



Chandramukhi Bose (1860-1944)

Educationist & Scholar

Chandramukhi Bose was the first female to pass the Entrance Examination of the University of Calcutta in 1876, though at that time she was not considered as a registered candidate because of wrong interpretation of the regulations for that examination. Only in 2013, the University of Calcutta finally acknowledged Chandramukhi Bose as the first female to have passed the Entrance Examination and conferred on her the degree posthumously. Bethune College Sammilani fought for this recovery. Both Chandramukhi Bose and Kadambini Ganguly (Bose) were students of college classes of Bethune School in 1881 as they were studying for the Degree Examination. In 1883, both Chandramukhi Bose and Kadambini Ganguly passed in the BA examination from the College department of the Bethune School and thus they became first female graduates of the British Colonial empire. Chandramukhi Bose then preferred to continue higher studies in MA and he became the first woman to have passed M.A in English from the University of Calcutta & was highly praised by Pandit Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar who gifted her a four-volume work of Shakespeare. Chandramukhi started her career as a lecturer in Bethune College in 1886 though it was still part of Bethune School. The College was separated from school in 1888. Chandramukhi Bose became the Principal, thus becoming the first female head of an Under Graduate Academic establishment in South Asia. Chandramukhi contribution to the women education in the nineteenth century Bengal is still unforgettable. Bethune College Publication Published a book in fond memory and as a mark of respect for her immense work, *In the Footsteps of Chandramukhi* (1st Edition 2004, 2nd Edition 2019).