

**2019-2020**

**Campus maintenance and Support**

Procedures and policies for maintaining and utilizing physical, academic and support facilities

In 2020 Bethune College has been recognized as **DBT STAR College** by **Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India** and has received financial support involving the Departments of **Botany, Zoology, Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics** which are being utilized for procuring upgraded equipment, books, journals and upgradation of infrastructural facilities. Grants received from the **Government of West Bengal, RUSA** and **DST-FIST** has been used for up-gradation, maintenance and procurement of physical/ academic/ support facilities. Multi Facility Centre for Arts and Science facilitate higher studies and research activities among students.

Despite the **lockdown due to Covid pandemic**, the teaching learning process continued through different virtual platforms. Special online routine was prepared including additional tutorial and remedial classes and mentoring sessions. Knowledge repository section was added to website where study materials were uploaded regularly. Workshops/ training on virtual teaching was organized for teachers. The Psychological counselling cell provided immense support to students and teachers through online counselling. Webinars on different aspects and effects of Pandemic were also organized

The **cyclone Amphan** knocked down many trees inside the campus causing damage to some physical infrastructure too; soon the repairing and restoring job was started and done with cooperation from PWD.

**Libraries** are Open access and fully computerized with multi-user Linux-Fedora based library software Libsys 7.0 Web Version. **Library Automation is enabled by RFID technology** since 2019. Departmental Libraries are enabled to access OPAC with the LAN. e-books and e-journals are accessed through INFLIBNET - N-LIST consortium. The Library maintains an Archive section which is a rich reservoir of valuable, rare, old documents and also has a digital lab, server room and fumigation room.

The horizontal extension of the *Chandramukhi Bhawan* is complete that was initiated from the third phase allotment of RUSA with a vision to create a **State-of-the-art-Archives** and newly dedicated **Alumni Room**

A **specially-abled toilet with Ramp** providing wheelchair access has been constructed.

Construction of **Ladies Hostel** which will accommodate students staying far away from the college is near completion. The basement of the Administrative Building has been renovated making room for old furniture and equipment. The **Auditorium** is fully functional being the venue of annual functions, conferences and seminars. The ground level of Nivedita Prayer Hall harbours a Girls' Common Room.

**The College Canteen** provides food at subsidized rate for students and staff during the working hours of the College. The College authority provides furniture, refrigerator, gas, purified water & electric supply to the organization. Junk food is banned in the college canteen as per UGC guidelines.

**Student support:** Students can avail and get benefit from financial support in the form of scholarship, stipend, free studentship etc., from various government and non-government sources and the College's own student aid fund.

A **Career Counselling Cell** is proactive enough to guide the students about various career opportunities to help them to proceed towards their future career path.