

SILIGURI COLLEGE

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ABOUT THE COLLEGE

HISTORY AND LOCATION

Siliguri College was established on October 8, 1950 and over the years has witnessed enviable growth. At present it is, in many ways, the college of first choice under the University of North Bengal.

After partition and independence, Siliguri gained importance both strategically and in trade and commerce. There was an exodus of migrants from the then East Pakistan and Siliguri College was established under the Refugee Rehabilitation Scheme to provide opportunity of higher education to the youth population of the region the college was affiliated to University of Calcutta till 1962 when the University of North Bengal come into begin.



The New and the Old: The Old Cycle Stand now converted into a Power Room stands prettily beside the new IMD Observatory

With the modest beginning as an intermediate college in 1950, Siliguri College has evolved, with the passage of time, into one of the finest educational institutions in West Bengal. Supported by sprawling, enviable campus, impressive infrastructure and a sincere dedicated

faculty, the college has been imparting education in a wide variety of academic disciplines ranging from Humanities and Science, both Major and General courses, to Vocational subjects to the students of Siliguri and the surrounding region.

Siliguri in Darjeeling district is one of the fastest growing cities in India. Considered the gateway of North East India, Bhutan, Sikkim and Nepal, Siliguri is characterized by its unique cosmopolitan nature, and is the center of trade and commerce in North Bengal. Darjeeling district is home to people of various ethnic and linguistic groups and famous for some of the best boarding school in the country. To accommodate students from various socio-economic and cultural backgrounds, the college offers wide choices in academic disciplines.

Responding to the changing times and the demands of the new information technology driven age, Siliguri College has harbored a shift in the opening of a number of job-oriented courses including Travel and Tourism Management, Microbiology, Computer Science, Mass Communication and BBA

Relentless efforts on the part of the teaching and non-teaching staff coupled with their warmth and cooperation have provided a friendly, amiable ambience to the college, offering the right condition to students who wish to excel and shine in life. Every year, Students from different departments of the college top the University examination.

The college has well-qualified faculty and has 73 sanctioned substantive posts in various departments and 39 State Aided College Teachers, out of which many are engaged in active research work.



The First Building of our College

COURSES OF STUDY:

The college follows the NCCF, 2022 guided Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) for the FYUGP (Four Year Undergraduate Program) from this academic session and PG courses from

2018-19 session. A student can appear at the Semester Examination only after successful completion of the regular classes in the college.



The Science Block that houses the Departments of Chemistry, Physics and Geography



The Annexe Building containing the Department of Mass Communication & Journalism and the Department of Microbiology

Intake Capacity and List of Departments and courses offered:**Intake Capacity -**

SL. NO.	MAJOR SUBJECTS	INTAKE CAPACITY
1	BENGALI	250
2	ECONOMICS	200
3	EDUCATION	175
4	ENGLISH	250
5	GEOGRAPHY	125
6	HINDI	200
7	HISTORY	250
8	MASS COMMUNICATION AND JOURNALISM	175
9	NEPALI	150
10	PHILOSOPHY	250
11	POLITICAL SCIENCE	250
12	SANSKRIT	100
13	SOCIOLOGY	250
14	BOTANY	95
15	CHEMISTRY	95
16	COMPUTER SCIENCE	125
17	MATHEMATICS	135
18	MICROBIOLOGY	110
19	PHYSICS	95
20	PHYSIOLOGY	95
21	STATISTICS	80
22	ZOOLOGY	95
23	BBA (TOURISM, AVIATION & HOSPITALITY)	68
24	BCA	85
	GRAND TOTAL	3703

UG Courses -

Sl. No.	Name of Department (along with degrees awarded)	Subject offered as
1.	Bengali (BA Major)	Major, and Minor
2.	Botany (BSc Major)	Major, and Minor
3.	BCA (BCA Major)	Major Only
4.	Chemistry (BSc Major)	Major, and Minor
5.	Computer Science (BSc Major)	Major, and Minor
6.	Economics (BA Major and BSc Major)	Major, and Minor
7.	Education (BA Major)	Major, and Minor
8.	English (BA Major)	Major, and Minor
9.	Environmental Science (Education)	Compulsory Paper (VAC1/2)
10.	Geography (BA Major and BSc Major)	Major, and Minor
11.	Hindi (BA Major)	Major, and Minor
12.	History (BA Major)	Major, and Minor
13.	Mathematics (BSc Major)	Major, and Minor

