

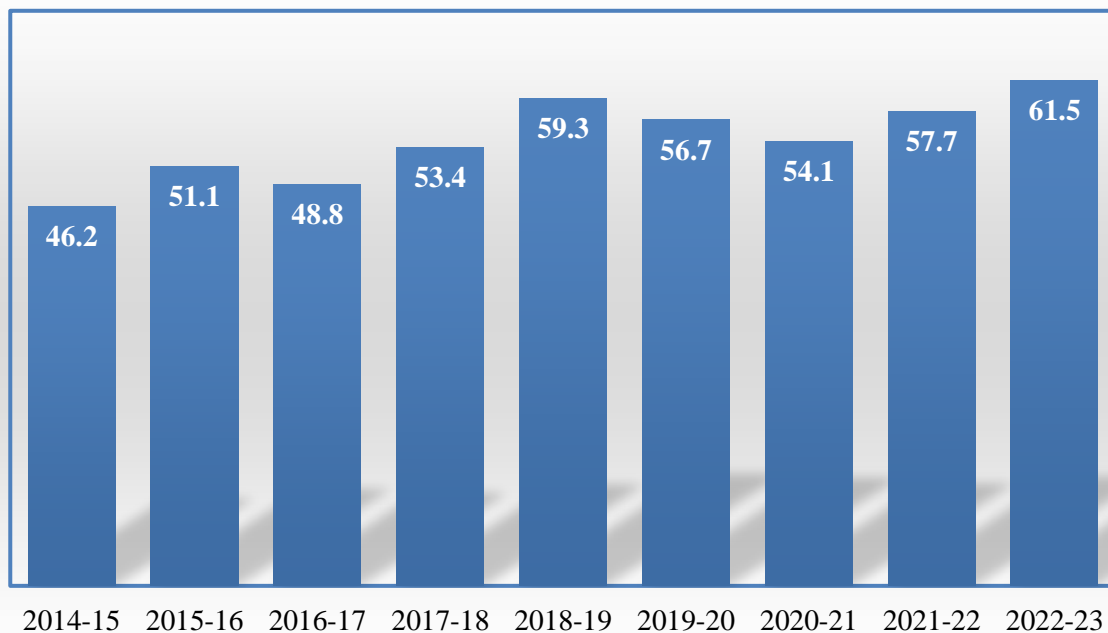
# Institutional Distinctiveness

Nabagram Amar Chand Kundu College (NACKC) stands as a beacon of empowerment and equity in its community, particularly through its dedicated efforts towards advancing the cause of women's education and gender equality. This institution, nestled in the heart of rural Bengal, has consistently championed various initiatives aimed at creating a supportive environment for women and girls, challenging societal norms, and fostering a culture of education and empowerment.

