

BERHAMPORE GIRLS' COLLEGE

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Gender Audit 2019-2020



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PREFACE

Achieving harmonious societies, realizing everyone's potential, and promoting sustainable development hinge on gender equality, a fundamental human right. However, prejudice persists, exacerbating inequality and denying equal access to opportunities and resources. To foster long-lasting organizational change, gender equality efforts aim to integrate equity into member organizations' programming and procedures. According to the International Council for Science, Culture, and Education (INESCO), men and women can have equal rights, duties, and opportunities regardless of gender. Gender equality means treating men and women equitably, considering their unique needs, which may involve both equal and differentiated treatment that ensures comparable opportunities, rights, benefits, and duties. While gender equity focuses on fair treatment tailored to individual needs, gender equality broadly includes women's empowerment and freedom. Gender awareness encourages women to transcend traditional gender roles and stereotypes, promoting proactive measures to eliminate oppression and exploitation.

Introduction

The goal of Gender Audit is to interactively record organisational and programming characteristics. Organisations can use it as an assessment tool and procedure to find out how staffs members feel about the way gender issues are handled in their programming portfolio and internal organisational procedures. Examining and monitoring the extent to which organisations have institutionalised gender equality in their policies, programmes, projects, and/or service delivery, as well as in their procedures, budgets, and structures, is beneficial. Any organisation involved in higher education is required to establish a democratic ideal of equity and equality for men and women. If a gender gap is discovered within the organisation, it needs to be addressed with a thorough cross-sectional investigation of gender and a range of socioeconomic factors. Berhampur Girls' College with the initiative of Women's Cell, IQAC have compiled this Gender Audit. The main purpose of this audit is to:

1. Indicate the state of gender parity in the Institution.
2. Establish a starting point for group debate and analysis, and
3. Create an inclusive procedure for developing and carrying out the organization's gender parity programmes.

About the College

Founded in 1946 by Prof. Amiya Rao – the woman emancipator and an ardent advocate of individual liberty, and her husband Mr. B.G. Rao (ICS), the then District collector of Murshidabad – Berhampore Girls' College, an institution of inestimable pride with its robust academic traditions and cultural values has emerged as one of the premier institutions of West Bengal. This is one of the oldest government-sponsored girls' colleges in the state. The college is situated in the heart of the district town, Berhampore. The college is on the verge of entering the Platinum Jubilee Year. Since its inception the institute has been imparting education with unremitting ethical values to the girls and helping them to reclaim economic and social freedom and, thereby retain the self-esteem. The motto of the institute is "SA VIDYA YA BIMUKTAYE" Upholding the dreams of the legendary founders, the institute is still trying utmost to promote its noble goal of quality-based higher education and to grapple with the global challenges of the rapidly changing society.

The illumined College Song is: Amader Bidyaniketan / Amader Gouraberi Dhan.... (Our abode of learning / our prided belonging...) is an affirmation of the ideal. The song is recited in all college programmes with great vigour. The administration makes certain that there are fair and equal opportunities for all parties involved. Regularly scheduled seminars and speeches aim to raise staff and student awareness of several facets of gender equity. The administration, the Students' Council, and the Anti-Ragging Cell play a crucial role in ensuring that there are no discriminatory behaviours on campus as the institution has zero tolerance for ragging. Together, the Women's Cell, Equal Opportunity Cell, and Internal Complaints Committee work to establish a free and just atmosphere that promotes students' overall growth.

ABOUT THE CELL

Women Cell of Berhampore Girls' College is established with the motto of "towards self-empowered mind". The cell aims to empower students and faculty, enhance their understanding of issues related to women and to make the college campus a safe place for girls and women and to address the practical issues related to the welfare and equal opportunities for Women faculty, staff and students.

VISION

To promote general well-being of students, teaching and non-teaching women staff of the College and to provide and maintain a dignified, congenial working environment for women and enable them to explore their imminent potential in all aspects.

