

PROSPECTUS

2016-2017



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

GLIMPSES 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.

PROGRAMMES & COURSES OFFERED

PROGRAMMES OFFERED: B.A, B.Sc, B.Com, M.A.

DEGREE COURSES : Honours & General

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| 1. Bengali | 11. Physics |
| 2. English | 12. Chemistry |
| 3. Sanskrit | 13. Mathematics |
| 4. History | 14. Zoology |
| 5. Philosophy | 15. Botany |
| 6. Political Science | 16. Computer science
(Self Financing) |
| 7. Economics | 17. Journalism & mass communication |
| 8. Geography | 18. Food & Nutrition |
| 9. Education | 19. Sociology |
| 10. Accountancy | 20. Physical Education |

N.B:

i) Honours course candidates are to choose :

- (a) One Honours subject
- (b) Two elective / General subjects from among those offered by the college

POST GRADUATE COURSES (M.A)

- 1. Bengali
- 2. Sanskrit
- 3. History

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 of 50 paise per book per day has to be paid if there is any delay in returning books immediately after the borrowing period is 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.

WOMEN DEVELOPMENT CELL

The college has set up the Women Development Cell to stop the women harassment in institution and to facilitate the women participation rightly for the proper development and to look after the day-to-day grievances and recommend for redressal.

Convenor: Dr. Piyali Sengupta

Members:	Dr. Bandana Ghosh	Prof. Beauty Das
	Prof. Kanika Nandi	Dr. Gouri Das
	Dr. Bhaswati Mukhopadhyay	Dr. Poushali Das Mitra
	Prof. Aditi Dasgupta	Prof. Poulami Saha
	Dr. Chhanda Chatterjee	Ms. Jharna Chakraborty

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 of either 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, spitting 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

TEACHING STAFF

FACULTY OF ARTS

DEPT. OF BENGALI

1. Dr. Bhaswati Mukhapadhyay, M.A., Ph.D
2. Smt. Aditi Dasgupta, M.A.
3. Sri Ripan Sarkar M.A,
4. Dr. Samit Kumar Saha M.A., Ph.D
5. Smt. Sefali Mandal M.A.
6. Dr. Tumpa Bhattacharjee
7. Dr. Mahua Sannigrahi M.A. Ph.D
8. Dr. Poushali Das Mitra M.A., M. Phil, Ph.D

Associate Professor
Assistant Pofessor
Assistant Professor
Assistant Professor
Assistant Professor
Full time contractual
Full time contractual

DEPT. OF ENGLISH

1. Sri Debojyoti Sarkar M.A., M. Phil
2. Smt. Sudipta Biswas M.A.

Assistant Professor
PTT (Govt. Approved)

DEPT. OF SANSKRIT

1. Smt. Kanika Nandi M.A.
2. Sri Kuntal Ganguly M.A.
3. Smt. Ishani Chowdhury M.A.
4. Smt. Mithu Biswas M.A.
5. Sri. Debashis Natta M.A.
6. Sri. Biswanath Dutta M.A
7. Sri. Proloy Sarkar M.A.
8. Smt. Amrita Ghosh M.A.
9. Smt. Rupali Dutta M.A.
10. Smt. Ambika Nandi M.A.

Associate Professor
PTT (Govt. Approved)
PTT (Govt. Approved)
Assistant Professor
Assistant Professor
Contractual Teacher
Contractual Teacher
Contractual Teacher
Guest Teacher
Guest Teacher

DEPT. OF HISTORY

1. Sri Bibek Das M.A.	Assistant Professor
2. Smt. Jamuna Subba M.A.	Assistant Professor
3. Sri Chandan Baisya M.A.	Assistant Professor
4. Smt. Jasmin Khatun M.A.	Assistant Professor
5. Sri Rejaul Karim M.A.	PTT Govt, Approved
6. Sri Rupam Mohanta M.A.	PTT Govt. Approved
7. Sri Amit Kumar Seal, M.A.	PPT Govt. Approved
8. Sri Anirban Chowdhury, M.A.	Full Time Contractual
9. Sri Sukanta Paul, M.A.	Full time Contractual
10. Smt. Jaya Biswas, M.A.	Full time Contractual
11. Sri. Papan Chaudhury M.A.	Full time Contractual
12. Smt. Writika Das M.A.	Full time Contractual

