



# BALURGHAT COLLEGE

Govt. Sponsored • NAAC Accredited

With Post Graduate Courses In Bengali & Sanskrit & History



Balurghat \* Dakshin Dinajpur  
West Bengal \* 733101

# PROFILE OF THE BALURGHAT COLLEGE

## GLIMPSSES OF THE PAST

As a fallout of the struggle for independence this area witnessed a sudden surge in population, primarily owing to the formation of East Pakistan and the subsequent partition of Bengal. This led to the exodus of a class of people who were compelled to leave behind valuables, immovable property, profitable and flourishing business and established profession.

Balurghat, being a town located in the vicinity of the border with Bangladesh, witnessed almost a ten times increase in population density. This led to multiplication of the already existing economic and social problems. Education, was one such necessity which required to be met on a priority that it merited.

With the intention to solve this social requirement, Balurghat College was founded on the 8th day of September, 1948 and embarked upon its odyssey as an Intermediate Liberal Arts College, with 96 pupils on its rolls, under the tin-sheds of Balurghat High School. This College began operating under the affiliation of Calcutta University and classes were taken regularly by socially generous educationists of the town, on the afternoon hours.

In the year 1949, the College was shifted to its present day location which was then the vacant Muslim Hostel of Balurghat High School. This facility, along with its land, was purchased by the College at a cost of Rupees Forty Thousand only.

The College, soon, began to gain popularity and registered a sharp rise in the number of students and obtained recognition by the University Grants Commission (UGC) in 1950. This college is supported by the Government of West Bengal as an aided College. Intermediate science classes were initiated in 1950, followed by B.A (Pass) in 1953 and B.Sc (Pass) in 1956. In 1964 the evening B.Com and in 1972 the evening part-time B.Ed classes were started. The B.Com evening section was, subsequently, converted to the morning section and the B.Ed classes had to be dropped consequent upon a Government decision. In September, 2003, the North Bengal University accepted Balurghat College as a constituent college. However, since the academic year 2008-2009 this college has got itself affiliated to the University of Gour Banga.

## LOCATION :

Balurghat College is located in the heart of the Town beside District library and Municipal office. As the college is on the main road the students of this college enjoy quick availability of transport to any part of the town.

## NAAC ACCREDITATION :

The College had been assessed by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) on 3rd May, 2004 and was accredited with 'B'+ grade and is the process of re-accreditation in the near future.

## **ATTENDANCE IN CLASS**

- a. Each student who will attend a minimum of 75% (Seventy five) of the total number of lectures delivered, will be treated as regular students.
- b. A student who will attend less than 75% of lectures will be treated as Non-collegiate students.
- c. Attendance in the practical classes will be treated in the same way as in the above mentioned ratios.
- d. N.C.C. students are to attend 75% of the parades held, failing which they shall be treated as absent from the college without notice for more than one month, their names may be struck off from the college roll. (As per statue NBU 2000 Sec-28)

## **IDENTITY CARD**

Each candidate must deposit at the time of his/her taking admission a fee of Rs. 35/- for Identity card.

## **WITHDRAWAL FROM THE COLLEGE**

A student who desires to withdraw from the college shall apply in writing for withdrawal certificate which shall be granted to him in the prescribed form on clearance of all his/her dues to the college.

## **OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES**

### **9.1 PROF. SURENDRA MAJUMDER COMPUTER EDUCATION CENTRE**

Prof. Sunrendra Majumder Computer Education Centre established in 2003 with the motto of imparting computer education to local students at this college. It offers three years B.Sc.Honours and General and B.C.A. Courses in Computer Science.

## LIBRARY

The college has a rich library in a two- storied building in the college premises with more than 50 thousand books on different subjects. It has three sections (1) Reference section (2) Lending section (3) Reading section. The college library is opened during the college hours.

### LIBRARY RULES :

- (a) After admission, a student has to produce his Fee-Receipt to the librarian for collecting the library card within the notified time.
- (b) Students are provided with a reader's card for the reading room of the library and a borrower's Card which enable them to take out books on loan. These cards are non-transferable and must be returned at the end of the session.
- (c) Two books can be borrowed by an honours course student and one book for general course student.
- (d) For the students of morning section, the library is opened for extended hours for which students are required to know the specific days of the week and the hours from the library.
- (e) Reference books on various subjects including various journals and periodicals etc can be consulted only in the reading room.
- (f) Books issued for seven days may be re-issued for a shorter period by the librarian, if possible.
- (g) Before leaving the counter, the reader shall satisfy himself / herself as to whether the book lent to him is in perfect condition. If not, he/she shall immediately bring the matter to the notice of the librarian or his assistant. Otherwise he/she shall be responsible for the replacement of the book or shall have to pay the current price of the book.
- (h) Readers should not write upon, damage, fold the pages of or put any mark upon the book ( periodical, manuscript or map or any other material belonging to the library). If the reader infringes the rules, he/she shall have to replace the book or pay the cost of the book.
- (i) A fine fo 50 paise per book per day has to be paid if there is any delay in returning books immediately after the bowing period it over.
- (j) Loss of library card must be informed immediately to the Librarian and a duplicate card will be issued against a formal application with proper documents.
- (k) Noise-making and other activities unbecoming of the library environment are strictly prohibited in the library. The librarian may refuse admission into the library to any person infringing the rules and regulations of the library and he should bring it to the notice of the principal.