MISSION

To train women to acquire wide range of skills and knowledge and to develop and increase their social, economic and intellectual capacities for peace, security and prosperity of mankind.

GENDER POLICY OF THE COLLEGE

- To ingrain gender equity into the institutional values, culture, procedures, programmes.
- Encourage and practise "equal pay for equal work."
- Create an atmosphere where men and women can successfully manage work and family obligations.
- Preserve gender parity among employees and organisational structures.
- Encourage the presence of women in senior decision-making roles inside the organisation.
- Encourage cooperation between men and women.
- Incorporate gender analysis and planning into the programme at every stage, working with regional non-governmental organisations.
- Set up practical safeguards for everyone's protection and safety.

OBJECTIVES OF GENDER AUDIT

- to offer a method and tool for evaluating the adherence to gender equity.
- to create a plan of action for determining one's strengths and shortcomings.
- to make it possible for organisations to determine how gender relations affect their culture, procedures, initiatives, and overall performance.
- to improve gender responsiveness within the organisation by modifying the disparity and strengthening the equalising forces. Inequality on any front prevents our civilization from moving forward. Berhampur Girls' College in Berhampur is dedicated to preserving the idea of gender justice and supports persistent action against gender-based discrimination and powerabuse.

The College maintains an operational plan with provisions for gender equity and a documented gender policy that reaffirms its commitment to it.

Advisory Committee of Women's Cell:

4. GB President: Mrinal Kanti Chakraborty
5. Dr. Polly Vauqueline
Professor, Department of Women's Studies
Gauhati University
6. Ratnabali Roy
Founder and Managing Trustee
Anjali Kolkata

WOMEN'S CELL: COMPOSITION

5. Principal (President) : Dr. Hena Sinha
6. Convenor : Sutapa Mitra
7. IQAC Coordinator : Sagar Kumar Dutta
8. Joint Convenor : Sanchita Chakravorti

Teaching Faculty

15. Keya Ghatak
16. Chandana Chatterjee
17. Madhuchanda Gangopadhyay
18. Nupur Lahiri
19. Dr. Ratnabali Biswas
20. Dr Somadatta Chakraborti
21. Swapna Patitunda
22. Dr. Upasana Das
23. Dr. Sutapa Mukherjee
24. Dr.Mamoni saha
25. Dr. Gopa Barman
26. Baishali Basak
27. Rama Chowdhury
28. Soma Halder

Non-Teaching Faculty

3. Purnima Roy
4. Supriya Pal

External Member

3. Jinat Rehana Islam (Founder member of Feminism.com, Narikuthi)
4. Smt. Neena Roy (Counsellor, Murshidabad Medical College)

GENDER BALANCE WITHIN THE INSTITUTION

STUDENTS PROFILE I

Gender balance means the existence of a fair ratio of male and female representation within the institution in terms of number of students as well as within the staff structure. Traditionally, women have lesser access to resources and opportunities due to the social structures which act as inhibitors in many cases. This results in lesser capability among women, producing a snowball effect on their empowerment and access to development initiatives.

STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIPS AND AID FUND

Further, the college plays a pivotal role in facilitating students to get various scholarships schemes and grants provided by the Government. For example, as far as the **Swami Vivekananda Merit-cum-Means Scholarship** is concerned, the college has relentlessly worked hard so that the students can obtain the scholarship. There is a committee which not only receives fresh applications but also ensures that the scholarship are renewed each year.

Below is a chart that shows the number of students of Berhampore Girls' College who have enrolled for scholarships for the period of 2019-20.

Under the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2006 (PCMA), Govt. of West Bengal has introduced the **Kanyashree Prakalpa** which bagged an UN award in 2018, seeks to improve the status and wellbeing of girls, specifically those from socio-economically disadvantaged families through Conditional Cash Transfer. Berhampore Girls' College has perfectly worked towards providing this benefit to numerous girl students. The Kanyashree Committee has been functional for this purpose.