DEPT. OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

1. Dr. Bandana Ghosh, M.A., M.Phil Ph.D	Associate Professor
2. Sri Debashis Ghosh, M.A., M. Phil	Associate Professor
3. Sri Binoy Rabidas, M.A., M. Phil	Assistant Professor
4. Dr. Yang Lama Bhutia, M.A., Ph.D	Assistant Professor
5. Smt. Bratati Das, M.A.	Full time Contractual

DEPT. OF PHILOSOPHY

1. Dr. Chhanda Chatterjee, M.A., Ph.D	Assistant Professor
2. Dr. Poulami Chakraborty, M.A., Ph.D	Assistant Professor
3. Dr. Amiya Chatterjee, M.A., Ph.D.	PTT (Govt. Approved)
4. Smt. Sukla Barman, M.A.	PTT (Govt. Approved)

DEPT. OF ECONOMICS

1. Sri Dilip Bhattacharya M.A, M.Phil.
2. Dr. Shyam Charan Barma, M.A. Ph.D.
3. Smt. Pratima Chamling Rai, M.A.
4. Smt. Jyoti Kumari Sharma, M.A.

Associate Professor
Assistant Professor
Assistant Professor
Assistant Professor

DEPT. OF EDUCATION

1. Sri Bidyut Sarkar, M.A., M.Phil.
2. Smt. Pramila Halder, M.A.

Part time contractual
Part time contractual

DEPT. OF GEOGRAPHY

1. Smt. Beauty Das, M.A.
2. Smt. Atisha Lama Yolmo, M.A.
3. Sri. Uzzal Kumar Pramanik, M.A.
4. Sri Pintu Biswas, M.A.

Assistant Professor
Assistant Professor
PTT (Govt. Approved)
Assistant Professor

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

1. Smt. Anushree Das, M.A.

Guest Lecturer

DEPARTMENT OF MASS COMMUNICATION & JOURNALISM

1. Sri Srikanta Thakur, M.A.
2. Sri Arnab Majumdar, M.A.

Guest Lecturer
Guest Lecturer

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

1. Md Shahidul Islam Mandal, M.A.

Guest Lecturer

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

DEPT. OF PHYSICS

1. Dr. Madhumita Dhar, M.Sc., Ph.D.
2. Dr. Gargi Dutta, M.Sc., Ph.D.
3. Dr. Namita Dutta Gupta, M.Sc., Ph.D.
4. Sri. Dulal Barmam, M.Sc.
5. Sri Arup Karmakar, M.Sc.

Assistant Professor
Assistant Professor
Assistant Professor
Assistant Professor
Assistant Professor

DEPT. OF CHEMISTRY

1. Sri Bhabendu Bhattacharya, M.Sc.
2. Sri Ashoke Kumar Ghosh, M.sc.
3. Dr. Piyali Sengupta, M.Sc, Ph.D.
4. Dr. Subhashis Biswas, M.Sc., Ph.D.
5. Dr. Rajesh Kumar Das, M.Sc., Ph.D.
6. Smt. Sultana Yeasmin, M.Sc.
7. Dr. Asik Hossian, M.Sc., Ph.D
8. Dr. Soumen Sarkar, M.Sc., Ph.D
9. Sri Abhishek Maji, M.Sc.
10. Dr. Krishnananda Samanta, M.Sc., Ph.D

G.L.I. (SL. Grade)
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Assistant Professor
Assistant Professor
Assistant Professor
Assistant Professor
Assistant Professor
Assistant Professor
Assistant Professor
Assistant Professor

DEPT. OF MATHEMATICS

1. Sri Prasanta Dhair, M.Sc., M.Phil.
2. Dr. Laxman Saha, M.Sc., Ph.D.
3. Sri Harekrishna Mandal, M.Sc.

Assistant Professor
Assistant Professor
Assistant Professor

DEPT. OF BOTANY

1. Dr. Parasuram kamilya, M.Sc., Ph.D.
2. Dr. Gouri Das, M.Sc., Ph.D.
3. Sri Swapan Kumar Chowdhury, M.Sc.
4. Sri Avijit Biswas, M.Sc.

