the college in University final examination from the same academic year 2017

Photo of the award ceremony



Major Achievements:

- 1. 1 topper in University UG results in 2020 from the Urdu Department
- More than 75% passed on an average during last 5 years, demonstrating good performance in the University examinations (under CBCS for BA/B.Sc and B.Com streams combined)
- 3. A total of 105 students in the last five years from 2018-2019 to 2022-2023 are pursuing higher studies —Post Graduation, B.Ed courses etc. under different Universities

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Dimension 2: Encouraging students for participation in intra and inter-level college competitions

The students are always encouraged by the teachers to participate in different inter-college and intra-college cultural and academic competitions like debate, quiz, poster, photography to enhance their exposure at every sphere. The students of the college have already proved their excellent in poster and quiz competitions arranged at inter-collegiate level poster and quiz competitions. Even during the pandemic , the college conducted the intra level cultural competitions on singing, dance, art and craft making , recitation to encourage the students in extracurricular activities.

Inter-college Competition

Sweta Sunwar and Krishhna Naskar – (Part II Hons.) from 2017-2018 batch of the department participated in an inter-college poster competition and stood first as a team held in Bethune College at the time of Observing *Sampriti Sapataha* on the 125 Anniversary of Chicago address delivered by Swami Vivekananda.

The competition was held on 13 th September 2018.







 Kazi Rubaiya Siddiqui, SEM I, English Honours student won the first prize in an extempore competition organised by the International Affairs Department, Jadavpur University in the academic session 2018-19.

যুদ্ধ বন্ধের উপায় বাতলে প্রতিযোগিতায় প্রথম রুবাইয়া

Participation at Inter Level college competitions



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This is to certify that KAZI FAIKA SIDDIQUI of UG SEM - V and YASMEEN KHATOON of UG SEM - V represented EKBALPUR GOVT, GIRLS' GENERAL DEGREE COLLEGE in the All Bengal Inter College Quiz Competition held on the 26th September, 2021 in connection with the celebration of the birth anniversaries of Pandit Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, a doyen of Bengal renaissance and literarian Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay and the college secured the Second position in the competition.



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Principal, Hooghly Mohsin College

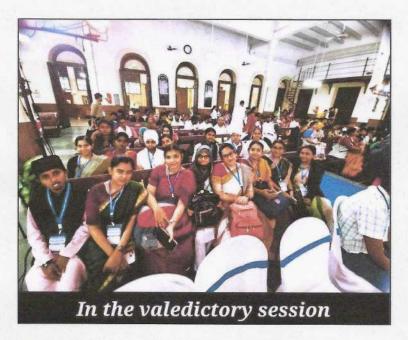
Nishat Raisa from the Department of Commerce was the winner of this R Talent Hunt and was selected for solo performance on Azadi ka Amit Mahotsav on 29th May 2022 . Forthis performance she herself prepared a one-hour speech with songs on India's Independence





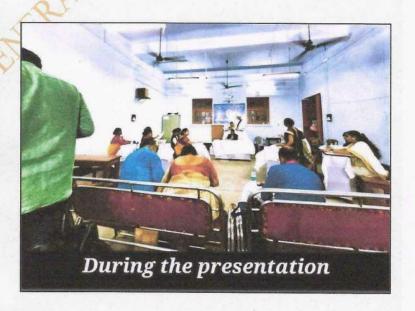
Nishat Raisa, Department of Commerce (selected candidate) on the day of recording

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Participation in Youth Parliament





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Cultural Competitions 2019-20

The cultural sub-committee of our college organised an "Intra-College Cultural Competition" from 24th to 26th September, 2019 among the students of all the departments. The competitions were divided into 8 sections namely singing, dancing, solo acting, extempore, art and craft, rangoli making, painting and debate. The students showed excellent performances in all the sections.



