

Brief History of the Department of Mathematics

The people of Garhbeta and its adjoining area, who are mostly economically & academically backward, strongly felt the necessity of an institution of higher education in the remotest backward area of Midnapore. They also realized that aspirants of adjoining Bankura and Hooghly Districts might also be benefitted from such institution. Thus, this institution of higher learning was established, as Garhbeta College, at the dawn of our independence with some modest means on the 13th August, 1948. Since then, the Mathematics Department of Garhbeta College has been working sincerely to spread the learning of Sciences in this economically poor and academically backward area. At the very beginning of the 7th decade of the last century (i.e., 1970s) the College felt the necessity of opening Honours course in Mathematics as the students were very eager to obtain more advanced knowledge in Mathematical Sciences. Realizing the continuous pressure and zeal of the local people and the college, the University of Calcutta as well as U. G. C. granted affiliation in Mathematics honours course in 1974. Since the inception of Vidyasagar University in 1986, our college along with the Dept. of Mathematics became an affiliated college of the said University. This college is one of the oldest institutes to begin honours course in Mathematics in this area.

The department has been enriched with eminent teaching hands from the very beginning. Respected Prof. Nimai Charan Naik, Prof. Harekrishna Bhakta, Prof. Durgacharen Bhattayacharya and Prof Haridas Biswas are always considered as stalwarts for their contribution. They have to be remembered for their sweated toil for the all-round development of the department. Dr. Gour Gopal Roy and Dr. Sangita Maity rendered their services to this department for a substantive period of time.