Assistant Professor
Assistant Professor
Assistant Professor
PTT (Govt. Approved)

DEPT. OF ZOOLOGY

1. Dr. Tathagata Chakraborty, M.Sc., Ph.D.
2. Smt. Poulami Saha, M.Sc.
3. Dr. Rupa Harsha, M.Sc., Ph.D.
4. Smt. Monika Ghosh, M.Sc.

Assistant Professor
PTT (Govt. Approved)
Assistant Professor
Assistant Professor

DEPT. COMPUTER SCIENCE

1. Sri Sujit Kumar Saha, M.C.A.
2. Sri Saikat Ghosh, M.Sc.

Full Time Contractual
Full Time Contractual

DEPARTMENT OF FOOD & NUTRITION

1. Smt. Pritikana Karmakar, M.Sc.
2. Smt. Susmita Saha, M.Sc.

Guest Lecturer
Guest Lecturer

FACULTY OF COMMERCE

1. Sri Tarasankar Bandyo, M.Com.
2. Sri Ramesh Singh Chouhan, M.Com.
3. Sri Amitabha Bhattacharya, M.Com.
4. Sri Jeet Mukherjee, M.Com.
5. Sri Mrinmay Dutta, M.Com.
6. Sri Dipankar Dutta, M.Com.
7. Sri. Apu Manna, M.Com.
8. Sri Dibakar Bhattacharjee, M.Com., L.L.B

Associate Professor
Associate Professor
Assistant Professor
Assistant Professor
Assistant Professor
Assistant Professor
Assistant Professor
PTT(Govt. Approved)

LIBRARY

1. Sri Nikhil Chandra Sarkar, M.A., M.Lib.
2. Sri Manoj Choudhury, M.A., M.Lib.

Librarian
Librarian

NON TEACHING STAFF

FULL TIME

1. Sri. Sanjay Das	Head Clerk
2. Sri. Utpal Kumar Basak	Clerk
3. Smt. Asha Kamet	Sweeper
4. Smt. Malati Khasnobish	Laboratory Attd. Dept. of Zoology
5. Sri. Debajit Basak	Night Watchman
6. Smt. Rina Basfore	Sweeper
7. Sri. Uttam Adhikary	Laboratory Attd. Dept. of Botany
8. Smt. Sulata Mondal	Lady Attd. Girls common room
9. Sri. Tapash Mukherjee	Laboratory Attd. Dept. Chemistry
10. Sri. Samir Chakraborty	Elec.Cum Caretaker
11. Smt. Jharna Chakraborty	Laboratory Attd. Dept. of Chemistry
12. Sri. Kajal Adhikary	Laboratory Attd. Dept. of Physics
13. Sri. Tushar Bhaduri	Darwan

PART TIME

1. Sri Suranjan Dutta	Part-time, Accountant Asstt.
2. Sri Kallol Mahata	Part-time, Computer Asstt.
3. Sri Debpal Basak	Part-time Clerk
4. Sri Prolay Chowdhury	Part-time Clerk
5. Sri Pradip Kumar Chakraborty	Part-time Clerk
6. Sri Subhamoy Adhikary	Part-time Office work
7. Sri Avijit Bhattacharjee	Part-time Lab. Attendant, Zoology
8. Sri Probir Bhowmick	Part-time Lab. Attendant, Geog.
9. Smt. Momi Saha.	Part-time Lab. Attendant, Computer Sc.
10. Sri Panchanan Rabidas	Part-time Sweeper
11. Smt. Pinki Mustafi	Lab Attendant, Botany
12. Sri Saptaraj Acharya	Part-time Office Assistant (Morning)
13. Smt. Ruma Das Tokdar	Part-time Lab Attendant Chemistry
14. Smt. Sukla Mondal	Part-time Group-D Staff
15. Smt. Gopa Das Mali	Part-time Lab Attendant, Physics
16. Smt. Krishna Bhowmik	Part-time Office Peon
17. Sri Amit Das	Part-time Office Assistant
18. Sri Shuvankar Ghosh	Part-time Group-D Staff
19. Sri Bhim Halader	Part-time Group-D Staff
20. Sri Ayan Sarkar	Part-time Group-D Staff
21. Sri Subhankar Sarkar	Part-time Main Gate Guard
22. Sri Supriya Banerjee	Part-time Cycle Stand Guard