Participation in College level competitions within the campus





All the participants of 'Dance Competition' with the judges

Prepared By Dr. Munia Chakraborty

2019-2020 session



Session 2021-22

Cultural Competition in Online Mode

Date 01,09,2021 - 09,09,2021

Cultural sub-committee of Government Girls' General Degree College organised cultural competition in Google meet platform. Fifty students participated in this programme. Faculty members took part as judges of different competition. E-certificates were given to all.





Participant of singing competition





2021-2022 session in online mode

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Dimension 3: Cognitive Development of the Learners trough skill enhancement training

The college through its IQAC, Career and Placement Cell, Research and Development Cell, Skill enhancement and Incubation Cell are constantly taking efforts to help students to grow up with strength and confidence. The NSS Unit I of the College has arranged Health, Yoga and Self Defence workshops in collaboration with other organizations and NGOs to empower our girls so that they can become independent and fight against oppression and social evils. Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship is also encouraged. This is in compliance with the vision of the MHRD to create a sustainable future.



Dimension 4: Initiatives taken for training on job placements

Our Career Counselling and Placement Cell provides the platform for the students to prepare for Government Jobs, Skill enhancement, entrepreneurship developments. The college has signed MOUs with *Anudip Foundations* and *George Telegraph College*, R.N L. Force etc. to make students aware of different short term training courses at affordable costs. WEBEL

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(a reputed Govt. recognised company) is organising computer training from its very inception in the year 2016. Through Incubation centre the college has started making paper bags, markers for books, greetings Cards.



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So far 27 number of passed out students from the college in the last five years are pursing jobs in different offices and organizations

Dimension 5: Initiatives taken for academic exposure of students by arranging seminars, webinars, workshops

Research and Development Cell promotes meaningful Research and Development activities in all fields of Science and Arts Commerce to the learners. The cell after its establishment in 2018, has taken major initiatives to generate innovative ideas on academic and societal problems and create awareness about filing Patents & IPR. The college has arranged a good

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many number of workshops/ seminar/ trainings to increase the exposure of enrolled students on different contemporary topics. Besides this, the college arrange for value education lectures at regular intervals on different contemporary problems and issues to raise the exposure of students to outer world. The college teachers from different departments act as resource person for the value education lectures held within the premises.

Glimpses of few seminars, webinars and workshops arranged Session 2018-2019 to 2022-2023



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Officer-in-Charge addressing the webinar



IQAC coordinator addressing



Convener addressing the webinar



Participants in the webinar



Dr. Sayantan Sarkar-our esteemed speaker





Dr. Debaprasad Banerjee - IQAC coordinator





Inaugural Ceremony



Inter-College Poster Competition Session of the Students



The Resource Persons



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Evaluation of the Posters by the Experts



The Organizing Committee







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Dimension 6: Extension and Outreach Activities by NSS Unit I of the college

A good number of social outreach programs and extension activities has been performed through NSS Unit I of the college. A slum has been adopted in the vicinity of the college where the NSS unit I regularly visits and makes aware the dwellers on different health issues. In the post pandemic situation, the College took the initiative of distributing masks and sanitizers to the slum residents for maintaining the COVID protocol. AIDS prevention day is observed every year to make everyone aware of this disease. Free health camps are arranged for the local people under special camps of the NSS every year where professional doctors attend from the nearby hospitals or health centres.



Felicitation of the Resource Person



Valunteers are interacting with the slum dwellers



Rally to Mominpur main road



Rally on Dengue Awareness

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Doctor if examining a local lady

Doctor if giving training to the volunteers on how to use a stethoscope





Rally to make people aware of the adverse effects of plastic



Distribution of hand-sanitiser in local police station



Distribution in local shops



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Dimension7: Establishment of Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain Centre for Comparative Languages and Literature study and research centre

The Institute has taken major initiatives to develop a language centre named as Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain Centre for Comparative Languages and Literature study and research centre to develop the infinite connections between diverse areas of various language departments of the college. The key objective is to strengthen linguistic and cultural relations between various languages and literature. An unostentatious yet significant inaugural programme was held at the college on 17.01.2023 to mark the beginning of the pathway of our dream to establish research and study centre by the name of Late Rokeya Shakhawat Hossain. The Honourable Minister of Urban development and municipal affairs and the Mayor of Kolkata Janab Firhad Hakim inaugurated this programme by lighting up candles and also delivered a speech.



