

# Discipline pat for Bethune

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**Bidhan Sarani:** Education minister Partha Chatterjee on Wednesday lauded Bethune College for discipline and academic excellence when chaos is the order in many colleges.

"I can see there is some kind of chaos in many colleges. There is no discipline there (in those colleges). Nothing is done to maintain regular attendance of students. There is hardly any interest in studies among students," Chatterjee said.

The minister went on to explain why Bethune was different. "It maintains strict discipline. And it has achieved excellence.... Not just in academics.... but in many other spheres," he said at a programme to inaugurate several new facilities on the 140-year-old north Calcutta campus, including a new auditorium, a common room for students, a lift and a new floor in an existing building.

Chatterjee lauded the college for its competent handling of online admissions. "Do you see students setting



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Picture by Sanjoy Chattopadhyaya

up may-I-help-you desks in front of the institution — a common scene in many colleges?" he asked.

Student unions of many colleges set up help desks to help freshers complete admission formalities. Campus clashes are common between rival camps of the Trinamul Congress Chhatra Parishad, which controls student bodies in nearly 95 per cent of undergraduate college, over collection of subscription.

Bethune College, run by the higher education department, does not allow student unions.

Chatterjee urged principal Mamata Ray to share the best practices with other colleges