14.	Mass Communication & Journalism (BA Major)	Major, and Minor
15.	Microbiology (BSc Major)	Major, and Minor
16.	Nepali (BA Major)	Major, and Minor
17.	Philosophy (BA Major)	Major, and Minor
18.	Physical Education (BA Minor)	Minor
19.	Physics (BSc Major)	Major, and Minor
20.	Physiology (BSc Major)	Major, and Minor
21.	Political Science (BA Major)	Major, and Minor
22.	Sanskrit (BA Major)	Major, and Minor
23.	Sociology (BA Major)	Major, and Minor
24.	Statistics (BSc Major)	Major, and Minor
25.	Zoology (BSc Major)	Major, and Minor

PG Courses -

Sl. No.	Name of Department	Degrees awarded
1.	Bengali	MA
2.	Geography	MSc

Certificate Courses -

Sl. No.	Name of Department	Name of Course
1.	Chemistry	Different Skin Care Product
2.	Computer Science and Applications	Python
3.	Physiology	Diet Therapy
4.	Travel and Aviation	Travel and Travel Management

Multidisciplinary Courses (Semester 1 only)-

Sl No	Course	Eligibility Condition
1	Cultural Anthropology	All Students
2	Introduction to Basic Bioinformatics	All Students
3	Chemistry in Action	All Students except those who have studied Chemistry at +2 level and / or are having Chemistry as a Major or a Minor.
4	Fundamentals of Data Science	All Students
5	Introduction to African Literature	All Students except those who are having English as a Major.
6	Fundamentals of Remote Sensing	All Students except those who have studied Geography at +2 level and / or are having Geography as a Major or a Minor.
7	History of North Bengal	All Students
8	Management of Libraries and Information Centres	All Students
9	Community Journalism	All Students except those who are having Mass Communication & Journalism as a Major or a Minor.
10	Behavioural Science	All Students
11	Gender Studies	All Students



The Administrative Building houses the College Office, Principal's Chamber, the IQAC Room as well as the Departments of BCA & Computer Science, Economics, Mathematics and Statistics

Apart from the above the College offers Post Graduate courses in Bengali as well as Geography and Applied Geography, a BBA Program Course in association with Avlon and a Career Oriented Program (COP) in Travel and Tourism Management.

ACADEMIC SCHEDULE

The academic session begins from July to June every year. Each student admitted to the college must fulfill the minimum attendance requirement, at least 75 % of the classes held during the course of the study, failing which the college shall have the right to take necessary action. All leave applications must be duly signed by the student, clearly mentioning his/her Roll No, Semester, Subject and countersigned by parents/guardians. A certificate from a recognized medical practitioner should support medical leave application.

To ensure learning outcomes of each subject, continuous evaluation and internal assessment is carried out through tutorials, seminars, assignments/projects, presentations. Each practical class is assessed to monitor the learning process of the students. The semester examination is conducted by the university after completion of every semester. Students will not be allowed to appear in the final semester examinations if they do not have the requisite attendance in class.

During the academic session each department of the college organizes, on regular basis student participatory seminars, essay competitions, group discussions, debates and exhibition. When a student is required to represent the college on competitive events like athletics, cultural activities, debates, etc., he/she must apply for prior permission from principal in writing.

Identity Cards

Identity cards are issued simultaneously to each student as soon as he/she secure admission. Students are required to bring their identity cards with them to college and produce them as and when necessary. A student may not be allowed to attend classes if he/she is unable to produce his/her identity cards on demand. Loss of identity cards must be reported immediately to the office, submitting the copy of F.I.R. and receipt of fine paid to the institution. Misuse of identity cards is liable to penalization. Identity cards must be returned after completion of the course to which the candidate has been admitted.

GENERAL RULES AND DISCIPLINE

General rules

1. Students must be punctual and regular in attending classes.
2. They should come to the college in proper uniform.
3. Students must consult the college notice board every day and comply, failing which the college authorities will not be responsible for any inconvenience faced by them.
4. Students are required to attend all extracurricular activities organized by the institution.

Discipline

The college expects its students to conduct themselves in a disciplined and dignified manner within and outside the college premises. Admission of the students in each case implies an undertaking on the part of the students and parents/guardians to follow the rules and regulation of the college and maintain its discipline. Some of the provisions to be followed are-