Dimension 8: Formation of Electoral Literacy Club for awareness generation on Voting Process

The college has also formed an Electoral literacy club in July 2021 to aware the eligible voters within 18-21 years about the voting process. The college conducted two camps in December 2023 and another on 4th March 2024 with EVM demonstrations of the entire voting process. Both the programs were conducted in collaboration with District Election Commission (Port), Kolkata.

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Dimension 9: Establishment of Heritage Study Centre to portray the rich heritage and cultural diversity of the locality

The college has established a heritage study centre in 2019 which has performed collaborative programs with WB Heritage Commission, Local NGOs like Know Your Neighbour, Breakfree Trails, INTAC to portray the rich heritage and cultural diversity of the locality where the college belongs to. Two cultural diversity festivals were held — --one in November 2019 *Calcutta 23* and another in November 2022 *Khana E Kiddepore* to bring into knowledge the cultural harmony of residents from different religions and language to the outsiders. The students are constantly encouraged to showcase their talents by participating in cooking competitions, poster competitions, debate competitions, sports and cultural events within and outside the college campus.









Photo Gallery of Cultural

Diversity Festival --- Calcutta 23
held in November, 2019







Photo Gallery of the the Food Fest Khana - E - Kidderpore held in November , 2022

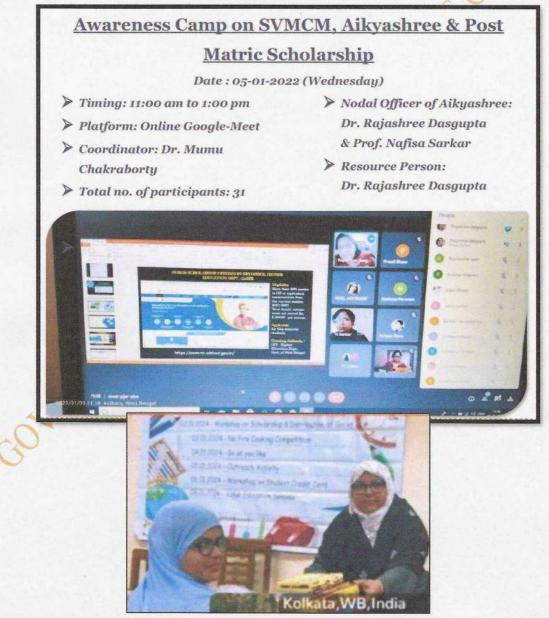


Inauguration of the Food Map in the Event

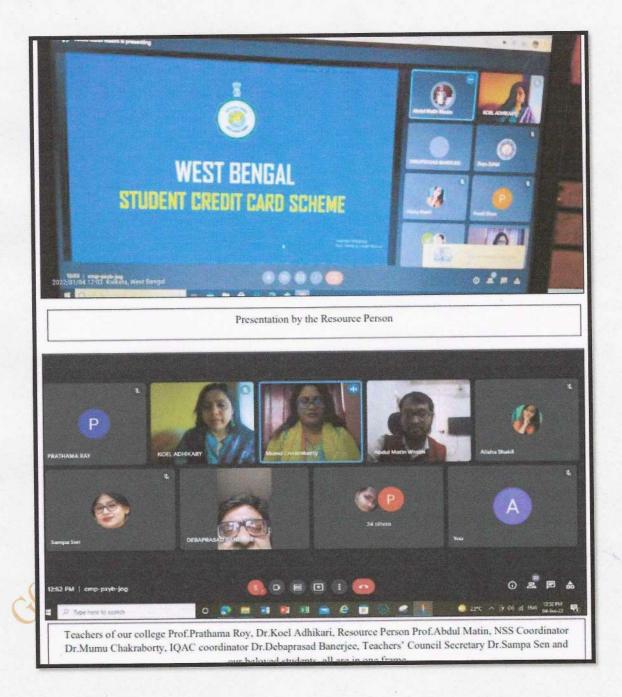
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Dimension10: Financial Assistance to needy and meritorious students

