

## **5. CRITERION V: STUDENT SUPPORT AND PROGRESSION**

### **5.1 Student Mentoring and Support**

#### **5.1.1 Does the College have an independent system for student support and mentoring? If yes, what are its structural and functional characteristics?**

The college has a well-established student mentoring and support system. The Principal, Vice Principal, Hostel Superintendents, Departmental Heads and administrative support staff constitute the body which is responsible for student support and mentoring

- Administrative hierarchy: Principal, Vice-Principal
  - Functions: role models, mentoring, guidance, and student support, after working hours
- Hostel Hierarchy: Superintendents, staff
  - Functions: role models, mentoring, student support, all through the year when students are in residence, except vacation.
- Faculty: Head and Departmental Staff.
  - Functions: role models, mentoring, guidance, and student support during working hours, outside class.
- Office Hierarchy: Head Clerk and office and accounts staff
  - Functions: administrative support, addressing students' individual needs.

#### **5.1.2 What provisions exist for academic mentoring apart from class room work?**

- ❖ Faculty members are available beyond classroom hours, as and when needed, for mentoring.
  - Monastic members of the college are always available for academic mentoring since they live on campus.
  - Seminars, conferences, symposia, extension lectures, and workshops, provide students with the necessary academic mentoring beyond the limits of the classroom.

- Those in need of additional academic support are provided with remedial coaching.
- Students appearing for competitive and entrance examinations like, NET, SET, WBSSC, UPSC, JAM, JEST, ISI entrance

**5.1.3 Does the College provide personal enhancement and development schemes for students? If yes, describe techniques employed e.g., career counselling, soft skill development, etc.**

- Companies and organisations like TCS and others provide career counselling.
- The Teachers' Council has a Sub-Committee, which address particularly this important area.
- Other areas in which skill development courses are provided for those interested including Spoken Sanskrit.
- Soft-skill development courses are also offered.

**5.1.4 Does the College publish its updated prospectus and handbook annually? If yes, what are the activities / information included / provided to students through these documents? Is there a provision for online access?**

- ❖ Yes, the College publishes updated versions of its Prospectus at the beginning of every academic year.
- ❖ All information relating to academics, hostel life, cultural activities, and financial matters such as freeships and details of fees charged, may be found in the Prospectus.
- ❖ A copy of the Prospectus is attached for perusal.
- ❖ Students, faculty, and staff members are also provided with individual copies of the College Diary, which provides important dates such as the commencement of tests, examinations, holidays, and sports and cultural events.
- ❖ All students and staff members are also given individual copies of the Principal's Report, which allows them overall review of the preceding year's activities.
- ❖ The Prospectus and Principal's Report may be accessed online, but the Diary is available only in printed form, since this is meant for internal circulation.

**5.1.5 Specify the type and number of scholarships / freeships given to students (UG/PG/MPhil/Ph.D./Diploma/others in tabular form) by the College Management during the last four years. Indicate whether the financial aid was available on time.**

- Financial assistance in the form of monthly stipends is provided every year to needy and meritorious students.
- These stipends are met from funds and endowments created out of donations etc. by several well-wishers Admirers of the Mission ideology, ex-students and benevolent public.
- There is also a token contribution from our students from their regular fees.
- Such assistance is provided to approximately 40% of the students of the college.
- The amount of monthly stipend given to an individual student varies from Rs.100 to Rs.1600 per month.
- More than Rs.18 lakh was distributed last year as scholarships and stipends.
- Besides the college, students often avail of scholarships and financial assistance from other sources.
- These scholarships, routed through the college, include:
  - Government of India
  - Government of West Bengal.
  - University Grants Commission.
  - Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira Alumni Association.
  - Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark.
  - Our dear and respected ex-students.
  - Ramakrishna Mission Headquarters, Belur Math.
- Yes, the financial assistance was available on time.

**5.1.6 What percentage of students receives financial assistance from state government,**

central government and other national agencies? (e.g., Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana (KVPY), SN Bose Fellow, etc.)

- JBNSTS : 2 (students)
- INSPIRE : 51 (students)
- WEST BENGAL MERIT-CUM-MEANS : 94 (students)
- CHIEF MINISTER'S FUND : 45 (students)

**5.1.7 Does the College have an International Student Cell to cater to the needs of foreign students? If so, what measures have been taken to attract foreign students?**

The college has no international students, and therefore no such student cell exists in the college.

**5.1.8 What types of support services are available for**

- **overseas students**
  - Not applicable
- **physically challenged / differently abled students**
  - There are 3 such students at present in the college.
  - Hostel rooms conveniently located are provided for easy access to these students.
  - One student was provided with crutches for mobility.
  - The main building has a ramp for easy access.
  - Extra time is allowed to the visually challenged students during exams in order to ensure that they are not deprived.
- **SC/ST, OBC and economically weaker sections:**
  - Those students of these sections, in whom the need for remedial teaching has been identified, are provided it.
  - Financial assistance is also made available to them.
- **students to participate in various competitions/conferences in India and abroad**
  - Students from the college are provided necessary assistance such as

railway fares / conveyance allowance so that they may attend such gatherings at the state and central level.

- Our students have participated successfully at
  - Youth Parliament (organised by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs),
  - Confluence (Economics, St Xavier's College, Calcutta)
  - NCC and NSS training camps.