DEPARTMENTAL PROFILES

DEPARTMENT OF BENGALI

The Department of Bengali was established in 1948 - the very year of inception of the College. The prime objective is to disseminate the advanced knowledge of Bengali language and literature through its devoted efforts. Over the decades, the department has offered undergraduate courses. Thousands of our students could build their career in different fields of life – especially in teaching. The Department was upgraded to a post-graduate status in 2003. It has been able to organize seminars, symposium etc. by inviting persons of proven academic excellence for the benefit of the students. After completion of their studies, a number of our students have qualified NET, SET and SSC examinations. They are now teaching in different schools and colleges across different parts of the state.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

Since the very inception of Balurghat College on the 8th September, 1948, the Dept. of English was inaugurated. In the seventies and eighties, the Department of English had the opportunities to get services of the most distinguished and evident teachers namely Late Prof. Asit Banerjee and Late Prof. Kumud Chatterjee and Late Prof. Subhas Chatterjee. In 1990 the Elective English course, as pass course English optional with 300 marks, was introduced. But the department gained vigour and began its glorious journey with the introduction of Honours course in 1996.

The Dept. of English is now a four-man department consisting of two Permanent teachers and two part-time teachers. We hold constant fruitful discussions among ourselves for the progress of the students as well as for the progress of syllabi. We take unit tests as part of the feed-back process. What is noteworthy is that there is an earnest and sincere co-operation among the teachers of the department. We motivate our student to learn more to build their character and proper attitude. The dept.- in-charge Prof. DEBAJYOTI SARKAR holds constant fruitful discussion with his fellow colleague Prof. Indrajit Chattopadhyaya as well as with the part time teachers. Teaching is our religion, our vocation. Therefore, we organize seminars, quiz, Video-shows, departmental exhibitions, and wall-magazines. The teachers upgrade themselves through Refresher and Orientation Courses, Library works and Seminars. themselves through Refresher and Orientation courses, Library work and Seminar.

DEPARTMENT OF SANSKRIT

Sanskrit is one of the traditional Indian languages. It is known that many other languages, the world over owe their origin to Sanskrit. This language has been handed down to us over a long time and sharpens the philosophical outlook of those who study it. The foundation of modern science has been laid by this subject, since ancient times. The Sanskrit Department is always trying to provide a very high standard of education to the students and make them ready, not only to compete at the professional front, but also take up competitive challenges in life after college, by instilling a sincere sense of discipline, moral values and self esteem. The subject was introduced as an Honours subject in this institution in 1973. Many students who have passed out from this Department have succeeded in securing the best results in the University Examinations in the last decade.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

The History department of Balurghat college started its journey along with Balurghat College itself, and now has become one of the biggest assets of the college and to all the communities of the society because of its rich museum containing antique collections of great historical importance of the Pala and Sena period. The department was again enriched when the post-graduate section was introduced in 2008 with an intake capacity of 50 students. The department has also both the Honours and general courses. The intake capacity of the Honours is 83.

The department has three full-time Assistant Professors and Three part-time teacher, who are very sincere and dedicated to their service. The teachers of the department always take active participation in organizing co-curricular activities for the overall development of the students in the college. The class test is held every month. The Department always welcomes the students who are keen to take History as a Honours and General subject. We make sincere and dedicated effort to build the bright future of the students.

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

The Department of Philosophy started its journey from the very beginning of this college. Its aim was to cultivate the best of global learning. The Department is at present a well recognized department in North Bengal University as well as in the university of Gour Banga. The department not only engages itself to ensure quality teaching, but also provides some book, journals, study material for updating the students so that they can take the level examination, viz, SSC, SET, NET, WBCS etc. The faculty members are always trying to enrich the department with their knowledge and dedication. Students who passed out from this department have found placement as faculty member in different Schools. Colleges and other institution in different parts of Bengal and in other states of India.

