

Celebrating 30 Years

(1986-2016)

BIRPARA COLLEGE

(Accredited by NAAC)



Birpara :: Alipurduar

Birpara College took roots from the dream of the local population for an institution of higher education in an area that lies near the international border with Bhutan and is home to people from different linguistic groups. Founded on 4th December 1986, it began its journey as a commerce college. General courses in the humanities were introduced later. Today Birpara College also offers Honours courses in six subjects: Accountancy, Geography, Bengali, Sociology, History and Nepali.

Aims and objectives

The college is located on the intersection of three rural blocks—Madarihat-Birpara, Falakata and Dhupguri—wherein the population includes a large number of people from the SC, ST and OBC categories. The primary objective of the college has always been to cater to their need for higher education.

Category and UGC recognition

The college is a grant-in-aid co-educational college affiliated to the University of North Bengal and recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC) under 12B and 2(f) since 1993. This year, the college was graded B in the first assessment cycle by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). Birpara College is the first college in the Alipurduar district to be assessed and accredited by NAAC.

Infrastructure

The college buildings on the 6.30-acre campus house classrooms, including smart ones, public address system, a library with reading room, a 300-seater seminar hall and a fully computerized office. The Geography Lab acts as Nodal Cell for university exams. The college has a playground, a generator for power backup, water purifier, Internet connectivity and two canteens. Different clubs and cells look after

extra-curricular activities and student support. A large, two-storied block is under construction with funds from the North Bengal Development Department and the Department of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal.

Student strength and nature

The college has around 3,000 students. The percentage of girl students taking admission to the college has been steadily increasing over the past three years. The college also attracts students from the neighbouring country of Bhutan. Students of the college have secured high rank in university examinations.

Student progression

Alumni of the college are employed in various sectors. Graduates from the college pursue higher education in different universities. The college houses a Study Centre of the Netaji Subhash Open University (NSOU) for students wishing to enrol in post-graduate courses in the open and distance learning mode.

Academic excellence

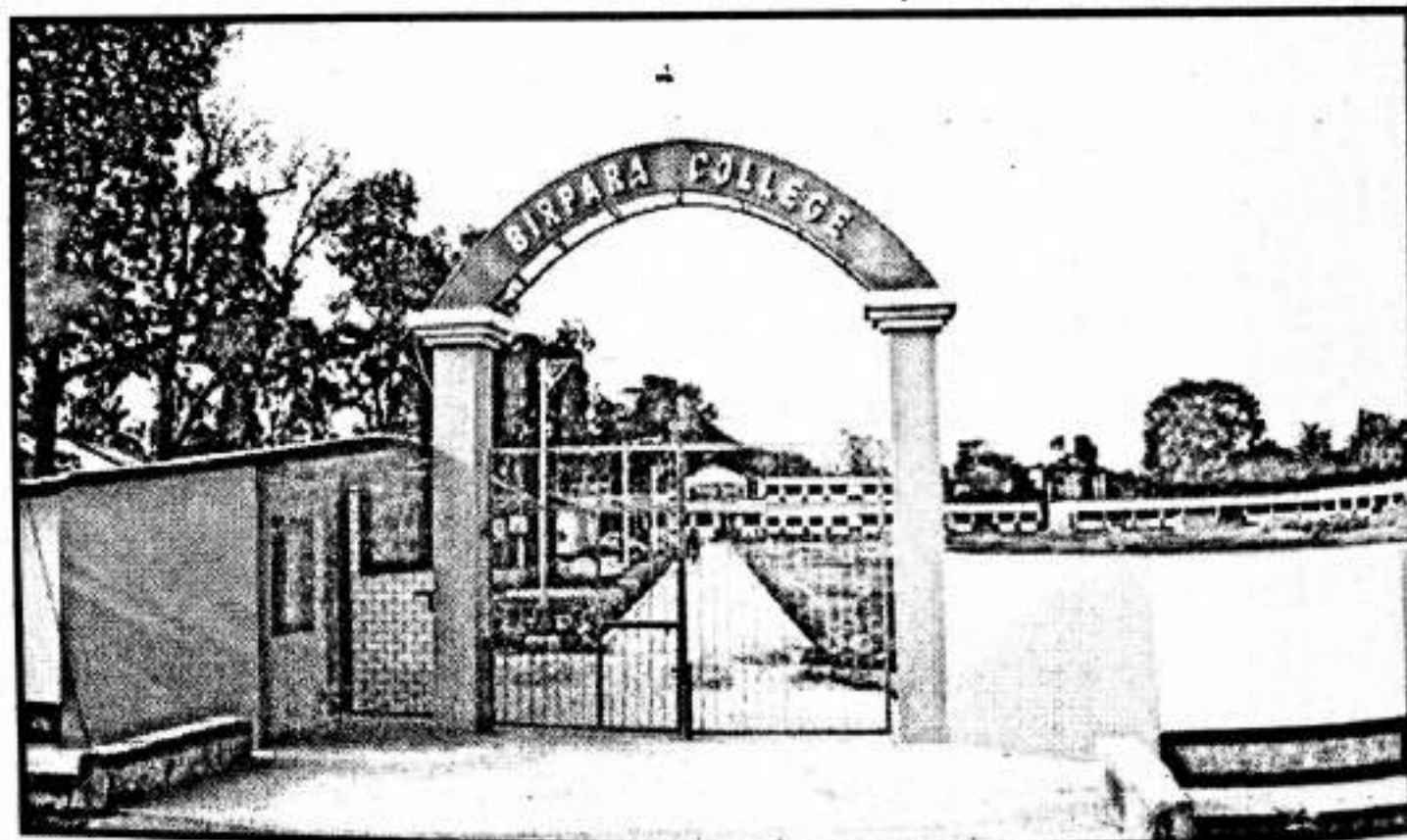
The college has organised eight UGC-sponsored national seminars and brought out eight publications. Faculty members of the college have been granted 10 UGC Minor Research Projects (completed and ongoing). The faculty members also have a variety of research publications, including solo books and articles.

Future plans

The college plans to introduce science subjects and career-oriented courses. The college is also seeking to open a Study Centre of the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU). Other plans include an ATM counter, a bookstore and a multi-gym. With your support, Birpara College can look to the future with hope.



A meeting held on the proposed campus of Birpara College in 1986.



Birpara College today, 30 years after its foundation.