

Purash Kanpur Haridas Nandi Mahavidyalaya

Kanpur, Howrah



History of College



Established in the year 1966, Purash Kanpur Haridas Nandi Mahavidyalaya is one of the oldest rural general degree colleges in Howrah district affiliated to the University of Calcutta. It is NAAC Re-accredited for 3rd cycle with 'B' grade (2024).

Long cherished dream of Shri Haridas Nandi for providing higher education to the youths of the locality was materialized under the benevolent leadership of his able son Dr. Jitendra Nath Nandi with the whole hearted participation, help and cooperation of some dedicated

souls and fine minds of the locality. Contributions received as lands, money and even free labour from the local people helped construction of a small building in which Undergraduate General courses in Bengali, English, Political Science, History and Commerce were started.

Honours course in Bengali was introduced in 1970 with affiliation from CU. Later Honours course in Political Science was introduced in 1970. The departments of Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry were established in 1986 with affiliation from University of Calcutta offering Undergraduate General courses. The Department of Geography started its journey in the year 1999 with General course affiliated to the same university. Honours streams of English and History became operational in the academic year 2001. The Geography and Mathematics departments started Honours degree programme under CU 2008 onwards. The departments of Sanskrit and Physical Education commenced General courses in 2012 with affiliation from University of Calcutta.

Purash Kanpur Haridas Nandi Mahavidyalaya believes in inclusivity for all and strives to promote quality education accessible to rural youth, irrespective of their caste, creed, religion, gender, and economic status.

The college has a green campus with a sprawling playground and sylvan serenity that enshrines the spirit of the institution and its members. The college garden has a beautiful display of seasonal flowers and more. We have an herb garden in our backyard. The college strives for a more sustainable and cleaner form of energy. The college also harvests rain water to address the problem of shrinking groundwater. The campus is free from plastic and noise pollution.

The welfare of the students is the highest priority of the institution. Every student is assigned a mentor. The students are regularly mentored for their academic growth and all other issues are addressed. Apart from the various Government scholarships, the

college itself provides financial support to needy and meritorious students through the Poor Fund and Concession. The college arranges Educational Tours every year for the holistic development of the students. Yoga classes are organized regularly by our Physical education department.

The college organizes events to enrich the students and to enhance the quality of the staff. Renowned resource persons from all over India engage with the institution to enlighten the students and staff.

The students have achieved excellent results over the years in their academic pursuits from securing first class and have also been successful in extracurricular activities. The *Kho Kho* girls' student team is the district champion. Our students also excelled in further higher studies, with many moving on to academic and administrative fields.

The teaching staff is committed to continuous research and innovation. Many serve as resources at seminars, conferences, panels and workshops. A large number of faculties are associated with the roles of Examiner, Paper-setter and Head-examiner in University examinations.

The college has an automated library with online public access catalogue. The library provides access to subscribed and open access resources through the digital library service. The college library is enriched with a large number of books, journals, magazines, text and reference materials.

Purash Kanpur Haridas Nandi Mahavidyalaya runs an NCC wing attached to 41 Bengal Battalion lead by NCC Officer Prof. Diksha Tamang, Assistant Professor in Political Science. The cadets regularly engage in drills and participate in various training camps. The college also has two NSS units under the University of Calcutta and Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India. The NSS programme

is led by Program Officers Prof. Debanjan Seth, Assistant Professor in English and Prof. Sourav Sarkar, Assistant Professor in Commerce. About 100 volunteers are enrolled every year in these units. NSS units are doing commendable work with several events serving the society.

The college has several established alumni who have left their mark on their respective fields. The college has an Incubation Cell to encourage the students for entrepreneurship. The college has a Placement Cell for career counselling and placement training.

The college has a Students' Body that supports students in every aspect. Students' Body participates in various social activities like tree planting and blood donation camp and organizes several events including annual cultural program and *Basanta Utsav*.

The college is committed to the well-being of the surrounding area. Different departments of the college organize social outreach programmes within their curriculum. Many students participate in these activities to build a better society.

Purash Kanpur Haridas Nandi Mahavidyalaya believes in working together as team. The college has engaged in MoUs with other institutions to facilitate exchange of resources. A number of activities are organized every year with MoU partners including students and teacher exchange programmes.

Purash Kanpur Haridas Nandi Mahavidyalaya not only focuses on academic excellence but emphasizes the need to create enlightened and empowered citizens who can contribute to the global society.

Finally, we remember the golden words of the glorious son of the neighbouring village, famous medieval poet Bharatchandra Ray Gunakar from his timeless classic *Annadamangal*: '*Amar santan jeno thake dudhebhate*'. May our children live in boundless abundance of life.