Aikyashree Scholarship, a welfare scheme by the West Bengal Minorities' Department & Finance Corporation to provide financial assistance to minorities students to decrease dropout rates and continue their studies. The data below shows that girl students are availing more of this scholarship which is a good sign for the society and the college has been successful in motivating them to continue their studies.

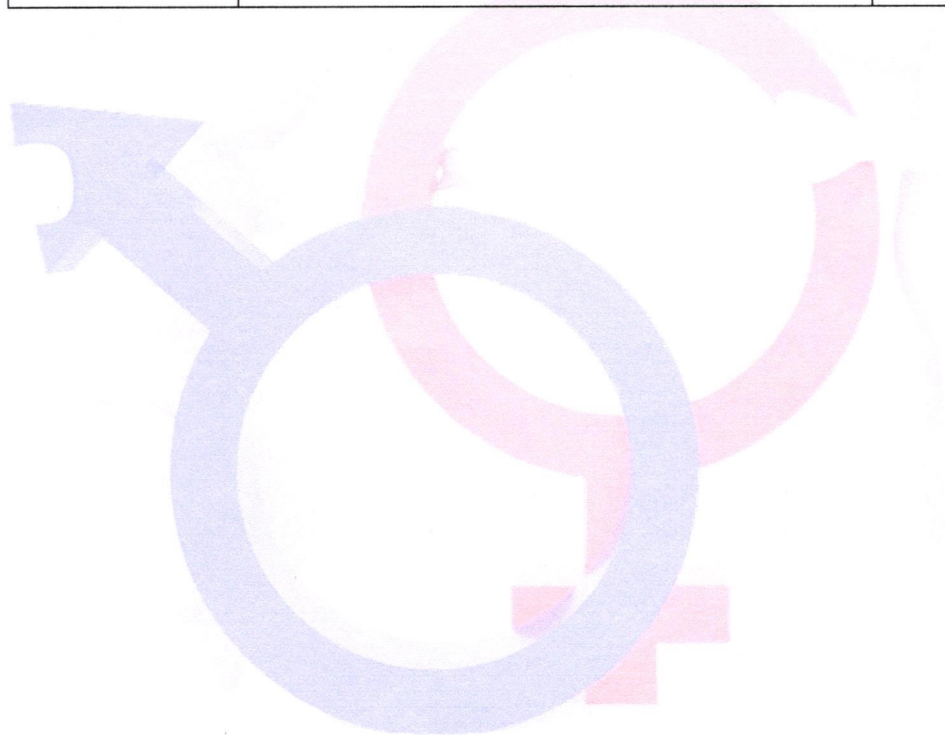
Oasis Scholarship is one of the best scholarships offered by West Bengal's government's backward-class welfare department. Through financial assistance, this scholarship program helps students from SC/ST and OBC groups achieve their dream education. Pre- and post-metric scholarship is the main focus. Increasing the literacy rate among the SC/ST and OBC categories is the primary goal of this scholarship program.

The **National Scholarship Portal (NSP)** is an online portal by the Government of India for applying, processing, verifying and sanction of Government scholarships to students. It aims to

reduce discrepancies and provide a common, effective and transparent way to disburse scholarships to students. It aims to be a "one stop" portal for Indian students applying for scholarships by bringing together hundreds of scholarships run by both states and the central government. The portal is a part of the government's Digital India initiative and the National e-Governance Plan.

Below is a chart that shows the number of students of Berhmpore Girls' College who have enrolled for various scholarships for the period of 2019-2020.