Students are made aware to avail different scholarship facilities offered by State and Central Government as per rules and regulations to apply online by the Students Welfare subcommittee of the college. Around 75% students have been successfully awarded with different scholarship facilities in the last five years from the college. Majority of the enrolled students in the college have little family means to continue their higher education studies for graduation and Post -graduation. Keeping this in mind, the college provides financial assistance to needy and meritorious students once in their entire tenure of three years in the college to buy books and other necessary study materials from the Students Welfare fund . The grant is provided during the semester I course / 1st year course after the admission of the students in the college. The selection of the students along with the grant amount is done through an interview conducted by the Student's Welfare subcommittee with IQAC .



The student's credit card scheme of the State Government is also available for the enrolled learners. He rules regulations of the students credit card facilities are informed to the students after their admission on the orientation day by the Students Credit card subcommittee of the college.



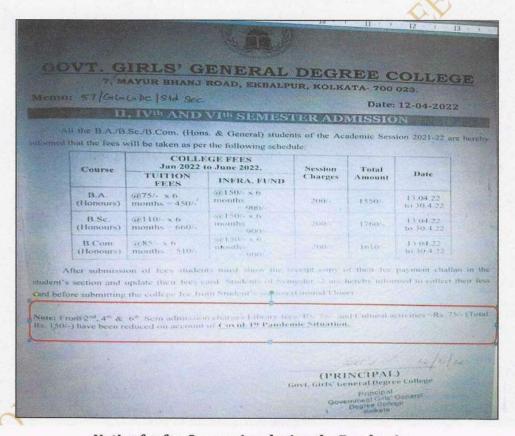
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Activities during COVID 19 PANDEMIC

During the COVID 19 pandemic situation in the academic sessions 2020-2021 and 2021-2022, besides continuing the normal academic curse curriculum the teachers continuously encouraged the students to continue to attend webinars, online quiz competitions and co-curricular activities to remain updated with all the contemporary issues. Study materials were provided in online mode through college website, via email and though whatsapp group. Online examinations both internal and University exams were conducted by the teachers in synchronous platforms like Google meet and zoom with proper invigilation. Besides this the students also participated in different cultural competitions like art and craft, singing, drawing and dancing in online mode organized by the Cultural subcommittee of the college.

The college offered a special concession of fees for library (Rs.75/-) and another for cultural activities (Rs.75/-) i.e. a total of Rs. 150/- semester-wise to the students during the two academic sessions 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 under the Pandemic.



Notice for fee Concession during the Pandemic

It is further to note that all the students were encouraged to get vaccinated before joining the offline classes for health security. Teachers and Office supporting staffs were all vaccinated before the opening of the college. This was also intimated by the college authority to the Higher Education Department GoWB.

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Concluding Remarks

In conclusion, the 360-degree development of students of Government Girls' General Degree College is a holistic approach to recognize the inter-linkage between academic, personal and professional growth. By emphasizing the academic excellence, experiential and participative learning, communication skills, creative thinking, cultural diversity, well-being and career preparation, the college plays a pivotal role in shaping the learners to become academically proficient and skilful in the complex and dynamic world beyond the classroom. This comprehensive approach aims at creating graduates a well-rounded, adaptable and socially JOVERNIEM CIRLS CHINERAL PROPERTY OF THE PROPE responsible individuals who are ready to make meaningful contributions to the society.

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