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Colleges shed NAAC allergy, open doors for assessment

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Calcutta: Some of the colleges in Bengal are shedding their usual opposition to get themselves accredited by the NAAC so they can apply for funds under various schemes from the UGC.

Metro reported in December 2015 that out of the 500-odd general degree colleges in Bengal, only 72 had been accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC).

A senior official in the higher education department said

on Thursday the number had gone up to 97 and another 54 colleges are in the process of getting themselves accredited.

On Tuesday, Bethune College bagged an A+ from the NAAC.

"The college had earlier, in the second cycle of the NAAC assessment, got an A. But in the third cycle, the results of which were announced on March 21, we got an A+ grade. An enhanced ranking in NAAC assessment would certainly help us procure funds from the bodies like the UGC and DBT (department of bio-technology)," said

Sudeshna Mitra, coordinator of the internal quality assurance cell at Bethune College.

The government college scored 3.26 on a scale of 4.

NAAC assesses a college in parameters like curricular aspects, teaching-learning and evaluation, research, innovations and extension, infrastructure and learning resources, student support and progression, governance, leadership and management, and institutional and best practices.

Behala College, a government-aided college in Parnashree, has got the highest

grade, A++, having scored 3.58.

"The college was re-accredited with an 'A' grade in the second cycle of NAAC assessment. This time we have bagged the highest grade," said Sharmila Mitra, principal of Behala College.

"An improved grade will help us apply for funds under schemes like Rashtriya Uchhatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), which supports state-level institutions."

An official in the state education department said what was more encouraging was that the urge for getting ac-

credited had gone beyond the marquee colleges in the city.

"A stellar performance by Behala College is indicative of that. The lesser-known colleges have jumped into the fray to get themselves tested. The list of 97 colleges includes many such colleges," said the official.

The increase in the number of accredited colleges stands out, said a vice-chancellor, especially because of the opposition Bengal had once nurtured to NAAC assessment, particularly during the Left Front rule.

"The Left had a philo-

sophical opposition to NAAC assessment because they perceived any visit by NAAC as an interference by the Centre. So, apart from the handful of colleges like St Xavier's College, Ramakrishna Mission-run institutions and a few government colleges, institutions did not feel any urge to open themselves up to a NAAC assessment," the VC said.

The general degree colleges, he said, were hardly interested in preparing a self-study report, an exhaustive exercise, without which the NAAC does not inspect a college.

In the report, a college is

required to mention its performance in categories such as teaching-learning and evaluation, research and graduate outcomes over the previous five years.

The UGC had made the NAAC accreditation compulsory for all colleges in the early 2000s but only a few bothered to get the rating. The regulatory body was never strict on the matter.

After repeated reminders fell on deaf ears, the UGC decided to be strict in disbursing funds and set March 2017 as the deadline for getting the accreditation.



erning body of the college had proposed her name and she got the appointment letter from the college principal Haraprasad Samaddar in 1987. "But I know so many people, who had been recruited

they should look at themselves." "What did they do in north Bengal? Go through the CAG reports. They lobbied everywhere because I refused," Partha said.

carried out any development. Against the conspiracy of the saffron party Trinamul will conduct a massive campaign to make people aware of the actual picture. "Our leader had written

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The first women's college in Asia, Bethune College has been awarded A+ following the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) Peer Team visit on 16-17 March. Bethune College is the only government college in the state to secure this rare honour. The accreditation is based on quality and performance in terms of curricular aspects, teaching-learning process, faculty research, infrastructure, student support, and other criteria. ■ SNS

KMRCL starts work on shaft sidewalls at Durga Pithuri Lane

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After completion of construction of the base slab, the Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation (KMRCL) has now started constructing the walls of the shaft at Durga Pithuri Lane in Bowbazar stretch of the ongoing East-West Metro corridor.

The closure of the shaft is a crucial step towards starting the upcoming trial runs between Howrah Maidan and Esplanade.

Work at this point had to be stalled after water started seeping into the tunnel in May last year.

