

## BETHUNE COLLEGE

### IQAC Report

March 2025 (12.3.2025) to February 2026

- **NIRF** : Bethune College was placed under Rank band 151-200 in NIRF ranking 2025 under college category. Institutional data for NIRF 2026 was submitted on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

Principal Dr. Rajyasri Roy and IQAC coordinator Dr. Sudeshna Mitra attended an Orientation Workshop on “*NIRF Methodology and Parameters*” organized by Department of Higher Education, West Bengal State Council of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal and Surendranath College on **5.1.2026**.

- **AISHE** : AISHE 2023-24 was successfully submitted to Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education , Govt. of India on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025. AISHE 2024-25 was successfully submitted on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025.
- **AQAR** submission: The AQAR for the session 2023-24 had been submitted to NAAC on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2025. It was approved by NAAC on 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2025. AQAR 2024-25 has been prepared and was placed in IQAC External meeting dated 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 for approval. It will be uploaded when the NAAC portal opens up for the same.
- **Orientation Programme** for UG Semester I students – 2025-26 was held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025. Principal, IQAC Coordinator, TCS, Convener CCF , Convener Admission Committee, Students’ Activity Cell and others addressed the students on the occasion. There was a presentation by BCSC.
- **Internship Orientation Programme** was conducted by WEBEL on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2026 for Semester I students. This was organized by internship and Webel committee. The programme was presided by IQAC Coordinator.
- **New Collaborative activities:**
  - ✓ On **23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025** Academic Collaboration Agreement was signed between **Praxis Business School and Bethune College** for development and implementation of various academic activities like, Short-term courses, Faculty Development Program, Organizing Seminars/ workshops and Internships.
  - ✓ A Mou was made and entered as Faculty Exchange Programme for a 30 hours certificate course of Communicative English and Communicative French between **PG Department of English, Bethune college and PG Department of French , Chandernagore College** on **1<sup>st</sup> December, 2025**. The course will take place in hybrid mode.
- **Academic Audit** : Internal Academic Audit is conducted by IQAC together with a pool of teachers for every session. For the academic sessions 2023-24 and 2024-25, IAA of all departments took place between **4<sup>th</sup> July 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025**. Reports submitted by auditors were analysed by IQAC members on the basis of SWOC and shared with departments.
- **Mentor mentee allotment** for session 2025-26 was done by the departments. The lists were uploaded to website.
- **Annual feedback** : Online Feedback for the previous session (2024-25 ) was taken

from students of outgoing batch i.e., UG Sem 6 (CBCS) and PG 4 batch from **16.6.2025 to 25.6.2025**

✓ **Students' Feedback (outgoing batch) :**

Online Feedback collected: **16.6.2025 to 25.6.2025**

Number of UG and PG students who participated:

- **CAS** : 10 faculty members submitted their CAS files recently in different stages. After scrutiny at different levels, they were placed for approval in IQAC meeting dated 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2026. Presently letter has been sent to HE department for the name of DPI nominee
- **Faculty Development Programmes** : **11** teachers attended FDPs (Chem, Physics, Zoology, History, English data not incorporated)
  - ✓ Refresher courses :08
  - ✓ Summer / Winter schools, Workshops, short term courses etc. : 02
  - ✓ Orientation programmes : 01
- **Regular meetings of IQAC** were held throughout the session for Quality improvement of the Institution. From March, 2025 till date, 10 meetings were held. Some of them were with external members.
- **Reconstitution** : IQAC is being reconstituted from time to time. It was last reconstituted on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025.
- The IQAC promotes all academic and cocurricular activities in the college like **Seminars, Workshops, Training Program, Faculty Development program, Memorial lectures, Invited lectures, departmental seminars, academic trips, outreach initiatives** etc. for knowledge dissemination and quality enhancement throughout the academic session. \*

Recently IQAC, with encouragement from the Principal, has reintroduced the Tuesday Lecture Series. The inaugural discourse was delivered by Prof. Pushpa Misra.

