

PRASANTA CHANDRA Mahalanobis Mahavidyalaya

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KOLKATA 700 108

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Departmental Profile

History

About fifty –four years ago on demand of the residents of the north suburban area of Kolkata, namely Baranagar-Kamarhati area (which was a hub of mini and small scale industries) Bonhooghly college of commerce, emerged in physical existence on 9th August,1965 as an evening Commerce College with its affiliation to the University of Calcutta.

The College was established as an evening Commerce College with a view to offer opportunity for higher education to those who were

- i) engaged in petty jobs in local factories, shops and establishments but wanted to prosecute studies further for a change-over;
- ii) who were unemployed but were on the look-out for jobs;
- iii) iii) who were engaged in small business but aspired to be educated in Commerce to solve their professional problems relating to accounting, taxation, marketing etc.

At the beginning the college had no Building of its own. With special permission from the State Government, classes were held from 5.15 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the premises of Brahmananda Keshab Chandra College (BKCC), a Govt.-sponsored Day College for Arts and Science.

During the eighties permanent teaching posts in Commerce, English, Bengali and Mathematics were created and approved by the Government. This made us self-sufficient to teach Honours Course in Accountancy and the University of Calcutta granted our prayer.

Still today most of the students of the department come from financially backward families and are mostly first generation learners.

In the nineties a piece of land adjacent to BKCC was given by the Refugee-Rehabilitations Department, Government of West Bengal to set up our own college building. With donations from students, teachers, non-teaching staff, and the people benevolent to us, and also with the meager resources we had in the college fund, the ground floor of the institution comprising of three classrooms and a staircase was constructed. We were fortunate enough to receive some grants from MPLAD scheme. The college was shifted to its new building on 15th May, 1999. The College started functioning in its own building from academic session 1999-2000. The college authority considering advancement of learning felt the urge of opening new faculties. From 2003-04, B.A. and B.Sc. courses were started in the college and the college became a multi-disciplinary college. The College name was subsequently changed to Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Mahavidyalaya and Commerce became a main department. From the academic

year 2009-10 the college was shifted under the jurisdiction of West Bengal State University, Barasat.

Under the present CBCS system in order to impart effective student centric class room teaching the total sanctioned strength of admission to the department is modified from the session 2019-20. 100 students can be enrolled in B.Com Hons.(1st Year Semester I) and for general students the number is 150. Our department now runs with three teachers in the substantive post and two State Aided College Teachers (SACT). Economics, Mathematics, Computer Applications and languages are taught by teachers of the respective department. We run a departmental library for Honours students and also a seminary library for all students.

Many of our students are well established in life and are active members of the Alumni Association. Besides obtaining University degree our students have also excelled in games and sports and cultural aspects

. This will make our students more ready for the present job market and increase their employability. We organize student centric activities in support with IQAC.

Courses Taught

General Course : 1965-66 (as BONHOOGHLY COLLEGE OF COMMERCE)

Honours Course : 1981-82 (as BONHOOGHLY COLLEGE OF COMMERCE)

Name of courses offered : B.Com (Accounting & Finance) – Both General & Honours

Number of Teachers: Five (5)
In UGC sanctioned substantive posts- 3
State Aided College Teacher -2

Sanctioned Strength: UGC sanctioned substantive posts*

Designation	Sanctioned	Filled
Associate Professor	Nil	02 (by promotion)
Assistant Professor	03	01

*N.B. All the substantive posts are filled.

Details of Teaching Staff:

Name of the teacher	Designation	Qualifications	Experience (Upto July.2020)
Sri Krishnapada Jana	Associate Prof.	M.Com, M.Phil	24 Years 7 months
Dr Parthasarathi Dutta (Head of the Dept.)	Associate Prof.	M.Com, Ph.D. F.C.M.A.	21 years
Sri Biswadeep Roy	Assistant Prof.	M.Com. M.B.A.	8 months
Smt Deblina Mitra	State Aided College Teacher (SACT)	M.Com, M.Phil	12 Years 9 months
Smt Shewli Saha	State Aided College Teacher (SACT)	M.Com	11 Years 10 months

Faculty Profile:

Sri Krishnapada Jana M.Com. M. Phil.