➤ **health centre, health insurance etc.**

- The college has a medical treatment room where a doctor is available thrice a week in the evenings for consultation.
- The Teachers' Council and the Alumni Association have a Students' Benefit Fund for medical emergencies.
- The college administration ensures that no student suffers for want of medical attention.
- If necessary, arrangements are made for admitting critically ill students to hospitals like
  - the local Shramjeevi Hospital and
  - the Ramakrishna Mission Seva Pratishthan, Kolkata.

➤ **skill development (spoken English, computer literacy, etc.)**

- Areas in which skill development courses are provided for those interested including Spoken Sanskrit.
- Soft-skill development courses are also offered.
- Computer skills are imparted through special courses intended to make students tech friendly.

➤ **performance enhancement for slow learners / students who are at risk of failure and dropouts**

- Remedial coaching is always made available every semester to students who are identified through internal assessments as slow learners.

➤ **exposure of students to other institutions of higher learning/ corporates/business houses, etc.**

- Our students visit other institutions of higher learning in order to attend

seminars, symposia, etc.

- Business houses like TCS have come to our college to conduct soft-skill development workshops.
- During departmental excursions students are encouraged to visit educational institutions.
- Recently students from the Dept of Economics visited Mumbai, where they had the chance to visit the IIT, SEBI, BSE, and other such places.
- Students are also encouraged to take up summer internships.
  - Kaustuv Chakraborti of the English Department completed 4 weeks' internship at the Department of Comparative Literature, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, during 01 June and 30 June 2012

➤ **publication of student magazines**

- Students are encouraged to publish Departmental Wall Magazines, which is done with regularity.
- The college has its own annual magazine, the *Vidyamandira Patrika*.
- Some departments have their in-house magazines to which students contribute articles.
- The college plans to launch a research journal with an ISSN number soon.

**5.1.9 Does the College provide guidance / coaching classes for Civil Services, Defence Services, NET/SLET and any other competitive examinations? If yes, what is the outcome?**

- The college provides coaching for the School Service Examination.
- Some departments provide coaching for NET/SLET.
- Other departments (which offer postgraduate courses) have designed their syllabi such that it covers the necessary areas required for appearing at the NET/SLET.

**5.1.10 Mention the policies of the College for enhancing student participation in sports and extracurricular activities through strategies such as**

- \* additional academic support, flexibility in examinations

No

- \* special dietary requirements, sports uniform and materials

Uniforms and equipment are provided by the college

- \* any other

- The college organises its own tournaments for students in
  - cricket,
  - football,
  - volleyball.
- Individual championship matches are also arranged in
  - table-tennis
  - carom.
- A state-of-art gymnasium is available for the use of students on campus.

**5.1.11 Does the College have an institutionalized mechanism for placement of its students? What services are provided to help students identify job opportunities, prepare themselves for interview, and develop entrepreneurship skills?**

- No, the college has no placement system for placement.
- Students are given exposure by businesses to help them identify job opportunities.
- ACC regularly conducted campus interviews for placement.
- Entrepreneurship skills were particularly taught to Industrial Chemistry (Major) and Computer Application (Major) until 2012.
  - These courses have since changed into full-fledged Honours courses.

**5.1.12 Give the number of students selected during campus interviews by different employers (list the employers and the number of companies who visited the campus annually for the last four years).**

- Year 2011 : ACC Limited selected 8 student
- Year 2009 : IFB AGRO selected 1 student
- Year 2008 : TCS selected 5 students ; ACC selected 11 students

**5.1.13 Does the College have a registered Alumni association? If yes, what are its activities and contributions to the development of the College?**

- Yes. The Registration Number of the Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira Alumni Association, registered under the Registered Societies Act in 1987.
- The Alumni Association contributes greatly to the overall development of the college and the welfare of its students.
- Among the activities are
  - endowment lectures
  - medical grants to the Shramjivi Hospital, Belur, for treatment of students and staff
  - scholarship for meritorious but needy students, financial assistance to the college
  - funds and support to the hostel for infrastructural development.
- It also conducts celebrations in association with the college, of the National Youth Day (Swamiji's Birth Anniversary) by focusing on a particular district in the state through
  - inter-school cultural and sports competitions
  - Youth and Teachers' Conferences
- The Alumni Association also publishes its bi-annual newsletter, *Praktanibarta*.

**5.1.14 Does the College have a student grievance redressal cell? Give details of the nature of grievances reported and how they were redressed.**

- The Vidyamandira has a Grievance Redressal Committee
- The students' grievance redressal system of the Vidyamandira operates at



two levels.

- The first level is dedicated to addressing complaints related to matters related to the hostel and other residential facilities, such as food.
- This level involves the superintendent of each hostel, to whose notice any student or his parent / guardian may bring a complaint.
- If the complaint is not redressed within a day or two, the student has full access to the Principal and Vice-Principal, who live on campus, and so are easily accessible.
- All complaints are redressed at this level.
- There is no case of dissatisfaction beyond this higher stage.
- The second level operates in the college, and concerns academics. Here the Heads of the Departments, assisted by their colleagues, accept complaints.
- Parents / guardians are allowed to voice their wards' problems at the annual Guardians' meet, which are also noted.
- Moreover, a parent / guardian may meet the Head of a Department by prior appointment in case of special grievances.
- As with the first level, in case of dissatisfaction, the student is free to approach the Principal and Vice-Principal for redressal.
- No cases have ever gone beyond this stage.
- The Principal and the Vice-Principal liaise between the first (hostel) and second (college) grievance systems, in order to keep themselves aware of
  1. The nature and substance of the complaints
  2. their causes (which may be sourced both in the hostel and at college)
  3. the rapidity with which the grievances are remedied
  4. the effectiveness of the remedies to the students' complaints
  5. to identify if policy changes are necessary for the removal of similar complaints over the long term.

