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3.1 About Women’s College

Abdullah Women's College, Aligarh Muslim University is a pattern of excellence regarding its widespread fame. It is a known institution for the pursuit of knowledge and hence it is a model for the present. Its learned educator, Dr. Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah who promoted the education of women was assisted by his wife Waheed Jahan Begum in this ambitious task. The two ideal figures established a small school in 1906 in Balai Qila, at upper Court, Aligarh. The inception of this school was a rare achievement of its founders though ten female students were admitted on the opening day.

It was a deeply ambivalent experience for the residents of Aligarh though for the Founders and their well-wishers it was tempting and difficult to attain distinction. The school was transferred to the present building in 1914. The boarding along with the school exist together. It came to be recognized as an Intermediate College in 1922. In 1937 it got the status of an undergraduate College and was associated with the Aligarh Muslim University as one of its maintained institutions. The College has its representation in the Academic Council, Executive Council and A.M.U. Court. The Faculty of the College has the distinction of being members of the Board of Studies in their respective departments.

The power derived from its status of a degree College made it a notable representative of Women's education. At present 30 courses are taught with the assistance of six faculties. The strength of the College is above 2985. The teaching staff consists of 112 members and the student teaching ratio comes up to 23:1.
The bachelor degree commerce students consisting of female learners were brought from the Department of Commerce to Women's College in 1999 and Geology was associated with Honors programme in 2002. Also, subjects like Communicative English, Women's Studies, Tourism and Library Science are taught in the College in accordance with interests of the students. In future there are ambitious plans to introduce more courses for the benefit of students.

The teaching programmes in the College are formulated and approved by the Board of Studies of the respective departments. The College maintains a good standard and it is evident by the annual results. The girls always achieve distinction in most of the faculties by remaining conspicuous in the ten top ranks.

3.2 Women’s college Library

Women’s college library is spread over two floors, containing approximately about 50,000 books. Besides that library have bound periodicals, subjective Gazettes and rare books.

It systematically and gradually grew as a collection of specialized reading materials such as reference books, serials in the areas of various subjects. Owing to its strength as a center of excellence and having a rich collection in Home Science.

3.2.1 Library at a glance

Establishment- 1945
Staff Professional- 1
Semi Professional- 6
Non Professional- 4
Working Hours- 8:00 a.m to 8:00 p.m

3.2.2 Collection

Books - 50,000 approx
Periodicals (bound)- 2,500 approx
3.2.3 Systems
Classification- Dewey Decimal Classification
Cataloguing- AACR-2

3.2.4 Services
1. Reference Service
2. Circulation Service
3. Reservation Service
4. Newspaper service
5. Current awareness service
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