

**GOUR MOHAN SACHIN MANDAL MAHAVIDYALAYA**  
**SCHOLARSHIP AND FREESHIP POLICY**

In keeping with the vision of the college, the scholarship policy is structured to provide a transformative educational experience for rural communities where every individual from marginalized communities has access to education. Since most of the students come from a socially and economically deprived families' scholarships and free ships are indispensable for them to finish their graduation.

**Objectives of Scholarship Policy:**

- ∂ To enable students to take advantage of various Scholarship Schemes.
- ∂ To assist students in applying for scholarships at the Central, State and Institutional level and from other schemes.
- ∂ To scrutinize the documents and recommend the same.
- ∂ To conduct regular follow up of processing of each application so submitted and updation of documents as required.
- ∂ To provide support to economically and socially backward students.

The institution has an assigned office staff who deals with different scholarship schemes (Central Government, State Government, and Private Philanthropists) offered various bodies to achieve the above objectives. The office scrutinizes the documents for the various scholarship schemes, helps aspirants of Government scholarships to apply smoothly.

The institution cannot provide any Scholarship on its part as it is a government college.

Students are eligible to apply for the following Scholarship

- 1 SVMCM
- 2 KANYASHREE
- 3 OASIS (Post Matric)
- 4 SR Jindal

The **Swami Vivekananda Merit-cum-Means Scholarship** is a prominent scholarship (SVMCM) programme, initiated by the West Bengal Government, aimed at supporting deserving and economically disadvantaged students who have demonstrated exceptional academic performance in their secondary or higher secondary examinations. This scholarship serves as a crucial financial aid initiative, enabling eligible candidates to pursue undergraduate and postgraduate studies across various disciplines. By recognizing and encouraging academic excellence, the fellowship empowers students to pursue their educational aspirations and contributes significantly to their personal and professional growth.

**Kanyashree-** The Kanyashree Prakalpa, a flagship initiative of the Government of West Bengal, demonstrates the state's dedication to the welfare and empowerment of its female population. Kanyashree Prakalpa seeks to improve the status and wellbeing of girls, specifically those from socio-economically disadvantaged families through Conditional Cash Transfers by:

- Incentivizing them to continue in education for a longer period of time, and complete secondary or higher secondary education, or equivalent in technical or vocational streams, thereby giving them a better footing in both the economic and social spheres.
- Disincentivising marriage till at least the age of 18, the legal age of marriage, thereby reducing the risks of early pregnancies, associated risks of maternal and child mortality, and other debilitating health conditions, including those of malnutrition.
- It was also decided that the Scheme should confer more than just monetary support; it should be a means of financial inclusion and a tool of empowerment for adolescent girls. The schemes benefits are therefore paid directly to bank accounts in the girls names, leaving the decision of utilization of the money in their hands.
- To reinforce the positive impact of increased education and delayed marriages, the scheme also works to enhance the social power and self-esteem of girls through a targeted behaviour change communication strategy. The communication strategy not only builds awareness of the scheme, but includes adolescent-friendly approaches like events, competitions and Kanyashree clubs, and the endorsement of strong

women figures as role models to promote social and psychological empowerment.

The **Kanyashree Club** of the college was formed in 2022 as per the initiative taken by Government of West Bengal, stating the participation of all girl students of the college who avail Kanyashree scholarship, to be active members of the Kanyashree club with the involvement of a Nodal Lady Teacher appointed from the faculties to be in-charge of all club activities. Programs are organized to celebrate or discuss social issues and problems to create awareness among the students. Some of these are like celebrating Annual Kanyashree Day. Other club activities involve spreading awareness on eradication of child marriage, environment-friendly clean-green college campus by planting trees, watering plants, placing dustbins within the college campus, menstrual health and hygiene, creating dengue awareness through posters and wall-magazines.

The Oasis **Post Matric Scholarship**, sponsored by the Ministry of Social Justice and empowerment, Govt. of India, and offered by the Backward Classes Welfare Department and Tribal Development Department, Government of West Bengal, is a gateway for SC, ST, and OBC students studying at the post-secondary level to the world of educational possibilities.