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

The study of political science as a discipline acquaints an individual with the society he or she lives in. It is important because it gives an insight about administration, leadership and government. From this point of view, it was felt very essential to introduce the subject at the school or college level. In the year 1953, with the inception of B.A. pass course in Balurghat college, the then students had their opportunity to study political Science. A significant development occurred in 1964 when Honours course was offered in political Science. It was the beginning of a journey towards socio-political investigation. It is worth mentioning that the department has produced so many renowned persons who have served or have been serving in different fields of society. At present four permanent teachers and one part time teacher are attached to the department who are engaged in different research and project studies. The department holds class Tests regularly, participates in district level youth parliament and quiz competition conducted by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs, Govt of West Bengal. The department is also engaged in counseling the students for planning their future after passing UG/PG, namely S.S.C., P.S.C. and other services.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

After passing Higher Secondary Examination, a student can get admission in economics Honours course of study (B.A./B.Sc.) at Balurghat College if he/she has at least second division marks with pass marks for the combination mathematics. For Economics Honours course of study if a student takes combinations: Mathematics and Computer science, as suggested, he/she would be benefitted for post-graduation and research studies in future. As financial services in the country under public and private sectors are emerging vigorously, the job market for students of economics would be no longer narrow in coming years. A student of economics with a managerial degree can get a job of financial analyser both in public and private sector firms and even in multinational firms operating in the country and abroad. There are four permanent teachers in the department, who are engaged in different research and project studies. Almost all the teachers participated in different National and International seminars/conferences. One teacher attended an international seminar in abroad. The department urges on to suggest incoming student notwithstanding the thirsty for a job in school through SSC, which usually notified the insignificant number of vacancies for several years, a post-graduate degree in economics will help him/her to find broad job markets in the country. Because of post-graduate degree the doors of the varsities are always open to him/her if he/she has a degree in economic Honours.

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

Geography as a distinct subject was offered to the students in this college and a separate Department of Geography was established in the year 1996. The students are offered both Honours and General course of studies in Geography. The department has an upgraded geography laboratory for students. The syllabus of the subject has been further enriched with the introduction of various recent topics such as Remote sensing, G.I.S. satellite Imagery Interpretation, Digital map making etc. The college has set up a computer laboratory. So the Students with interest in computer will be able to learn the subject with application. The department has at present, two full-time highly academic teachers and two part time teachers.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Now -a- days, the subject Education becomes an indispensable subject in the school curricula as well as college curricula. Keeping pace with the huge demand of the subject among students our college started Education as general course in 2008 - 2009 with the permission of the appropriate authority. We are continuously trying our level best to introduce this subject at Honours level.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Commerce education started in this College as far back as 8th September 1964 with the active co-operation of Prof. Adhir Kr. Das. The department of Commerce started B.Com. (Honours) course of study with a modest number of students in the year 1969. Students would come to this College from far-off neighbourhood since it was the only College in the District of Dakshin Dinajpur that imparted Commerce education.

The eighties registered a sharp increase in the number of students and there was no looking back. The department went from strength to strength and grew to be the largest Department in the College. The students who passed out from this College have excelled themselves in various academic and professional fields and their achievement is something to be proud of. After graduation, students have options to go in for M.Com. degree and engage themselves in research activities and serve Colleges and Universities as teachers and academicians.

The highly motivated faculties of the Department teach students with a measure of professional aptitude and prepare the students for highly professional degrees like C.A., I.C.W.A., B.B.A. and M.B.A.

The Commerce education has opened up vast avenues for students to make progress in life. A number of professional courses like C.A., I.C.W.A., B.B.A. and so on provide ample opportunities to build up careers. The Department of Commerce of this College offers this opportunity to students to excel themselves in various professional fields.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

At the very outset the teaching and learning process in the intermediate Science classes in Balurghat College was started in the year 1950. In 1956 B.Sc. (General) classes were started and the college was taken up under the sponsored scheme by the Government. Since then the Department of Physics has been catering quality and value education to the students of physics both in Honours and General courses matching with the needs of the society and merit of the students.

The Department of physics bears a remarkable history in the field of teaching learning process specially to the students of Hons. Classes and it is continuously and keeping itself abreast of the advancement in the field. Its many good students are now working in India & abroad not only in the field of research and teaching but also in sphere of administration in different Government and Non - Government organizations. The Department of Physics has well equipped practical laboratories to conduct practical classes of both the Hons. & General students. The Department has its own Library for providing books to the meritorious and needy students of the Department.