## **STUDENTS' HOSTEL :**

### **BOYS' HOSTEL**

For boys, the college has two-storied hostel close to the college with accommodation of 66 boys managed under the direct supervision of a superintendent.

### **HOSTEL RULES**

a) If the students of this college are willing to get accommodation in the hostel, they will have to pay the fees for admission. Application for hostel accommodation should be submitted separately along with the application for admission into the college. Admission is for one session in the first instance. No renewal fee for admission of old boarders need to be paid. Application forms are available at the college office.

### **GIRLS' HOSTEL :**

For girls, the college has a newly constructed two storied hostel close to the teachers' quarters area under the direct supervision of a superintendent.

## **STUDENTS' COMMON ROOM :**

The college has two separate common rooms - one for boys and the other for the girls.

## **STUDENTS' UNION**

There is a students' union in the college, of which all students are members. Its Executive Body is formed by the regular election in every year. The aim of the students' union is to develop personality and leadership and to enforce discipline among the students. The Principal/Teacher-in-charge of the college is the Ex-officio Chairman of the students' union. The members of the union conduct the activities of the union under the supervision of the respective Teacher-in-charge.

## **COLLEGE MUSEUM**

Balurghat college has a very rich historical Museum containing antique collection of great historical importance. The whole of Dakshin Dinajpur district is very rich in these antiques. The credit goes to late Prof. Achinta Krishna Goswami, who took the initiatives to collect the antiques from different places of the district and to bring them to the Balurghat College Museum. In 1968, UGC also granted the permission for the foundation of the Museum and the result was that this museum became the first museum of the former West Dinajpur District.

The Balurghat college Museum has coins, stone artifacts, swords, fossils, terracotta, ornamental stones, old manuscripts, sculptures etc. of different dynasties like Mourya, Gupta, Sunga, Pala-Sena, Sultanate, Mughal and British Period. It also features some stone inscriptions of the early medieveal age and the recently discovered inscriptions of the 11th century of Nayapala from Gangarampur.

Continuous work is going on with the financial assistance of Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India under the scheme of "Promotion and Strengthening of Regional and Local Museum " with a view to opening the well-decorated Museum" very shortly to students, general public, Scholars, visitors, and culturally enriched people of the locality and its surroundings to provide valuable information regarding the heritage of the district of Dakshin Dinajpur and North Dinajpur. The museum for its immense importance has been included in the tourist map of West Bengal as an important place to visit. The Museum of Balurghat college is the pride of Dakshin Dinajpur District.

## **GRIEVANCE & REDRESSAL CELL :**

Headed by the Principal and assisted by the T.R. Members of the G.B., the Grievance Redressal Cell looks into grievances of all persons related with the college and takes steps towards quick and transparent redressal of the same.

## **DISCIPLINE**

### **A. Acceptance of W.B. Act regarding Ragging :**

The college has accepted the West Bengal Prohibition of Ragging in Educational Institution Act, 2000 (W.B. Act XIII of 2000) which, inter alia, contained the following provisions (For detail. "The Calcutta Gazette," Extra-Ordinary, Published by Authority, Monday, May 29, 2000 may be seen).

a) "Ragging" means the doing of any act which causes, or is likely to cause any physical, psychological or physiological harm of apprehension or shame or embarrassment to a student and includes -

- i) Teasing or abusing or playing practical joke on, or causing hurt to any student. or
- ii) Asking any student to do any act or perform any thing which he/she would not, in the ordinary course, be willing to do or perform.

### **B. Prohibition of Ragging :**

a) Ragging within an educational institution is hereby prohibited.

b) No person shall participate in, abet, or propagate, ragging in any educational institution.

### **C. Penalty for Ragging :**

a) Expulsion from the educational Institution, if found guilty on enquiry by the institution against a complaint lodged by any other student.

b) Imprisonment or detention up to 2 years or fine up to five thousand rupees or both.

c) Any students convicted under 3(b) shall be dismissed from the educational institution in which he/she has been prosecuting his/her studies for time being, and shall not be re-admitted to that educational institution.

The college has further accepted in Principle that each and every student of college shall be duty bound during the entire period of studentship with the college to immediately report to the H.O.D. if any ragging is noticed either in college Hostel or on college campus.

**D.** Admission to the college binds a student to observe college rules and all directives that may be issued from time to time by the college Authorities.

**E. Loitering and lounging on the corridors are strictly prohibited.**

**F. Students must carry Identity cards with them in the college campus.**

**G.** Any student who is found to be absent from his/her classes for more than 10 days at a stretch without sufficient ground and prior intimation shall not be allowed to continue his/her studies in this college.

**H.** While using the library Books, students must take care that no damage is done to the books. Causing damage to library Books will make a student liable to punishment which, in extreme cases, may be suspension or expulsion from the college.

**I. Use of mobile / Cell phones in the corridors, class-rooms and Laboratories and Libraries is strictly prohibited and its violation will entail forfeiture of the set or fine or both.**

**J.** The college campus, excluding the residential area, has been declared a **no-smoking zone**. Smoking in this area is strictly prohibited, **sptting** and **chewing of Pan Masala / Pan / Gutkha** any where within the college building is also strictly prohibited. Any body found to indulge in these acts will be punished.

**K.** Students are required to follow the notice Board everyday for relevant information