**Sitaram Jindal Scholarship** is a merit-cum-means based scholarship scheme. Started by the Sitaram Jindal Foundation, a charitable organisation in Bengaluru, the Jindal scholarship aims to provide financial assistance to deserving meritorious candidates who belong to underprivileged families. The candidates need to be studying in class 11 to post graduation in order to be eligible for Sitaram Jindal Scholarship. The scholarship covers Polytechnic and Diploma courses in technical education as well. The selected students can avail up to INR 3,200 per month scholarship amount under this scholarship scheme. Category C For graduate courses: • The candidates must be studying graduate courses to be eligible. • The applicants must have secured at least 55% marks (in case of boys) and 50% marks (in case of girls) in the previous exam. • • In case of those in employment, the annual family income must not be more than INR 4 Lakh. • For other students, the annual family income must not be more than INR 2.5 Lakh. • The applicants must not have crossed the age of 30 years.

Jindal scholarship comes under the category of round the year scholarship, which means its application remains open throughout the year. The eligible

candidates can apply for the scholarship as and when required. However, the candidate can apply for the scholarship only once in the duration of their course. The candidates applying for Sitaram Jindal Scholarship need to attach some important documents with the completed application form to support their academic credentials. Find below the list of important documents to be attached with the scholarship form. • Copy of SSLC/HSC scorecard • Copy of the last examination • Copy of the income certificate • Copy of merit certificate (applicable for Medical, Engineering, Diploma and MBA students) • Copy of certificates regarding fees paid (applicable for Medical, Engineering, Diploma and MBA students) • Certificate from the hostel warden (for hostellers) • Certificate of physical disability from the competent authority (if applicable) • PPO, Relationship dependency certificate and Ex-servicemen widow I-card (for widows and ex-servicemen).

Launched in 2019, **Aikyashree** (The State Minority Scholarship Scheme) is a flagship programme initiated by the Government of West Bengal to provide financial assistance to deserving students belonging to the Minority groups in West Bengal.

### **Fees Concession**

During the Pandemic, the college waived of admission fees, tuition fees and examination fees according to the University of Calcutta directive.

General Category students can avail fees concession on merit basis ranging from 50- 100 percent according to the financial status and merit.

### **Prizes given by the college from donated funds**

From the academic session 2008-09 onwards every year two gold medals sponsored by Dr Sankar Prasad Naskar, Retired professor in the Dept of Bengali were awarded to two students of the college. "*Nanda Rani Smriti Gold Medal*" awarded to the top scorer among Bengali Hons students and "*LalitMohan Smriti Gold Medal*" awarded to the topper of the college. From the session 2019- 20, "*Nanda Rani Merit scholarship*" to be given to the top scorer in the Dept. of Bengali and "*Lalit Mohan Merit Scholarship*" to be given to the topper of the college in the 4<sup>th</sup> Semester in every year.

Prof Debabrata Singha, Retired Professor in the Dept of Political Science had contributed Rs1,00,000 for Merit Scholarships of two students from the annual

interest of the concerned amount *"Tulsidas Singha and Hariprasad Singha Merit Scholarship"* to be given to top scorer in the Dept of Political Science and *"Smt Bimala Devi Merit Scholarship"* to be given to the topper of the college in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester every year from the academic session of 2019-20.

*"Mahalam Jamader Merit Scholarship"* is given to the topper in the Departments of Philosophy, Physics and English in 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester every year. This prize has been donated by the retired Principal Dr A.J., Hasan.

Madhumita Tarafder, Associate Professor in the Dept of History contributed Rs.1,50,000/-for Merit Scholarship named *"Gayatri Basu and Tarapada Basu Merit Scholarship"* to be given to the top scorer in the Dept of History Honours of the College in 4<sup>th</sup> semester every year from the academic session of 2022-23.

NAME OF THE AWARD	RECIPIENT	DONOR
Nanda Rani Smriti Gold Medal	Topper in Bengali Honours 4 <sup>th</sup> Semester	Dr Sankar Prasad Naskar
Lalit Mohan Smriti Gold Medal	Topper in College 4 <sup>th</sup> Semester	Dr Sankar Prasad Naskar
Tulidas Singha and Hariprasad Singha Merit	Topper in Political Science 3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester	
Bimala Devi Merit Scholarship	Topper in College 3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester	Dr Debarata Singha
Mahalam Jamader Merit scholarship	Topper in Philosophy, Physics, English in 3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester	Dr Debrabata Singha
Gayatri Basu and Tarapada Basu Merit	Topper in History Honours 4 <sup>th</sup> Semester	Madhumita Tarafder

The concessions and scholarships are monitored by the Student Welfare Committee comprising of the following members. The Kamyashree Cel is monitored by a Nodal officer Dr Jayshri Mukherjee.

Student Welfare Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sri Sujat Ali (Convener)</li> <li>• Smt. Tithi Naskar</li> </ul>
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