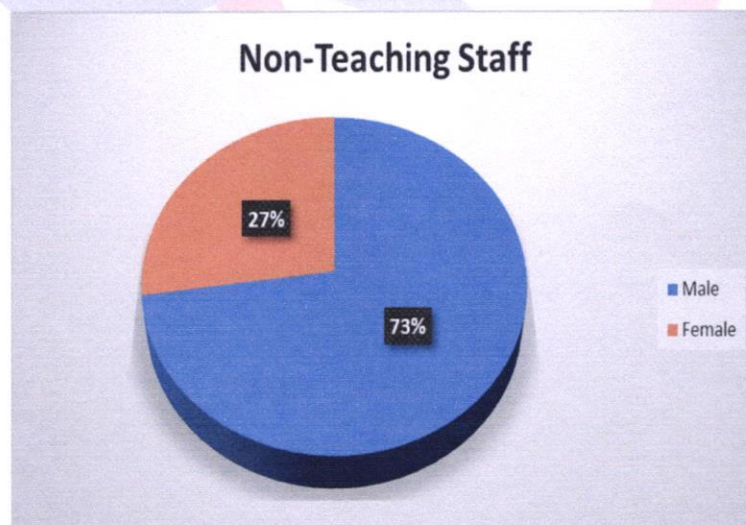
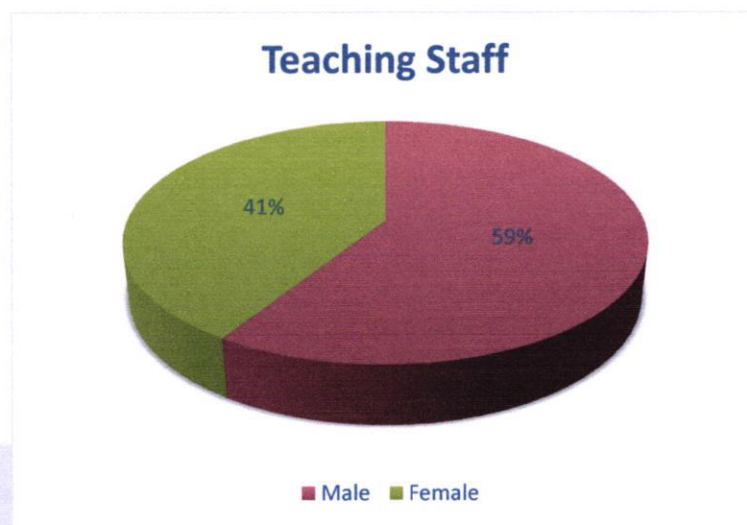
Period	Name of the Scholarships	Number of students received the scholarship
2019-2020	Swami Vivekanda Merit-Cum-Means Scholarship	537
2019-2020	Kanyashree Prakalpa	608
2019-2020	Aikyashree Scholarship	737
2019-2020	NSP Scholarship	16