The Department has its well furnished computer laboratory and conducts career oriented programme(s) (COP) - "Computer Application" & "Electronic Equipment Maintenance".

Many reputed stalwart teachers have rendered their valuable services to this Department to bring the Department to its present position of prestige and competence.

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

Chemistry Department began its journey in 1950 and proved to be one of the best departments in the college. It offers both general and Honours courses. It has a good teacher-students ratio, well-equipped laboratory with sophisticated equipments. The department has received UGC fund for upgrading laboratory facilities. The department has its own computer room and a library. Faculty members are actively involved in research work. A good number of pass out are well established in the state and abroad.

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

"..... who knows Mathematics, knows everything" - a line which reveals the most. Mathematics is such a subject which has enormous scopes for the students. Students having background in Mathematics can pursue their careers in various fields such as Teaching sector, I.T. sector, Financial sector, Research sector, Civil Services sector etc. to name a few.

Keeping pace with the huge demand of such a fascinating subject, the Department of Mathematics started functioning in 1956 with a few sincere and enthusiastic teachers. Today it consists of three energetic teachers who have been doing their level best to serve the students and also they are engaged in active research work. The department has a well equipped laboratory to impart practical knowledge to the students. The department provides a co-operative and congenial atmosphere to the

students where they can discuss their problems with the teachers.

Lastly " I believe the day must come when the Biologist without being a Mathematician will not hesitate to use Mathematical analysis when he requires it " - Karl Pearson. This quotation amply proves the importance and utility of learning Mathematics a distinct subject matter.

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

The department of zoology of Balurghat College was inaugurated in 1952. Since then the department is engaged to ensure the quality teaching. It offers both General and Honours courses. The faculty members of this department are actively involved in various research Programmers as well as teaching learning activities to offer and share the best up to date information and knowledge. They are also engaged in UGC remedial coaching for SC, ST and BC students. The department has well-equipped laboratory with sufficient sophisticated instruments and a specimen museum to offer the students the best practical knowledge. The department also has its own library for providing reference books to the students of the department. Most of the students after completion of their studies from this department are well established after qualifying for NET, SET, SSC and other competitive examinations. They are now teaching in different schools and colleges, serving different governmental sectors, doing their research in different fields of sciences.

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

Balurghat College is a leading educational institution of this region since 1948. The Department of Botany, in this college, has evolved into a pioneering centre in imparting quality education on the subject. The Department is continuously in search of providing excellence in subject education and honing the skill of its pupils with the intention to provide them a sound base with a competitive edge as they embark upon their professional journey after receiving formal education in this institute. This Department started the Honours course since 1990. Botany is an integral part of Life Sciences and one's knowledge in this subject enriches life in ways both theoretical and practical. The Department is staffed by competent faculty members, a dedicated back-up team, a well equipped laboratory and its own medicinal garden. The Department conducts long and short excursions for students to enlighten them about the floral diversity of our country. Our faculty members are engaged in the UGC Remedial Coaching for SC, ST and BC students as a matter of social responsibility. The Botany Department is always endeavouring to build the future of its students through sincere teaching. The Department is proud to have a large number of its alumni who have found

their place amongst the best at the University level. Pass outs from this Department could pursue further studies and find enrolment in leading institutes to study Molecular Biology, Agro-biology, Biotechnology, Microbiology, Plant Pathology, Genetics etc.

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

Dept. of Computer science started its journey from the academic year 2004-2005, with the affiliation of University of North Bengal (N.B.U), to impart computer science education to the students of the backward area.

Later on, the Department was affiliated to the University of Gour Banga (U.G.B) from the academic year 2007-2008. The department has its well furnished air-conditioned laboratories for both hardware and software practical. This Dept. conducts both Hons. & pass courses in Computer Science and provides BCA course. The Department has its own Library facilities for providing books to the students.

After the completion of their studies, a number of our students have qualified in JECA and various competitive exams for higher studies. They are now working in private sectors (TCS, WIPRO, HCL, CTS, HP etc.), various Govt. sectors, and public sectors.