1. Students are responsible for their conduct to the Principal and are prohibited from doing anything, either inside or outside the college premises, which will amount to a breach of discipline or interference in the discipline and normal working of the college. A student will be liable to disciplinary action for violation of any rules of discipline. Disciplinary action may involve warning, and/or fine, and/or suspension from classes or from examinations, from use the college library or even the from the college as such or any such action provided under the rules of Discipline of the University of North Bengal.
2. Students shall conduct themselves in a disciplined manner both towards the members of the staff (teaching and administrative) and towards their fellow students. Use of indecent language or arrogant conduct including teasing etc., shall be severely dealt with.
3. Students shall maintain perfect silence in class rooms and desist from demonstrations or disorderly behavior. They must not loiter in the corridors or in front of class rooms and must maintain silence as possible at all times.
4. Students shall take proper care of the college property at its premises, and must not spoil or cause any damage to or tamper with college property, furniture, fittings etc.
5. Students shall leave their bicycles, scooters or motorcycle in the shed provided for this purpose. No bicycle, scooters or motorcycles shall be parked in any other part of the college premises.
6. No society can be formed in the college nor shall any person be invited to address a meeting in the college premises without prior permission of the principal.
7. As per the recent verdict of the apex court vis-à-vis campus ragging in any form is strictly prohibited within outside the college premises. During the time of admission for 1st year students need to submit two affidavits as per U.G.C format, regarding the U.G.C regulations on curbing the menace of Raging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009. Submission of these two affidavits within 15 days from the date of admission is compulsory. The term ragging includes individual or collective acts or practices which:
 - a) Involve physical assault or threat, and/or use of physical force;
 - b) Violate the status, dignity and honor of female students;
 - c) Violate the status, dignity and honor of students belonging to the schedule caste and tribe:

- d) Expose students to ridicule and contempt and affect their self-esteem:
 - e) Entail verbal abuse and aggression, indecent gestures and obscene behavior.
- Anyone found to be guilty of including any of the abovementioned offences will face exemplary punitive actions.

- 8. Use of intoxicants, drugs or alcoholic drinks is strictly prohibited within the college premises.

EXCURSION

As per rule of the University of North Bengal, some departments are required to take their students out on excursion related academic projects in their respective areas. Students studying in these subjects are required to participate in these excursions. The place of excursion is decided each year by the department concerned. The expenditure involved in excursion is to be borne by students. Students can avail railway concession for excursion trips. Faculty members accompany the students during such excursion.

FACILITIES

LIBRARY

The college library consists of 2-stories consisting of a reading room and reference section on the first floor and the Book Bank, issue section and the librarian chamber in the ground floor.



The College Library

The college has a well-equipped library containing text and reference books. The reference section includes sizeable collections of gazetteers, encyclopaedias and many rare and out of

print books and manuscripts in the library. At present, the library has over 40,000 volumes. The library remains open from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm during weekdays and from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm on Saturday. A student can borrow books from the library on production of his/her library card which will be issued to students soon after their admission. The library also has a reading room in the first floor building. In addition to the general library some science departments in the college has their own seminar library. Allotments of funds to purchase new books for all disciplines are made on an annual basis. Sufficient number of reference books and textbooks are made available to the students. The library however, is not digitized till now. However, very recently, the steps for digitization and cataloguing have been taken up, to upgrade the library.

Hostel

There are two separate hostels for boys and girls in the college campus itself. The boy's hostel can accommodate 66 boarders, while the girl's hostels can accommodate 48 boarders. A student seeking accommodation in any of these two hostels must apply in prescribed form available from the office of the respective hostel superintendents at the time of admission. At the beginning of the session only a few hostels seats will be available, there may be later in the session. Boarders are required to vacate the hostels during the period of Puja vacation. In all matters of discipline and conduct, the hostels are governed by the hostels Superintendents.

Common Room

There are two separate common rooms for both boys and girls in the college.



The Main Building also contains the Girls Common Room, Teachers' Common Room and the Alumni Room apart from the Botany, the Zoology and the Physiology Departments

Canteen Facilities

Our College has canteen facilities where a wide variety of food items are served at subsidized rates.

Cycle stand

Our college provides parking facility for wheeler vehicle used by teachers and students for commutation.



The Newly Built Cycle Stand sitting neatly beside the Room Nos. 19 & 20

FEATURES

Complaints

Complaints relating to violation of college rules or campus ragging or to other disciplinary matters should be brought to the notice of the Principal/Head of the department of the concerned Departments or the hostel superintendents as the case may be.

Prizes and Awards

At the present there are few awards and prizes for meritorious students. The college has taken the initiative to award the University Rank holders annually

Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded to the deserving students to pursue their studies. Scholarships such as Minority Scholarship, Kanyashree Prakalpa, Swami Vivekananda Merit Scholarship,

Aikyashree, etc. are endowed to the students from diverse backgrounds. Scholarship is also provided to various backward classes like SC/ST/OBC.