**5.1.15 Does the College have a cell and mechanism to resolve issues of sexual harassment?**

- The college does not have a sexual harassment cell because its students and staff are all males.
- Nonetheless, in order to maintain internal discipline and to ensure that no sexual harassment takes place,
  - administrators of the college, viz, the Principal, Vice-Principal,
  - Office Superintendent
  - Hostel Superintendents
  - the Secretary, Teachers' Council, the Head Clerk
  - the senior Librarian
  - the Head/s of the Department/s concerned, deal with allegations on a case-to-case basis
  - Head Clerk
- This mechanism has been found to be advantageous rather than a cell because it allows
  - Informality
  - Flexibility
  - Anonymity.

**5.1.16 Is there an anti-ragging committee? How many instances (if any) have been reported during the last four years and what action has been taken on these?**

- Considering the low student-teacher ratio, and the limited number of students accommodated in the hostels (the college is fully residential for students), no evident need for the establishment of an anti-ragging cell has been perceived to date.
- The Hostel Superintendents take personal care to see that there is no ragging, and are directly responsible for this to the Principal and Vice-Principal.
- There is also a Discipline Sub-Committee of the Teachers' Council, which is equipped to address such issues with adequate responses, should the need arise.

**5.1.17 How does the College elicit the cooperation from all stakeholders to ensure overall development of the students considering the curricular and co-curricular activities, research, community orientation, etc. ?**

- The stakeholders in the college include the faculty, the administration, the staff, the alumni, and the students.
- The faculty contribute to the overall development of the college through their academic activities and their participation at the various sub-committees of the Teachers' Council.
- Students have free access to not only the college library but also other major libraries such as the British Council Library in Kolkata.
- They have access to online information.
- The former Reading Room of the Library has been redesigned to allow students online access through numerous computers.
- Students participate in the college activities and cooperate with the other stakeholders through the *Vidyarthi Samsad*.
- This is a non-political elected organisation of students of the college. It also has various sub-committees that coordinate curricular and co-curricular activities in tandem with corresponding subcommittees of the Teachers' Council.
- Students participate in the NCC and NSS camps.
- They participate in Blood Donation camps, which are organised annually at the college.
- Students enrolled in the NSS distribute clothes among slum-dwellers in the locality before the festive season begins.
- NCC cadets put in their best efforts and make record collections on Armed Forces Flag Day.
- Students attend academic and cultural competitions at various institutions like the State Science Fair, 2012.
- They have won several awards at the Youth Parliaments, organised by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.

- They are taken on tours to places of academic, cultural, social, and historical importance.
- The college has been hosting continually over the last few years the District-level Inter-College Athletics and Football Meet, at which several students have participated.
- National, state, and local level seminars, workshop, and symposia provide sufficient exposure to students with the latest trends in research in their areas of specialisation.
- All students of the college have to take up a certificate course in Indian Cultural and Spiritual Heritage.
- This is a unique programme, mentored and designed by monks of the Ramakrishna Order, and it instils in them the ideals of selfless public service.
- Student volunteers participate in spiritual and cultural functions at the world headquarters of the Ramakrishna Math and Mission.
- The students organize various kinds of socio-religious functions and festivities and take part in the national festivals.
- They participate in the periodical religious celebrations of the Belur Math.
- The students are taught to be self-reliant, active, and practical and are encouraged to develop a sense of social obligation and responsibility.
- They clean their rooms, look after the shrine, work in the garden, and attend on their sick brothers. They are made to feel that the hostel is their home.”

**5.1.18 What special schemes/mechanisms are in place to motivate students for participation in extracurricular activities such as sports, cultural events, etc?**

- The college holds cultural competitions all through the year, following a calendar devised by the Cultural subcommittees of the Teachers’ Council and the *Vidyarthi Samsad*.
- These include

- essay-writing
  - debates
  - recitation
  - extempore speech
  - drama
  - quiz
  - vocal music
  - instrumental music
  - art
- The Vidyamandira organised until the full adoption of the semester system, a bi-annual Educational Exhibition at which every Department put up a display of models and charts highlighting some area of knowledge or expertise for public enlightenment.
  - Students are actively encouraged to participate at cultural competitions at various institutions in Kolkata like the Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture at Golpark.
  - The college organises its own tournaments for students using the league system for team qualification in
    - Cricket
    - Football
    - Volleyball
  - Individual championship matches are also arranged in
    - table-tennis
    - carom.
  - A state-of-art gymnasium is available for the use of students on campus.
  - The college has been hosting continually over the last few years the District-level Inter-College Athletics and Football Meet, at which several students have participated.

**5.1.19 How does the College ensure participation of women in ‘intra’ and ‘inter’ institutional sports competitions and cultural activities? Provides details of sports and cultural activities in which such efforts were made?**

- The college admits only men students
- Women participants join as outsiders at sports and cultural activities
- No particular effort is made to encourage the participation of women since this is beyond the ambit of the college.
- Women are encouraged to participate at the National Youth Day sports and cultural competitions organised annually in the districts by the Alumni Association in association with the college.
- The college has been hosting continually over the last few years the District-level Inter-College Athletics and Football Meet, at which women participants are present.

