

Office of the Principal
Bethune College, Kolkata

NOTICE

Dated : 17.7.2014

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Bethune College is being reconstituted and the composition of the Cell is as follows:

1. Professor Sangeeta Tripathi Mitra : Principal, Bethune College, Chairperson *S.T. Mitra 17.7.14*
2. Dr. P.K. Choudhury : Former Director of Public Instruction, Department of Higher Education, Govt. of West Bengal, Eminent Academician *P.K. Choudhury 17.7.14*
3. Dr. Jukta Adhikari : ADPI (Admn.), Department of Higher Education Govt. of West Bengal & Member of Governing Body, Bethune College *Jukta Adhikari 17/07/14*
4. Dr. Pushpa Misra : Former Principal, Bethune College, Alumna and Psycho Analyst *P. Misra 17.7.14*
5. Dr. Dipayan Chattopadhyay : Associate Prof., Bethune College *Dipayan Chattopadhyay 17.7.14*
6. Dr. Kamal Kanti Som : Associate Prof., Bethune College *Kamal Kanti Som 17.7.14*
7. Dr. Sudeshna Mitra : Assistant Prof., Bethune College & Teachers' Council Secretary *Sudeshna Mitra 17/7/2014*
8. Dr. Roli Shukla Ray : Assistant Prof., Dept. of Zoology, Bethune College & NAAC Co-ordinator *Roli Shukla Ray 17.7.14*
9. Dr. Pallavi Banerjee : Assistant Prof., Dept. of Psychology, Bethune College *Pallavi Banerjee 17.7.14*
10. Dr. Rama Prasad Bhattacharya : Joint DPI, Department of Higher Education, Govt. of West Bengal, Govt. Nominee
11. Smt. Pratyusa Banerjee : Dept. of Zoology & General Secretary, Students' Union.
12. Dr. Gopa Gupta : Associate Prof., Dept. of Philosophy, Bethune College & IQAC Co-ordinator *Gopa Gupta 17-7-14*

S.T. Mitra
Principal 17.7.14
Bethune College

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17.7.14

Prof. Pushpa Misra recommended the opening of Courses on foreign language (for eg. Spanish) as Short Course or Travel & Tourism for students to equip the students for career after graduation. Dr. P.K. Chowdhury proposed opening up of courses on Far East Countries' languages like Korean. Dr. Pushpa Mishra asked about the proceedings of College Hostel. The Principal replied that boundary has been built and work is in progress.

The Principal ^{stated} proposed the agenda of the meeting —
- Preparation for meeting NAAC Peer Team.

Prof. Jyoti Adhikari said that NAAC team will visit each dept. and see each Dept's ppt. So he asked the College to prepare ppt. for each Dept. and proposed the Principal to

Dr. P.K. Chowdhury proposed that the NAAC peer team will be interested in knowing developments of the Dept. after SSR uploading.

Dr. Pushpa Mishra Misra proposed development in Sports & she recommended a course on Marshal Arts in the content of events like Nirbhaya Kand.

The Principal reported that there is a Physical Instructor in the College who supervises practice of games and organises Independence Day, Liberation & Republic Day Celebration. She also reported that having to share grounds with Balthome School is an additional challenge.

Dr. P.K. Choudhury proposed organising workshop on Calisthenics for students. He proposed contacting Syamal Bandyopadhyay for this purpose. Dr. P.K. Choudhury proposed that SVBT College in Mumbai has no grounds & yet they presented Calisthenic during NAAC visit in their limited space courtyard. He also proposed Yoga classes for students. He proposed he will be able to organise such a workshop for the college. He also appreciated Counselor on Ethics & Value Education & proposed Legal Advice Seminars. T.C.S. reported that ^{state} legal Aid services has conducted such sessions.

Dr. Pushpa Mishra proposed that when she was Principal, ~~they~~ college used to conduct Counselling Related Legal Advice Sessions each year for the students.

Dr. Pushpa Mishra also proposed that the opening of course on Environmental Education → Honours course so that students who study these subjects can contribute to saving Environment → Seminars, Essay competitions may be conducted. She proposed taking help from T.V. regarding this.

Principal reported that Rup Kala Kendra has proposed the opening of a course on Film Making & Editing - 3 semesters for preparing students for career. She reported that she could not go ahead with the proposal due to dearth of space. She also however said that running a Language Course would be more feasible.

Dr. P.K. Choudhury proposed that NSS can form a Cultural Programme Performing Group which can occasionally go to Old Age Home and entertain them. He also proposed that a NSS team can be formed for cleaning statues in Kolkata by seeking permission of Corporation.

Dr. Pushpa Mishra suggested that digitalisation and separate display of ancient books & journals of earlier part of the century. The Principal reported that digitalisation work ~~is~~ is in progress. Psychology

Dr. Pushpa Mishra also proposed M.Sc. in Chemistry & Management ~~too~~ course. The Principal reported that dearth of space is the major constraint. Dr. Mishra said that if proposal for these courses are sent at this juncture, this can be shown as Post SSR upload ~~derives~~ developments of the college.

Dr. Mishra also advised setting of lift in Heritage Buildings by seeking permission.

Dr. Mishra also proposed introduction of Brail for Blind students. She reported that Dr. Aloka Bagchi, Ex Professor of Bethune College has trained in Brail & she will be able to help in developing Brail course material for blind students. Dr. Mishra said that this move will have tremendous social implications. The Principal said that this would be a very good step & said the college would try to get it ~~implem~~ implemented. Dr. P.K. Chowdhury ~~also~~ also proposed installing Computer Reader as substitute of Brail.

The Principal asked if the college proposes publication of Brail Book, would the college have to provide estimate for the same to the State Govt.?

Dr. Mishra said that Dr. Aloka Bagchi's help can be sought in this regard. Dr. P.K. Chowdhury recommended making such books to available to outsiders.

Dr. Mishra also recommended buying Computers that provide voice commentary on Material. The Principal said that CPE fund can be utilised for this purpose. B.Sc.

Dr. P.K. Chowdhury proposed opening of Nursing Course.

Dr. P.K. Chowdhury shared that Environmental Science is a neglected subject even though the course is good.

Dr. Mishra reported that if Environmental science is taught as Honours, students will study it seriously.

Dr. Mishra proposed that Dr. Supriya Chowdhury can advise college regarding Marshal Arts.

The Principal shared that Marshal Arts Course and Brain Book Course material development can be initiated as early as possible.

Dr. Mishra also proposed a room that would provide privacy along with sofa for resting, table, Computer with internet access, coffee provision for Tea-Coffee in the room. Principal proposed using Anti Chamber of Principal's office.

The Principal asked the External Experts on which who would be present along with the Principal in the 1st Meeting with the Peer Team? Dr. P. K. Chowdhury replied that the meeting would be of approximately 1 hr as Principal and Coordinator will be present in the meeting. First Meeting will finish with National Anthem. Dr. Mishra recommended placing order for catering to a renowned caterer.

For students' rent Dr. P. K. Chowdhury proposed selecting students who can speak good English, some students who are good in sports, cultural activities and students who participate in NSS. He proposed that the students may propose that they desire Autonomy for college in the meeting for NAAC. But if students say that, it would get reflected in student Peer Team Recommendation.

Students may also ask for Hostel and transportation to & from Hostel to College. Dr. Mishra said that if these are reflected in students' requirements, College would be able to ask for these facilities from the Government.