Full-free and Half-free Studentship are awarded to meritorious and needy students on the basis of their results and all-round performance in the college. Scholarship may be withdrawn at any time due to unsatisfactory progress or conduct or for any reason deemed sufficient for the purpose. Application may be made on plain paper and must be enclosed by two certificates from respectable personalities, regarding the financial condition of the applicant's family. Genuine BPL/APL card holders are also entertained for full free and half free studentship.

Magazine

Each year the student's Union of the college publish its yearly magazine *Chetona*. The contributors are mostly students of the college. The magazine has four sections: Bengali, English, Hindi and Nepali. *Counterpoint* published by women study cell, *Colloquium* the college annual journal and *Prochesta* by the NSS are published at regular intervals in our college. Beside various departments have their own magazines published at regular intervals of time, as well as *Banglar Mukh* from the Department of Bengali.

Recently to develop the writing skill of the students and to give expression and exposure of literary and artistic talents of the students, our college has provided a platform to the students in the form of Wall Magazine. Each year on the occasion of Matri Bhasa Diwas the language departments inaugurate the wall magazine section. The contribution of the students in the form of poems, articles, short stories, paintings are published annually.

Celebrations

The college celebrates and observes the following events and days:

Rabindra Jayanti (25th Baishakh), Bhanu Jayanti (13th July), Independence Day (15th August), Republic Day (26th January), Hindi Vasa Diwas (21st February), Saraswati Puja (Basant Panchami), College Foundation Day (8th October), World Environment Day (5th June), etc.

Women Study Cell

The women study cell was established in August, 2004. Since its inception, the cell has been actively involved in bringing into focus various issues and aspects of women empowerment and self-reliance. All members of the WSC have exhibited an involvement and dedication of more than an ordinary level in conducting numerous activities. To this end seminar, open forum

discussion and workshop have been organized regularly and with great success. The first issue of “Counterpoint”-the annual organ of the WSC-has been published. The remarkable in its nascent stage and we hope to continue this trend.

Students’ Union

The responsibility of an institution lies in shaping the all-round growth of the student fraternity. To enable students to accomplish the mission of the College we have a Students’ Union as per the government rules and the University statute. The members of the union are elected annually from and by the students of the college.

CO CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

NCC

National Cadet Corps aims at development of leadership, character, Comradeship, spirit of sportsmanship and the ideal of service. Admission to the N.C.C. is open to all the students of the college. On regular basis, the N.C.C. cadets have represented the college at the Republic Day Parade in New Delhi. The cadet assists the various functions of the college to maintain discipline and order. The N.C.C. has helped many cadets shape their careers vis-à-vis it strives to create a force of disciplined and trained man power which could be of assistance to the country during emergencies and to provide training for students with a view to develop in them officer like qualities, thus also enabling them to obtain entry in the Armed forces.



The Library Annexe Building containing the NCC Unit and the Seminar Hall (Room No. 1)

NSS

There are five N.S.S. units in the college. Our College N.S.S Unit enables a student to render his/her service for social welfare. Students interested in joining N.S.S. should apply to the Programme Officer of N.S.S., Siliguri College, in plain paper.

Annual Social

The students' Union organizes each year annual social of the college. It gives an opportunity to the students of the college to express and display their talents in front of large audience. Annual Social is also an opportunity for the students to experience live performance or renowned artistes.

Sports & Games

The college playground measuring approximately 10,000 sq. m., is well maintained and a badminton Court. Annual sports and outdoor games like cricket, football, Kho-Kho, etc. are held in the playground. The college also provides for amenities for track and field events.

Physical education department of the college and the College Sports Committee looks after the progress of the sportsperson. A good number of students has represented in Inter-varsity, State, National and International level in events like Table Tennis, Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Cricket, etc. Our College organises Annual Sports Meet every year.

Inter Class Competition

Each year competitions are held in various events like debate, extempore speech, quiz, exhibition etc., among students of different departments of the college. A speech competition was held amongst the selected students of Science departments on the occasion of the National Science Day this year.

Youth Parliament Competitions

Our College has been a leading light in the Youth Parliament Competitions (YPC) at the Divisional level and also at the District level in the last few years. In the District level, they acquired the 2nd position in 2022-23 session.

Siliguri College Quiz Club

A Quiz Club was established by the Principal on the 8th of March, 2019 upon receiving a request from a group of students. Since then the members of the Club have won the Quiz Competition at Zestival – 2020 at Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya, Siliguri. They regularly participate in quiz competitions organized by local institutions like SIT, Salesian College, Inspiria, etc. and also participate in the Character Building as well as parliamentary Quiz Competitions, as part of the YPCs, in which they represented the College at both district (Siliguri Sub Division Academic District) as well as divisional (Jalpaiguri Division) levels this year.