There was a gap at the site of the retrieval shaft from



Residents carry their belongings as they leave their houses after the structure develop cracks amid the ongoing metro-rail construction, at Durga Pithuri lane, Bowbazar, in Kolkata. (ANI FILE PHOTO)

became the epicenter of cracks and crevices in the month of May last year, work on the

reaching a milestone in the last week of February.

Moving a step ahead, the implementing agency is carrying out the construction of side walls of the shaft. According to sources, the KMRCL has started construction of walls stretching up to nine metres.

The implementing agency has successfully been able to complete construction of two metres of the wall.

"After completion of the wall, work on construction of the roof will be started which is also a crucial step," said an engineer of the project.

"This is a preparatory step before getting the rake for trial runs from the Sealdah direction," added the engineer.

After bridging the gap in the

व्यवहार किया गया है। स्थानीय निवासियों को निकाय सुविधाओं से वंचित किया जा रहा है। उन्होंने आरोप लगाया कि केएमसी के तीन

साहा और एक महीने पहले तारक सिंह को पत्र लिख कर शौचालय बनाने, जल जमाव और निगम के स्कूल बंद होने से वार्ड के बच्चों को

सफाई की समस्या बनी हुई है।

वार्ड स्तर पर तैयार होंगे ब्रेस्ट फीडिंग रूम : एमएमआईसी स्वप्न समाप्दादर ने बजट अधिवेशन के

किए जाएंगे। इसके लिए जगह चिह्नित कर ली गई है। इसके साथ ही महानगर की सभी बस्ती में सोलर लाइट का इस्तेमाल किया जाएगा।

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कोलकाता : शिक्षा जगत के लिए एक अच्छी खबर है। महानगर के बेहला कॉलेज व बैथ्यून कॉलेज को नैक (नेशनल असेसमेंट एंड एक्रेडिटेशन कॉउंसिल) रैंकिंग में उल्लेखनीय ग्रेड का गौरव हासिल हुआ है। इससे कॉलेजों में खुशी की लहर है। शिक्षा विभाग से मिली जानकारी के मुताबिक बेहला कॉलेज को ए ++ ग्रेड व बैथ्यून कॉलेज को ए + ग्रेड हासिल हुआ है।

क्यों अहम है कॉलेज का ए ++ ग्रेड पाना : दरअसल, कॉलेज का ए ++ ग्रेड पाना महत्वपूर्ण माना जाता है। यहां ए ++ पाने वाले 4 कॉलेज थे मगर अब बेहला कॉलेज भी इस लिस्ट में शामिल हो गया है। ऐसे अब इसकी संख्या बढ़कर पांच हो गयी। वहीं ए + ग्रेड पाने वालों में दूसरा नाम अब बैथ्यून कॉलेज का जुड़ गया है। हालांकि ए ग्रेड पाने कई कॉलेज हैं। ऐसे कॉलेजों की संख्या संभवत 12 है।



नीदरलैंड की प्रसिद्ध साहित्यकार डॉ. पुष्पिता अवस्थी नई दिल्ली सोमवार को भारत के पूर्व शिक्षा मंत्री डॉ. रमेश पोखरियाल निरंजन से शिक्षा और संस्कृति विषय पर चर्चा करती हुई

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Bethune College graded A+ by NAAC: Bethune College, the first women's college in Asia, has been awarded A+ following the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) Peer Team visit on 16 & 17 March, 2023 in the 3rd cycle of NAAC. It is the only government college to have been graded A+. The quantitative and qualitative accreditation, is based on quality and performance in terms of curricular aspects, teaching-learning process, faculty research, infrastructure, student support, and other criteria. The college boasts of some outstanding achievers, starting with the first two graduates, Dr. Kadambini Ganguly and Chandramukhi Basu, noted freedom fighters and social workers like Pritilata Wadedar, Kalpana Joshi, Bina Das, Sarala Debi Chaudhurani, and many others. In recent times, two illustrious alumni of the college, Dr. Neena Gupta and Dr. Aditi Sen De, have received the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award.

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