**5.2 Student Progression**

**5.2.1 Provide details of programme-wise success rate of the College for the last four years. How does the College compare itself with the performance of other autonomous Colleges / universities (if available)**

The college cannot provide comparative programme-wise success rates vis-à-vis other autonomous colleges over the past four years, since the first batch of students who were admitted subsequent to the granting of academic autonomy are yet to graduate.

**5.2.2 Providing the percentage of students progressing to higher education or employment (for the last four batches) highlight the observed trends.**

<b>Student progression</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>UG to PG</b>	<b>Almost 100% in last 4 batches</b>

<b>Student progression</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>PG to M.Phil.</b>	<b>2012 – 6.66</b> <b>2011 – 10</b> <b>2010 – 13.3</b> <b>2009 – 0</b>
<b>PG to Ph.D.</b>	<b>2012 – 20</b> <b>2011 – 10</b> <b>2010 – 13.3</b> <b>2009 – 22</b>
<b>Employed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Campus selection</b></li> <li>• <b>Other than campus recruitment</b></li> </ul>	<b>Campus Selection :</b> Year 2011 : ACC Limited selected 8 student Year 2009 : IFB AGRO selected 1 student  <b>Other than Campus Recruitment :</b> West Bengal School Service Commission Examination : (based on the information related to Post Graduate Departments : 2012 : No Examination held 2011 : 40 2010 : 36.66

**5.2.3 What is the Programme-wise completion rate/dropout rate within the time span as stipulated by the College/University**

**2012**

<b>Departments</b>	<b>No of Students appeared</b>	<b>No of students passed</b>	<b>Pass percentage</b>
<b>UG</b>			
Mathematics	18	17	94.44

Physics	20	20	100
Chemistry	27	27	100
Computer science	7	7	100
Microbiology	11	11	100
Economics	12	12	100
Political Science	8	8	100
History	8	8	100
Philosophy	10	9	90
Sanskrit	11	11	100
English	12	12	100
Bengali	8	8	100
Industrial Chemistry(M)	11	11	100
<b>PG</b>			
Mathematics	9	9	100
Sanskrit	12	12	100
Bengali	8	8	100

## 2011

<b>Departments</b>	<b>No of Students appeared</b>	<b>No of students passed</b>	<b>Pass percentage (%)</b>
<b>UG</b>			
Mathematics	18	18	100
Physics	23	23	100
Chemistry	26	26	100
Computer Application(M)	11	11	100
Microbiology	10	10	100
Economics	12	12	100
Political Science	10	10	100



History	10	10	100
Philosophy	10	10	100
Sanskrit	10	10	100
English	9	9	100
Bengali	10	10	100
Industrial Chemistry(M)	11	11	100
<b>PG</b>			
Mathematics	13	13	100
Sanskrit	12	12	100
Bengali	15	15	100

## **2010**

<b>Departments</b>	<b>No of Students appeared</b>	<b>No of students passed</b>	<b>Pass percentage</b>
<b>UG</b>			
Mathematics	14	14	100
Physics	26	26	100
Chemistry	24	24	100
Computer Application (M)	10	10	100
Microbiology	10	10	100
Economics	11	11	100
Political Science	05	05	100
History	10	10	100
Philosophy	06	06	100
Sanskrit	09	09	100
English	12	12	100
Bengali	10	10	100
Industrial	10	10	100

Chemistry (M)			
<b>PG</b>			
Mathematics	9	9	100
Sanskrit	5	5	100
Bengali	16	16	100

### 2009

<b>Departments</b>	<b>No of Students appeared</b>	<b>No of students passed</b>	<b>Pass percentage</b>
<b>UG</b>			
Mathematics	19	16	84.21
Physics	25	24	96
Chemistry	30	30	100
Computer science	08	08	100
Microbiology	12	12	100
Economics	16	12	75
Political Science	05	05	100
History	11	11	100
Philosophy	08	08	100
Sanskrit	07	07	100
English	08	08	100
Bengali	13	13	100
Industrial Chemistry(M)	08	08	100
<b>PG</b>			
Sanskrit	12	12	100

**5.2.4 What is the number and percentage of students who appeared/qualified in examinations like UGC-CSIR-NET, UGC-NET, SLET, GATE / CAT / GRE / TOFEL / GMAT / Central / State services, Defense, Civil Services, etc.**

A. Following is the number of the successful candidates of Post Graduate Departments in the following examinations.

Year of passing out	NET (UGC-CSIR + UGC) / SET	GATE	GRE
2013	8 (Math – 2, Sanskrit – 3, Bengali 3)	11 (Applied Chemistry)	0
2012	15 (Math – 3, Sanskrit – 6, Bengali – 6)	3 (Math)	0
2011	12 (Math – 2, Bengali – 10)	0	0
2010	18 (Math – 4, Sanskrit – 4, Bengali – 10)	4 (Math)	1 (Math)

B. There are a number of all India examinations conducted by IITs, IISc, ISI, DSE, JNU, Hyderabad University and other national institutes of repute. We are giving an available synopsis of the success of our students in these examinations.

