

Located in the adjacent area of East Kanthalpara, the hallowed birthplace of the prominent litterateur and nationalist Rishi Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, **Rishi Bankim Chandra College for Women** began its journey as erstwhile Rishi Bankim Chandra College on 15th January, 1947. From August, 1964, a morning section solely meant for women was started within the same premises. The college was rechristened as **Rishi Bankim Chandra College for Women on and from 13th July 1984.**

The college was to soon carve its own niche by functioning independently and was included under University Grant Commission 2f and 12b acts in the year 1998. Rishi Bankim Chandra College for Women was accredited by NAAC on August 2004 in the first and November 2016 in the second cycle. Apart from offering courses in Honours/General of the B.A. / B.Sc. stream the college has started programmes in new and career oriented subjects viz- Journalism and Physiology. The college has extended its infrastructural facilities by constructing a new building to the east of its present campus named Vidyasagar Bhavan. With a complete new block as its stronghold, the college is on its way to expand the facilities which might have faced some constraints earlier. Now, it can boast of a better equipped spacious library, more classrooms, laboratories for new courses like Journalism and Physiology, rooms for National Service Scheme and National Cadet Corps. In addition, the college now owns two separate two storied buildings of which Ananga Bhavan houses Dept of Zoology, day care centre, additional classrooms and laboratories, NCC and NSS offices, and the other building is being modified right now for classrooms to cater to the demands of CBCS system.

Inclusive in its vision of providing scopes of academic progression to the students within the same campus, the college has introduced M.A.(Regular) in Bengali under WBSU. The college also runs a study centre of IGNOU which provides M.A. courses in English, Political Science and Sociology, PG Diploma courses in Translation and Rural Development, and also a certificate course in Rural Development. This is with the objective of making higher education available to the maximum number of (both male & female) students and also to provide opportunities to those students who fail to get admissions in post-graduate programmes.

For inculcating co-curricular skills and increasing social outreach of the institution the college has units of NCC and NSS. The NCC unit is run by Lieutenant Utsa Biswas, NCC Officer as well as a faculty member. The NCC cadets regularly participate in various camps. The college has two units of NSS which are functioning dynamically. Unit 1 under Prof Sudipa Pramanik and Unit 2 under

Dr. Tulima Dey, our NSS volunteers regularly organize educational camps, health camps, Dengue awareness camps among many others so that students can nurture social solidarity and responsibility which will help them in being better citizens.

Rishi Bankim Chandra College for Women successfully runs U.G.C. sponsored career guidance courses for students belonging to SC/ST/OBC and minority communities. Every session sees to the arrangement of such programmes and courses which develop the personality and communicative skills of the students. Placement oriented training courses are provided in Communicative English to the final year students. Career counseling programmes are organized for the outgoing students to help them make better choices in the future. This apart, Teacher Guardians meetings, grievance redressal cell and similar avenues allow checks and balance in the teaching learning system and other services provided by the college.