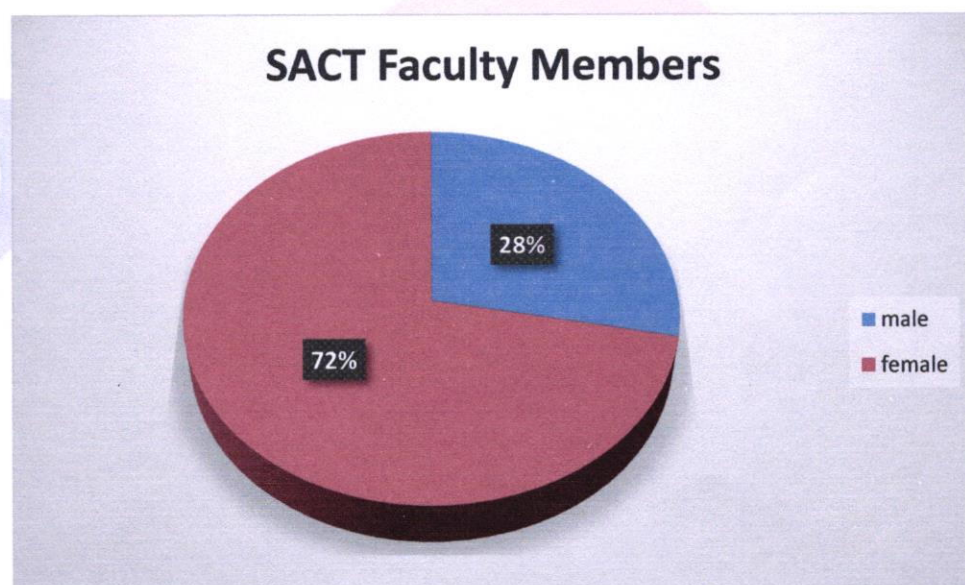
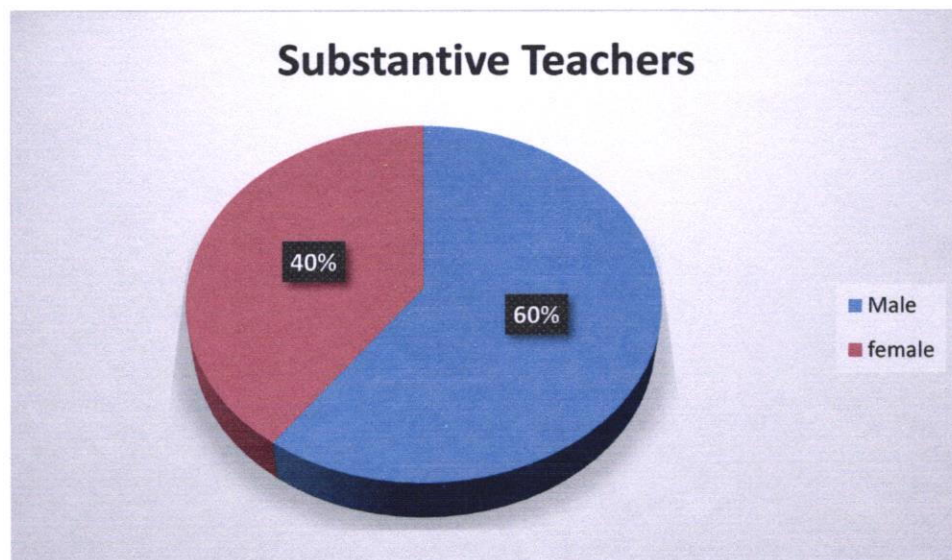
Gender Balance Among the Employees

Teaching Staff

The combined gender profile of all College workers is depicted in the above image. All staff groups, including those who do not teach, are included in the prediction. There are currently -113 faculty members, 63 of whom are female and 22 Number of Non-teaching Staff currently working in the College of whom 6 are Female.