**Year 2012 :**

- a) Ecole Polytechnic, France : Physics – 2
- b) All-India IIT Admission to the M.Sc. Courses, 2012. The ranks secured [within the first 20] are as follows:
  - Mathematics: Ranks (General) – 1, 14
  - Chemistry: Ranks (General) – 4, 12
  - Physics: Ranks (General) – 3
- c) TIFR Bangalore : Mathematics : 2
- d) IISC Bangalore : Chemistry : 1
- e) DSE : Economics : 1

**Year 2011**

- a) All-India IIT Admission to the M.Sc. Courses, 2011. The ranks secured by [within the first 20] are as follows:
  - Physics: Ranks (General) – 1<sup>st</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Mathematics: Ranks (General) – 1<sup>st</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Chemistry: Ranks (General) – 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>
- b) TIFR Bangalore : Mathematics – 2
- c) IISC Bangalore : Chemistry – 3
- d) ISI, Kolkata : Mathematics – 1

## Year 2010

Name of the Department	Examination / Institute	No of Successful Students	Rank (if any) (within 20)
Physics	Cambridge University, UK	1	
	IIT-JAM	23	4, 20
	TIFR (Mumbai)	2	
	CMI	2	
Chemistry	IIT-JAM	22	6, 11, 16
	IISc	2	
Mathematics	IIT-JAM	4	
	IISER	1	
Computer Applications	Pondichery University	2	
	Vivekananda University	1	
Industrial Chemistry	Sardar Patel University, Gujarat	7	
Microbiology	University of Hyderabad	1	-
English	University of Hyderabad	4	-
	Pondicherry University	1	-

## Year 2009

### IIT JAM (Entrance to M.Sc. courses)

Department	No of students appeared	No of students qualified	Ranks within 50
Chemistry	30	27	6, 8 15 (two students), 21, 25, 36, 38, 39, 40, 41
Physics	24	20	12, 41, 42, 46, 47
Mathematics Math & ASI	11	11	1, 2, 28, 48
Microbiology	7	1	

### Other examinations for entrance to Integrated Ph.D., M.Sc. and M.A. courses

<u>Students of Mathematics Hons :</u> Vivekananda University : 5 ISI (Bangalore) : 1 CMI : 2 IISc : 2 TIFR Mumbai : 1 TIFR Bangalore : 3 IISc Bangalore : 3	<u>Students of Physics Hons :</u> HRI : 2 TIFR Mumbai : 3 IISc : 1 ISM : 3 (10, 26, 43) SNBose : 3
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Ecole Polytechnic, France : 1	
<u>Students of Chemistry Hons :</u> IISc Bangalore : 2 IACS, Kolkata : 1	<u>Students of Microbiology Hons:</u> WBUT : 1
<u>Students of Computer Applications Major :</u> NIT : 1 Vivekananda University : 3	<u>Students of Industrial Chemistry Major:</u> Sardar Patel University : 6
<u>Students of English Hons :</u> University of Hyderabad : 3  <u>Students of History Hons :</u> Jadavpur University : 2	<u>Students of Economics Hons :</u> Gokhale Institute: 1 University of Hyderabad : 2 Madras School of Economics : 2 JNU : 2, Delhi School of Economics : 2

**5.2.5 Provide details regarding the number of Ph.D/D.Sc./D.Litt. theses submitted, accepted, resubmitted and rejected in the last four years.**

Not applicable

### **5.3 Student Participation and Activities**

**5.3.1 List the range of sports and games, cultural and extracurricular activities available to students. Provide details of participation and program calendar.**

- The college organises its own tournaments for students using the league system for team qualification in
  - Cricket
  - Football
  - Volleyball.
- Individual championship matches are also arranged in
  - Table-tennis
  - Carom.
- A state-of-art gymnasium is available for the use of students on campus.

- The college has been hosting continually over the last few years the District-level Inter-College Athletics and Football Meet, at which several students have participated.
- The college also has an annual Sports Day at which many competitions for students and staff are organised.
- The college holds cultural competitions all through the year, following a calendar devised by the Cultural subcommittees of the Teachers' Council and the Vidyarthi Samsad.
- These include
  - essay-writing
  - debates
  - elocution
  - drama
  - quiz
  - vocal music
  - art.
- The Vidyamandira organised until the full adoption of the semester system, a bi-annual Educational Exhibition at which every Department put up a display of models and charts highlighting some area of knowledge or expertise for public enlightenment.
- Students are actively encouraged to participate at cultural competitions at various institutions in Kolkata like the Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture at Golpark.
- The following list provides the calendar of cultural events followed through the academic year:
  - College Foundation Day.
  - Netaji's Birthday Celebration.
  - Vidyarthi Vrata Homa and Bhatrivarana.
  - Republic Day Celebration.
  - Independence Day Celebration.
  - Saraswati Puja.

- Saradotsav.
- Reunion of Ex-Students (organised tri-ennially by the Alumni Association).
- Swami Tejasananda Memorial Inter-College Quiz competition on the Life and Message of Swami Vivekanada (organised jointly by Alumni Association and Vidyamandira).
- National Youth Day Celebration.
- Varshavaran and Rabindra Jayanti.
- A list of sports activities is as given below:
  - Football
  - Cricket
  - Volleyball
  - Table Tennis (Singles and doubles)
  - Carrom
  - Badminton (Singles and doubles)
  - Annual Athletics Meet
  - Swami Tejasananda Memorial Volleyball Tournament between the students of outgoing batches and the rest.
  - Swami Tejasananda Memorial Cricket Tournament between the students of outgoing batches and the rest.
  - Swami Tejasananda Memorial Football Tournament between the students of outgoing batches and the rest.