Designation : Associate Professor

Qualification Details :

- M.Com from University of Calcutta in 1981
- Obtained M.Phil. on the topic “West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation (WBIDC) – Its Role Towards Industrialisation in West Bengal”. (A study of the Performance of a few Public Limited Companies in West Bengal funded by WBIDC) in 2000-2001

Administrative posts Held:

Teacher –in –Charge of the College from 01.09.2013 to 02.07.2015.

Acted as Bursar, IQAC/NAAC co-ordinator (2012-13).

Member of the College Governing Body from 2002- 2015

Member of the NAAC Steering Committee

Dr. Parthasarathi Dutta M.Com. ,Ph. D , FCMA



Designation: Associate Professor and presently Head of the Department

Qualification Details :

- M.Com from University of Calcutta 1993
- Obtained Ph. D on the topic “ Performance Appraisal of Officers at Managerial Levels- A Case Study (study covered appraisal of officers of WBSEDCL, WBSETCL and WBPDCCL – all state owned power sector companies) under FIP/FDP scheme from University of Burdwan.
- Fellow member of the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of India (previously Cost and Works Accountants of India)

Administrative positions held:

- Presently acting as Bursar and member of IQAC and NAAC Steering Committee.
- Member of the College Governing Body from 2012-15
- Acted as IQAC/NAAC Co-ordinator during 2008-2012 and 2015-16.
(He is a professionally trained amateur photographer)

Sri. Biswadeep Roy M.Com. MBA



Designation: Assistant Professor

Qualification Details :

- M.Com from University of Calcutta
- MBA from Benaras Hindu University

Administrative Positions held

Programme Officer NSS, PCMM unit

(He is an athlete/long distance runner and completed Trans Himalayan Marathon)

Smt. Deblina Mitra M.Com. M.Phil.



Designation : State Aided College Teacher

Qualification Details :

- Obtained M.Com from University of Calcutta 2006
- Obtained M.Phil. in Commerce on the topic “Effectiveness of ESI scheme : A study on the employees of organized sector in Kolkata” in the year 2017 from the University of Calcutta.

Smt Shewli Saha M.Com



Designation : State Aided College Teacher

Qualification Details :

Obtained M.Com from University of Calcutta 2000

College Activities in recent past:

Workshop on GST and its application through Tally Resource Person : Mr. B. Chatterjee FCA – Director IIDM



N.B. The college has later on signed a MOU with IIDM to train the students in our campus after normal classes.
Classes to start soon.

Students attending the work shop



Students' Activity:

Students of the department actively take part in NSS ,cultural and Sports activities. Most of the students are active in the students' union/council.



Facilities provided to the students of the department:

- Students are provided books from seminar library formed in 2010 by the specimen and personal copies of the departmental teachers. This is an extra facility above book lending facilities availed by them from the central library.
- Poor students are provided financial help from students' aid fund.
- From 2018-19 Mentor-mentee system has been implemented to judge their performance and potentiality formally for the students of 1st batch under CBCS system. Previously students were personally mentored and counseled by the departmental teachers in an informal way both for current course and future prospects.

Strength- Weakness –opportunities –challenges and Future course of action and remedial measures

Strength:

- Qualified and dedicated faculty
- Obedient students though most of them are first generation learners
- Large volume of books both at central and seminar library
- Spacious class rooms , some ICT enabled classes
- Internet facility , equipped computer lab
- Teachers directly monitor their project work which enable them together first- hand knowledge about research work
- Provision for remedial classes.

Weakness:

- Students are mostly from poor socio-economic back ground and first generation learners. Have to work to earn their living and fails to attend all the classes (particularly students of general course)
- Poor in English and communication skills

Opportunities:

- Commerce students have openings in job market with proper training.
- Meritorious students can pursue professional courses like ICAI, ICMA , and CS and Management

Challenges:

- Decrease in trend in students' admission once the college is shifted under West Bengal State University from University of Calcutta.

Future course of action and remedial measures

- We have already started to implement the mentor-mentee system in an effective way to judge the performance of students and their by improve their potentiality. I
 - To increase the number of tutorial classes and arrange seminar lectures.
 - As our students are not very meritorious we have entered into MOU with different organizations to provide job oriented training like Tally with GST, Retail Management, Training in Banking and finance (back office) etc.
 - To bring out departmental wall magazine with articles related to emerging trends in the subject like GST, demonetization e- marketing, green audit, start ups in order to make them market ready.
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