Gender Balance Among the Substantive Teachers and SACT Faculty Members

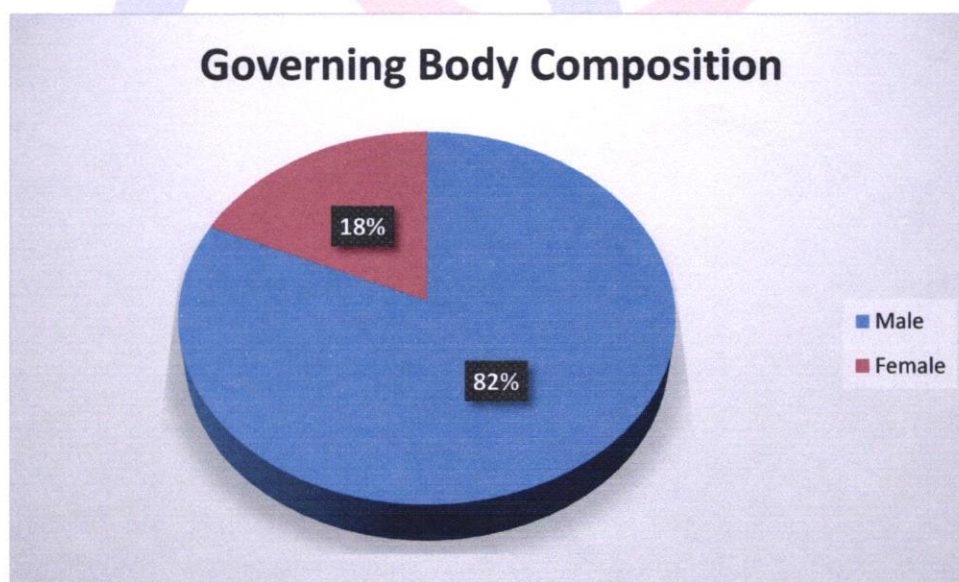


Gender Balance as Heads of Offices and Statutory Bodies and Different Committees

Governing Body:

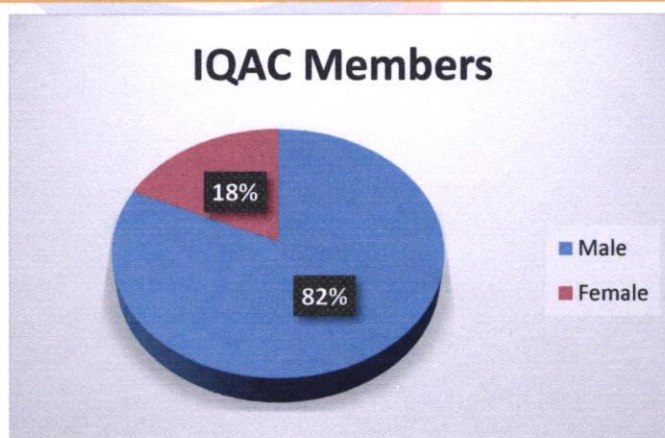
Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Gender (Male/Female)
1	Sri Mrinal Kanti Chakraborty	President G.B	Male
2	Dr. Hena Sinha	Principal & Secretary	Female
3	Sri Tapan Tripathy	Govenrment nominee in GB	Male
4	Dr. Ashis Kumar Panigrahi	University Nominee in GB	Male
5	Smt. Sujata Mukherjee	University Nominee in GB	Female
6	Dr. Khaybar Ali Miah	Internal GB Member	Male
7	Dr. Somadatta Chakraborty	Internal GB Member (TS)	Male
8	Sri Brindaban Biswas	Internal GB Member (TS)	Male
9	Dr. Snritiratan Tripathy	Internal GB Member (TS)	Male
10	Sri Naba Kumar Pal	Internal GB Member (NTS)	Male
11	Sri Nilambar Jha	Internal GB Member (NTS)	Male

Governing Body Composition



IQAC Members:

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Gender (Male/ Female)
1	Dr. Hena Sinha	Principal	Female
2	Dr. Sagar Kumar Dutta	IQAC Coordinator, Associate Prof. of Physics	Male
3	Dr. Khaybar Ali Miah	Associate Prof. of Political Science	Male
4	Dr. Tiya Rani Hazra	Associate Prof. of Philosophy	Female
5	Sri Bhaskar Mahanayak	Assistant Prof. of Zoology	Male
6	Smt. Subhasree Chakraborty	Associate Prof. of Economics	Female
7	Dr. Anup Kumar Karak	Assistant Prof. of Mathematics	Male
8	Dr. Partha Sarathi Guha	Assistant Prof. of English	Male
9	Dr. Smritiratan Tripathy	Assistant Prof. of Physiology	Male
10	Dr. Soumik Mondal	Assistant Prof. of Chemistry	Male
11	Sri Tapan Kumar Tripathy	Management representative	Male
12	Dr. Nirmal Saha (Doctor)	Local Society representatives	Male
13	Sri Subhanjan Sengupta (Advocate)	Local Society representatives	Male
14	Sri Dilip Saha (Industrialist)	Stakeholders	Male
15	Smt. Sumana Upadhyay	Senior Administrative Officers	Female
16	Sri Amit Kumar Maitra	Senior Administrative Officers	Male



First off, the administration of the college encourages faculty members to take part in a variety of academic events such as workshops, seminars, and faculty development programmes. The involvement of female professors in these programmes is particularly noteworthy. Female employees convene many administrative and teachers' council committees.