**5.3.2 Provide details of the previous four years regarding the achievements of students in co-curricular, extracurricular activities and cultural activities at different levels: University / State / Zonal / National / International, etc**

## Year 2012-2013

### Academic & Cultural

Sl No	Competiton	Name of the Students/ Rank	Organised by
1	Madhava Mathematics Competition 2012	Krishnendu Khan, Gorapada Bera, Bhaskar Palit (all B.Sc. 3rd yr) & Anindya Chanda, Jyotirmoy Poddar (both B.Sc. 2nd yr)	Tata Institute of Fundamental Research
2	JBNSTS Scholarship	Kritanjan Polley (B.Sc. 1 <sup>st</sup> yr)	JBNSTS
3	'Quiz'	Subhankar Sau; Ritwik Sarkar Mathematics (1st yr Honours): 3rd	Mathematics Dept. of St. Xavier's College
4	West Bengal State Student-Youth Fair 2012	<b><u>STATE LEVEL</u></b> <b>1st : PG Level Model</b> Argha Ghosh & Animesh Lahiri [M.Sc. 2nd Yr] <b><u>DISTRICT LEVEL</u></b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> : UG Level Model</b> Banibrata Mondal [B.Sc. 3rd Yr] & Sajal Kumar Giri [B.Sc. 3rd Yr] [Assisted by Utsarga Adhikary, Somnath Biswas, Jadab Majhi] <b>3<sup>rd</sup> : UG Level Model:</b> Pabitra Nandy [B.Sc. 2nd Yr] & Somnath Shee [B.Sc. 2nd Yr]	Youth Services Department, Govt. of West Bengal; School Education & Higher Education Departments; West Bengal State Council of Science & Technology and Birla Industrial & Technological Museum
5	<b>CONFLUENCE, 2012</b>  CONTANGO (MOCK STOCK)  CONFIGURATION (BEST STATISTICIAN)	Economics students:  Vijoy Shankar Roy & Judhajit Chakraborty (B.Sc. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Yr) : Runners-Up  Sourish Dutta: Runners-Up	St. Xavier's College, Kolkata
6	'Sudoku'	Abhijit Bachhar (Economics (1st Honours))	Mathematics Department of St. Xavier's College
7	Homelands Writing Competition 2013	Souvik Mukherjee (B.A. 3rd yr): Winners Prize	British Council and Outset India
8	All India Sanskrit Competitions	Avijit Mondal (M.A. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Yr): 1 <sup>st</sup> (Samasyapurti): 1 <sup>st</sup> (Lecture: Satkaryavada)	Rastriya Sanskrit Samsthanam, Regional Level; Eastern Region



			'12
		Uday Sankar Khatua (M.A. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Yr): 3rd (Samasyapurti): 2nd (Akshara-sloki)	Rastriya Sanskrit Samsthanam, Regional Level; Eastern Region '12
9	Group Discussion	Aniruddha Chattaraj (BSc 2 <sup>nd</sup> yr) Pabitra Nandy (BSc 2 <sup>nd</sup> yr)	Udbodhan, Kolkata
10	Elocution	Pritam Roy BA 3 <sup>rd</sup> Yr	Udbodhan, Kolkata
11	Essay	Suman Banerjee (BA 2 <sup>nd</sup> yr) Avishek Banerjee (BA 2 <sup>nd</sup> yr)	Udbodhan, Kolkata
12	Sanskrit recitation	Ashes Vaidya (BSc 2 <sup>nd</sup> yr)	Udbodhan, Kolkata
13	Elocution	Shubham Dutta (BA 2 <sup>nd</sup> yr)	Advaita Ashrama

## Sports

The **District Football Championship and Athletics Meet** among the colleges of Howrah District was held in our playground. Vidyamandira was one of the semi-finalist in Football Championship Among the Vidyamandira students--Asesh Das (2<sup>nd</sup> Yr) won the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in the 100 mt run, while Avijit Mondal (MA Sanskrit 2<sup>nd</sup> Yr) secured the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in the 200 mt run.

## Year 2011-2012

### Academic & Cultural

#### A.

Sl No	Competiton	Name of the Students/ Rank	Organised by
1	Madhava Mathematics Competition 2012	<i>Kuntal Chakraborty—3<sup>rd</sup></i> <i>Subhankar Dey, Neelabja Chatterjee, Gorapada Bera, Samriddha Sanyal—</i> All within Top 20	TIFR Mumbai & National Board of Higher Mathematics (NBHM)
2	JBNSTS Scholarship	Stitadhi Maity (B.Sc. 1 <sup>st</sup> yr)	JBNSTS
3	NBHM Scholarship	4 students of B.Sc. 3 <sup>rd</sup> yr Mathematics Hons & 2 students of M.Sc. Mathematics	National Board of Higher Mathematics
3	International Seminar	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize for Poster presentation by M.Sc. 1 <sup>st</sup> Yr Applied Chemistrt teacher and students	CIPT & AHS, Uluberia, Howrah
4	Essay Competition	Abhijit Mandal (M.A. 1 <sup>st</sup> Yr): 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Sanskrit Sahitya Samaj, Howrah

B. A team of 13 students of the B.Sc. 1<sup>st</sup> Yr Physics Honours visited the Variable Energy Cyclotrone Centre (VECC) on the occasion of the 'National Science Day' on 16 March 2012.