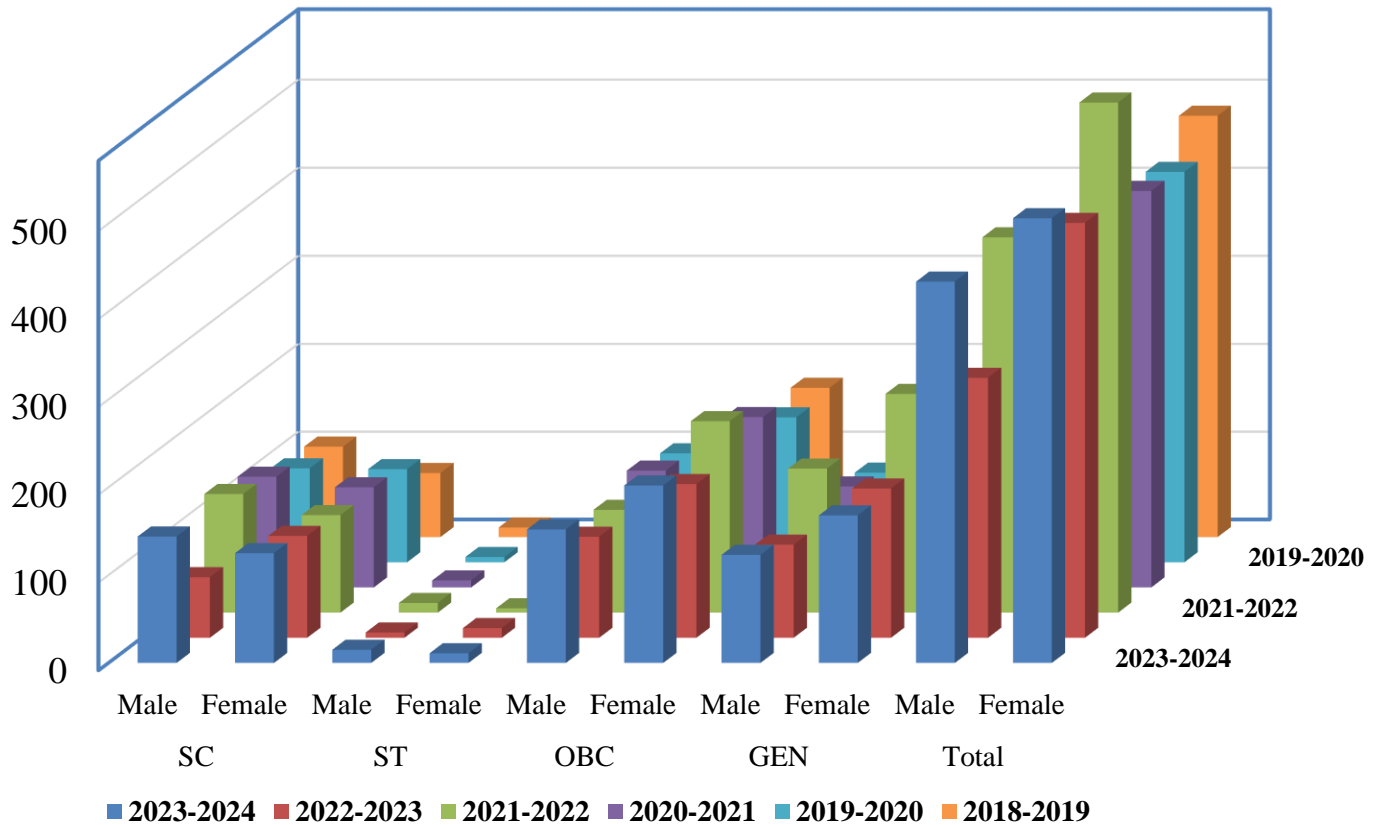
## Empowering Women through Education

At the core of the college's mission is the empowerment of women through education. Recognizing that education is the cornerstone of empowerment, the college has taken proactive measures to ensure access to quality education for girls in the region. By providing easy access to government scholarships specifically tailored for female students, NACKC has significantly increased enrollment and retention rates among young women. Following graphical representations of the female/male student ratio during admission as well as that of outgoing students exhibit the success story of our mission.

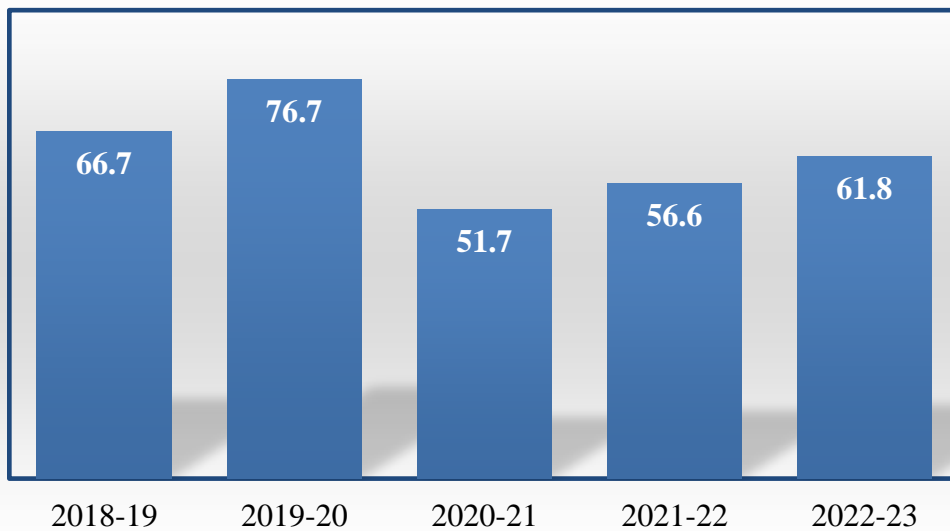
Percentage of Female Students Admitted during last 9 Yrs.



## Category-wise Female/Male Student Ratio as Enrolled in last 6 Academic Sessions



### Pass Percentage of Female Students over last 5 Yrs



## **Creating a Proper Ambience for Gender Equity**

NACKC believes in creating an environment where gender equity thrives. This involves not only policy implementation but also fostering a culture of respect and inclusivity. Through workshops, seminars, and awareness campaigns, the college promotes dialogue on gender issues, challenging stereotypes and biases that hinder progress toward equality.

### **Awareness Programs in Villages to Promote Girl Child Education**

Understanding the critical role of community engagement, NACKC has initiated awareness programs in surrounding villages to promote the education of girl children. These programs involve local leaders, parents, and community members, emphasizing the importance of sending girls to school and debunking myths surrounding female education.

### **Creating a Women-Centric Safe Environment in College**

NACKC prioritizes the safety and well-being of its female students by creating a women-centric safe environment within the college premises. This includes security measures like CCTV surveillance, gender-sensitive facilities like sanitary pad vending machines and dedicated girls' common room, and implementation of zero tolerance for harassment through college bodies like ICC and Women's Cell. By ensuring a safe space, the college encourages girls to pursue their education without fear or hesitation.