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Dated : **4<sup>th</sup> March, 2026**

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**\*For details of some of the important events see table below.**

**Bethune College**

**IQAC initiatives**

**2025-26 Academic Session**

**Some of the important Quality Initiatives (seminars/workshops/special lectures/ educational trips etc.) for the period March 2025 to 3rd March 2025**

Sl. No.	Topic/Title of the lecture	Organized by	Date	Duration	No of participants (Teachers)	No of participants (Students)
1.	Inaugural Session of Tuesday Lecture Series Resource person : Prof. Pushpa Misra, Psychoanalyst & former Principal Bethune College	IQAC with Seminar committee	10.3.26	1 day		
2.	<b>National Science Day celebration</b> : Inaugural Lecture by Prof. Amitava Gupta, Department of power Engineering, JU	Seminar Committee & science departments	28.2.26	1 day		
3	International Seminar on “AmitaBhose, from Great Ganges to Bucharest” by Carmen Coman- Writer, Journalist from Romania	IQAC with Seminar committee	27.2.26	1 day		-----
4.	Seminar on “ Gandhi Fellowship”	IQAC & Department of Political Science with Career counselling cell	17.2.26	1 day		
5.	<b>Dr. Bhumika Kanjilal</b> was the speaker of the lecture on <i>Validating the relation of ‘Good’ and ‘Eudaimonia’ in Aristotle’s Moral theory</i>	IQAC & Ethics & Value Education Committee	06.2.2026	1 day		
6.	<b>Internship Orientation Programme</b> was conducted by WEBEL, Bethune Centre	Internship and Webel committee	31.1.26	1 day	7	300 approx
7.	<b>Inaugural lecture</b> of Ethics Value Course (2025-26), was delivered by <b>Dr. Rajyasri Roy</b> , Principal, Bethune College	IQAC & Ethics & Value Education Committee	30.1.2026	1 day	20	300 approx
8.	Orientation Session on IBM Skills build Platform delivered by Ms Rishika Sunnapu, sr. Engagement Associate - CSRBOX	IQAC	17.12.25	1 day		
9.	14 <sup>th</sup> Chameli Basu Memorial Lecture, Resource person : Dr.	IQAC & Department of	15.12.25	1 day		

	Ushashi Roy, Inspire Faculty Fellow, IISER, Pune	Physics with Career counselling cell				
10.	Sensitization Programme on Sexual Harassment, Speakers: Dr. Mononita (St. Xavier's University) Kundu Das & Dr. Subarna Mondal (Sanskrit College & University)	Internal Committee, IQAC, WSC & Gender Sensitization Cell	5.12.25	1 day		
11.	Talk by Dr. Mandira Mitra, Asst. Prof. in English, Taki Government College	IQAC & PG Department of English	25.11.25	1 day		
12.	<b>National Seminar entitled <i>Unravelling the mysteries of Plant Science</i></b>	Department of Botany, Bethune College with financial Assistance from Department of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal.	13.11.25 – 14.11.25	2 days		
13.	<b>Orientation Programme for UG Semester 1 Freshers (2025-26)</b>	IQAC	10.9.2025	1 day		
14.	<b>Demonstration Lecture on <i>Kazi Nazrul Islam</i></b> conducted by Paschimbanga Kazi Nazrul Islam Academy, I & CA Department, Government of West Bengal	IQAC and Department of Bengali, Bethune College.	19.8.2025	1 day		
15.	<b>Celebration of Van Mahotsav in collaboration with Rotary Club, Calcutta Suncity, 3291</b>	IQAC, NSS and Department of Botany	30.7.2025	1 day		
16.	<b>Ethics Value Seminar on <i>Respecting Animal Lives: Beyond Utility and Coexistence.</i></b>	IQAC & Ethics & Value Education Committee	23.7.2025	1 day		
17.	<b>Awareness Program on PCOS and Lifestyle</b>	IQAC	23.7.2025	1 day		
18.	<b>Awareness Program on <i>Cyber Security</i></b> for teaching and non-teaching staff.	IQAC & NSS	14.7.25	1 day		

19.	<b>World Environment Day celebration</b>	Department of Zoology	11.6.25	1 day		
20.	Departmental Seminar on <i>Beyond Selfhood: Tagore's Philosophy of Human Remaking.</i>	Department of Philosophy, with Internal Quality Assurance Cell	26.5.2025	1 day	5	60 approx
21.	<b>Awareness Program: Safe Street Ethics</b> conducted by Ultadanga Traffic Guard, Kolkata.	IQAC, ethics & Value Education Committee, NSS	29.4.2025	1 day	20 teachers	300 students approx.
22.	Seminar on <i>Creating a Safe and Supportive environment: Strategies for promoting Wellness</i>	Anti ragging Committee, Women's Studies Centre & Internal Quality Assurance Cell	26.4.2025	1 day		
23.	Seminar on " <i>Understanding the legal system in India...</i> "	IQAC & Department of Political Science	26.3.25	1 day		

\*Apart from these several departmental seminars and activities by different cells / committees were organized as IQAC initiatives. See departmental / committee reports

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**Dated: 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2026**