Faculty members that are female lead many departments. The college goes to great lengths to ensure that female instructors receive perks such as Maternity Leave and Child Care Leave. The before mentioned charts make clear that the organisation supports female employees in taking on leadership positions, such as department heads and conveners of various committees.

Gender Sensitisation Initiatives

The college established a committee in 2014 to plan regular programmes or seminars on gender and society. The committee members included representatives from the teaching and non-teaching communities, students, and academic and activist resource individuals. In order to influence how professors, parents, and students view and treat men and women, girls and boys, and to ensure that they have equal chances and treatment, the college has put up sensitization programmes. The college regularly hosts talks and seminars on a variety of topics, including social security, discrimination, gender violence, and—above all—the empowerment of women. Several well-known figures have also frequently graced the campus with their presence, educating the interested parties on a range of topics.

Proposal

- As Murshidabad is a border district with Bangladesh, women and children trafficking is a burning issue. So, it is a proposal for organising a seminar on this issue by Women's Empowerment Cell in collaborating with the appropriate authority.
- As our students mostly come from remote corner of this District's and others, there is a large need of legal aids to help them in many issues. So we need to organise a seminar concerned to this problem.
- Income generating training programmes such as Fashion Designing, Food Processing, Jute Craft etc. will be organised by the cell.
- For extending help to the larger society we can arrange an Exhibition Cum Sale Programme with the products of some Self Help Groups.

Recommendation

- While auditing the Gender Equality of the college, it is noticed by Women Empowerment Cell (Ashapurna) that the number participation of women teaching and non-teaching staff is noticeably poor in the administrative field like G.B, IQAC etc. in a Girls' College.
- In this respective, it is recommended here to ensure the gender parity in every bodies of the college in future.
- Not only having more women in Key positions but also having individuals in Key places who are sensitive to gender issues.
- Emphasise on the only identity 'Mankind'. Then it will be more conductive.
- As the college building is G+2 Structure, Lift facilities should be introduced for physically challenged student, aged teaching and non-teaching staff and pregnant women.

Audit Summary: Gender Audit 2019-20 of Berhampore Girls' College

The Gender Audit for Berhampore Girls' College for the academic year 2019-20 highlights significant insights into the gender distribution across various facets of the institution. The teaching staff consists of 50 males and 63 females, resulting in a male-to-female ratio of 4.4:5.6. The non-teaching staff comprises 16males and 6 females, giving a ratio of 7.3:2.7. Within the Governing Body, there are 9 males and 2 females, reflecting a male-to-female ratio of 8.19:1.81. The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) includes 11 males and 5 females, presenting a ratio of 6.9:3.1.

Conclusion

In the journey to audit, the gender equality by W.E.C.(A) of Berhampore Girls' College for the period of 2019-2020, many strong and weak points have been identified. All aspects of the findings are clearly pointed out in the report of the Gender Audit. The Cell concludes here the Gender Audit Report with a great hope that we should fulfil our taken proposal and given resolution in near future.

Audit Team

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3	Dr. Poulami Ghosh, Assistant Profesor, Dept. of Physical Education, Union Christian Training College & Secretary of Ashoknagar Anandadhara (NGO)	<i>Poulami Ghosh</i> 03.10.2023. Secretary ASHOKNAGAR ANANDADHARA
4	Dr. Bhaskar Mahanayak, IQAC Coordinator & Associate Professor, Dept. of Zoology, Berhampore Girls' College	<i>Bhaskar Mahanayak</i> 03/10/2023 Coordinator, IQAC Berhampore Girls' College
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