C. Students of our college participated in the Youth Parliament competition, organized by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs, Govt. of West Bengal. The following laurels were won by the students:

**District Level:** (a) Champion college in Howrah (team of 15 students)-- represented the district at the state competition, (b) Quiz Champion at the district competition: Two-member team of Narayan Samanta & Amit Singh, represented the district at the state competition, (c) Best Leader of the House- Narayan Samanta

**State Level:** (a) Best leader of the opposition: Amit Singh; (b) Best Parliamentarian-Debarghya Dutta

D. Other noteworthy performances of the students in **cultural programmes** held elsewhere are as follows:

Venue	Competition	Event/Topic	Participants	Position
St. Xavier's College	Confluence 2011	Crisis Management	Judhajit Chakraborty & VIjoy Shankar Roy (B.Sc. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Yr Eco)	1 <sup>st</sup>
Swami Vivekananda's Ancestral House	Debate	Swamiji's message can no longer build the India of future (Motion of the day)	Neelabja Chatterjee (B.Sc. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Yr Maths)	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Vidyasagar College for Women	Essay	<i>Shikshabhawnayan Samajsanskare Vidyasagara</i>	Abhijit Mandal (M.A. 1 <sup>st</sup> Yr Sans)	1 <sup>st</sup>

### Sports

The **District Football Championship and Athletics Meet** among the colleges of Howrah District was organized by our college this year. The football team from our college and 12 athletes of our college participated in the competitions. Of them, Subhendu Karak (3<sup>rd</sup> Yr) won the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in the 200 mt run.

### Year 2010-2011

#### Academic & Cultural

Sl No	Name of the Students	Department	Achievement
1	Soumitra Ghara, Samir Mandal	Mathematics	NBHM Scholarship
2	Neelabja Chatterjee, Abhishek Mallik, Utsarga Adhikary	Mathematics, Chemistry	JBNSTS Scholarship

## Sports

The **District Athletics Meet** among the colleges of Howrah District was organized by Bagnan College this year. A total of 9 students participated in the district-level meet. Of these Vivekananda Duary (200 mts—1st, Long Jump 2nd) & Ekramul Haque (Shot Put—3rd) won prizes. Vivekananda Duary also competed in the two events (for which he won prizes) at the State-level Athletics Meet.

A table-tennis team from our college became Runners-up at a TT meet among Ramakrishna Mission institutions held at Narendrapur. Mayukh Bhadra, a student of 2<sup>nd</sup> yr, became the 3<sup>rd</sup> place-holder in the individual championship.

## Year 2009-2010

### Academic & Cultural

Name	Rank	Name of Competitions	Organised by
Subhro Dutta Buddeswar Rao Sandipan Pal	1st 1st 1st	Quiz competition	Vivekananda Youth Circle, BESU, Howrah
Premashis Manna Ankan Ghosh Soumya Sen	3rd 3rd 3rd	Quiz competition (Chemistry)	Presidency College
Bhaskar Biswas	2nd	Extempore Speech	St Xaviers' College ('Confluence-Budding Economist')
Soumyajit Sen	1st	All India Elocution Competition (Sanskrit)	Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark
Soumyajit Sen	1st	All India Elocution Competition (in four language Bengali, English, Sanskrit and Hindi)	Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark
Anjan Purkait	1st	All India Elocution Competition (in four language Bengali, English, Sanskrit and Hindi)	Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark
B.Sc. 3rd Yr Microbiology(H) & Departmental Teachers	-----	<i>Paper: Presentation:</i> `Bioremediation: Screening and Characterization of Nickel-Resistant Microbial Communities from Wasteland Soil	Occasion: 17th W.B.State Science & Technology Congress
Bappa Datta, M.A.		<i>Paper Presentation:</i>	Comparative Literature

1st Yr		Ramayane Hanuman-Charitra	Dept, Jadavpur University
Sourav Mondal Ankan Ghosh Anindya Sundar Polley	3 <sup>rd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Quiz competition	Udbodhan, Bagbazar
Sayan Chatterjee Sukankan Roy Soumya Roy	2 <sup>nd</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup>	Quiz competition	Udbodhan, Bagbazar
Atin Kumar Jash Subhojit Dolui Arnab Mukherjee	3 <sup>rd</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup>	Quiz competition	Udbodhan, Bagbazar
Dibyendu Das	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Essay Competition	Udbodhan, Bagbazar
Srijan Ghosh	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Essay Competition	Udbodhan, Bagbazar
Koushik Mondal	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Essay Competition	Udbodhan, Bagbazar
Subhro Dutta Buddeswar Rao Sandipan Pal	1 <sup>st</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup>	Quiz competition	VYC, BESU, Howrah
Premashis Manna Ankan Ghosh Soumya Sen	3 <sup>rd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Quiz competition	Presidency College

## Sports

The *District Athletics Meet and Football Championship* among the non-govt. colleges of Howrah District was organized at our playground this year. Our college was adjudged the *Champion College* (among boys) in the Athletics Meet on the basis of prizes (ranks) won by the following students: Asim Das (High Jump 1<sup>st</sup>; Long Jump 3<sup>rd</sup>), Vivekananda Duary (Long Jump 1<sup>st</sup>), Subhadeep Biswas (Javelin 1<sup>st</sup>), Suvendu Karak (200 mt, 2<sup>nd</sup>).