### **Awareness against Child Marriage**

Child marriage remains a significant issue in many parts of rural India, perpetuating cycles of poverty and gender inequality. The college's NSS unit and Sankalpa (student club) actively engage in awareness campaigns and advocacy efforts against child marriage and child trafficking by partnering with local NGOs and government agencies.

### **Counseling and Skill Training for Financial Independence**

To empower women beyond the classroom, NACKC offers counseling services and skill development programs aimed at enhancing financial independence. Many of our female students are encouraged to take certificate courses in Jewellery Making. An incubation center that provides female students to learn fruit processing and produce fruit-based products has been initiated on a rudimentary level. The students are encouraged here to engage themselves not only with matters of production but also undertake market surveys and explore business opportunities in this sector. These initiatives equip female students with practical skills and knowledge, enabling them to pursue careers and economic opportunities after graduation. The college also provides life-skill training for female students in the form of yoga classes and self-defense courses.

### **Encouraging Girls to Continue Education after Marriage**

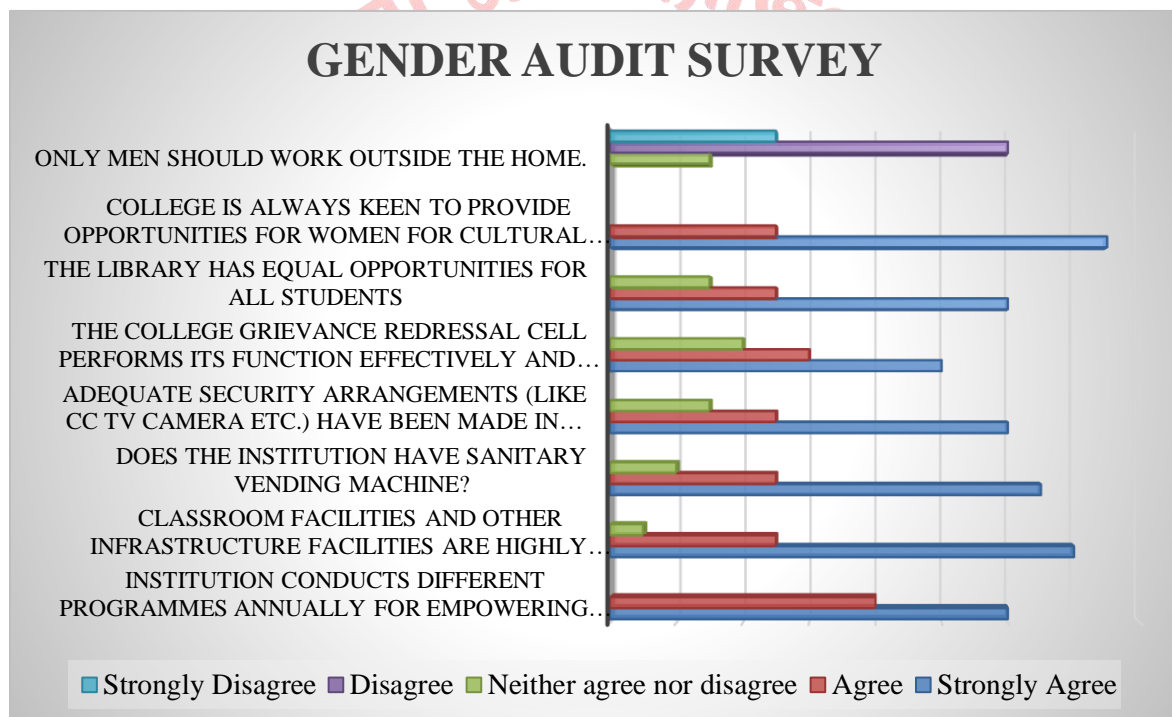
In a society where marriage often marks the end of a woman's educational journey, the college advocates for and supports girls to continue their education even after marriage. By

offering flexible learning options like e-library and LMS, and promoting supportive familial attitudes, the college strives to break down barriers to education for married women.

### Individual Counseling of Parents Against Withdrawing Young Daughters from College

Recognizing the pivotal role of parents in shaping educational outcomes, NACKC conducts individual counseling sessions with parents who consider withdrawing their daughters from college, especially to marry them off early. These sessions aim to educate parents about the long-term benefits of education and empower them to make informed decisions that prioritize their daughters' futures.

The graphical report of the Gender Audit Survey, along with other graphical data presented above, highlights the uniqueness of our College.



### Conclusion

In conclusion, Nabagram Amar Chand Kundu College exemplifies a steadfast commitment to women's empowerment and gender equity through its multifaceted approach to education, advocacy, and community engagement. By addressing systemic barriers and challenging societal norms, NACKC not only transforms individual lives but also contributes to a more equitable and just society. As a beacon of hope and progress in rural Bengal, NACKC continues to inspire generations of women to dream big, pursue their ambitions, and realize their full potential, thereby shaping a brighter future for all. The success of our endeavor is visible in the steady increase in the enrolment percentage of female students and the female pass percentage of the last six years.