### 5.3.3 How often does the College collect feedback from students for improving the support services? How is the feedback used?

- The college collects feedback from graduating students annually, along a

proforma available online, which enables the college to consider changes in its support services.

- The feedback is used as a non-empirical measure of effectiveness.

#### **5.3.4 Does the College have a mechanism to seek and use data and feedback from its graduates and employers, to improve the growth and development of the College**

- While there is no official mechanism for seeking such feedback, former students often visit the college on numerous occasions, sometimes even as invited guests.
- Their opinions are sought, and given due consideration.
- All former students are welcome to write in to the Principal by post or email on any aspect of the college, and these opinions too are valued greatly.

#### **5.3.5 How does the College involve and encourage students to publish materials like catalogues, wall magazines, College magazine, and other material? List the major publications/ materials brought out by the students during the previous academic session**

- Students are encouraged to contribute to the college magazine, *Vidyamandira Patrika*, which is published annually.
- This provides a forum for the students as well as the teachers to explore their skills on creative writing, drawing, photography, etc.
- The *Vidyamandira Patrika* has been published without a break for several decades on end, a feature not always found in every college.
- Vidyamandira releases hand-written wall magazines in college and hostels. Some departments issue newsletters and departmental journals to which students and faculty contribute.
- Another unique feature is the publication of address books containing the latest contact information of outgoing students of the college.

- This helps the college keep in touch with former pupils, and also allows them to stay in touch with each other.
- The following is the list of the names of these Wall Magazines:
  - College: Shraddha
  - N.S.S.: Seva
  - Sree Bhavan: Naivedya
  - Vidya Bhavan: Arghya
  - Vivek Bhavan: Prayas
  - Vinay Bhavan: Bodhan
  - Shraddha Bhavan: Navarun
  - Physics Department: Anvesha
  - Chemistry Department: Unmesh
  - Bengali Department: Kriti
  - Sanskrit Department: Vaninikkanah
  - Microbiology Department: Cella
  - History Department: Puravritta
  - Political Science Department: Rashtra
  - Philosophy Department: Darshan
  - Economics Department: Arthaniti
  - Computer Science and Applications: Gananam
  - Industrial Chemistry Department: Industrial Chemistry

**5.3.6 Does the College have a Student Council or any similar body? Give details on its constitution, major activities and funding**

- Yes, the college has an selected non-political students' organisation called the *Vidyarthi Samsad*.
- This body has subcommittees that deal with the multifarious activities of student life.
- It has been clearly stated in our college prospectus that since Ramakrishna Mission is a non-political body, its students are not allowed to indulge in politics during the period of their study in the college.

- The *Samsad* is made up of elected members from the students. Its major activities and other features are listed below.
- Its activities are funded by the college.
  
- The Secretary of Vidyarthi Samsad for the session 2012-2013 is Anirban Basu, a student of Sanskrit Honours, 3rd year.
- The Assistant Secretary of Vidyarthi Samsad for the session 2012-2013 is Debabrata Ganguly, a student of Microbiology Honours, 2nd year.
- The Vidyarthi Samsad of the college works harmoniously with the college administration and the Teachers' Council for the academic, cultural, and other overall improvements of the college.
- The samsad functions through the following subcommittees:
  - The Seminar and Cultural Subcommittee coordinates the conduct of
    - weekly seminars
    - cultural competitions
    - annual prize distribution ceremony
    - memorial lectures.
  - Literary Activities Subcommittee coordinates the publications of
    - Vidyamandira Patrika, the college annual magazine,
    - Shraddha and Seva, the college wall magazines
    - the hostel wall magazines Naivedya, Arghya, Prayas, Bodhan and Navarun.
  - Religious and Cultural Functions Subcommittee helps to conduct religious and cultural functions such as
    - Bhratrivaran
    - Saraswati Puja

- Saradotsava,
  - Dolyatra,
  - Bangla Navavarsha
- Celebrations Subcommittee organizes annual celebrations such as
    - college foundation day,
    - Independence day,
    - Republic day
    - students' day
    - Swami Vivekananda's birthday
    - Netaji Subhash Chandra's birthday
  - Humanitarian Works Subcommittee helps to conduct activities such as
    - weekly sanitation in the hostels
    - distribution of new clothes to the poor children of locality on the eve of Durga Puja
    - free health care project of Alumni Association
    - relief activities
    - other welfare activities
  - Exhibition Subcommittee helps to organize the college biennial exhibition
  - Games and Sports Subcommittee assists in organizing sports and games events throughout the year and annual sports meet.
  - Library Subcommittee participates in making policies such as
    - purchase of library books
    - reference textbooks in the reading room section
    - books for long-term issue



- It also presents the students' views about library matters and grievances.
- Reunion Subcommittee assists the Alumni Association in organizing reunion every three years.

**5.3.7 Give details of various academic and administrative bodies that have student representatives on them. Provide details of their activities.**

Student representatives are present on various subcommittees of the *Vidyarthi Samsad*. UGC rules for Autonomous Colleges have no provision for student representatives on other academic and administrative bodies.

*Any additional information regarding Student Support and Progression, which the institution would like to include.*