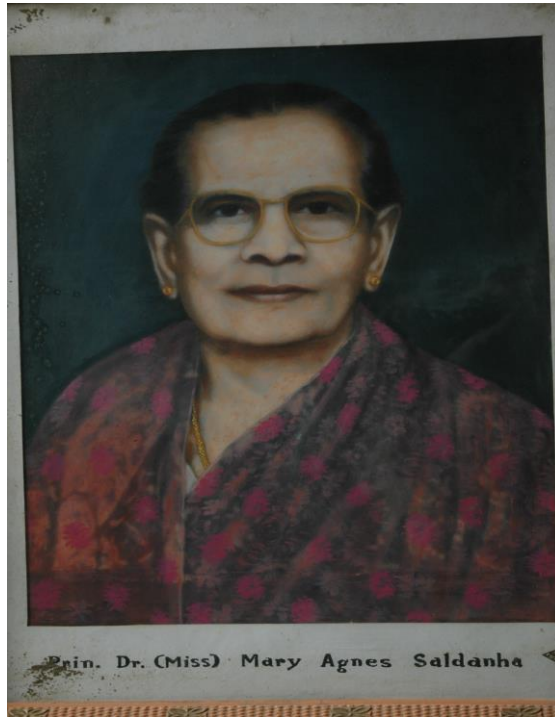




Founder Principal – Mrs. Ramabai Tambe – from 11-7-1932 to Sept. 1934

- In the year 1932 at the request of Shri Y.M. Pathak, Founder Secretary of the Women's Education Society, Mrs. R. Tambe accepted to take the assignment of Principal ship of the '**College of Arts for Women**' (initial name of the college).
- During the session 1932-33 under the Pirncipalship of Mrs. R. Tambe, the College of Arts for Women, with 23 students on the roll in the first year Intermediate of Arts was opened and formally inaugurated on 11th July, 1932 by Hon'ble Justice M.B. Niyogi, CIE, the then 3rd Vice Chancellor of Nagpur University (1932-1936).
- During 1934 she expressed her desire to quit from the post of Principal after appointment of a good Principal. She resigned in Sept. 1934 for appointment of Ms. Shanti Rangarao w.e.f. 1-10-1934 (Mrs. Tambe came in contact with Ms. Shanti Rangarao in England when she went there for T.D.) Mrs. Tambe continued to be member of Governing Body and Executive Council of College/Society.



4th Principal – Dr.(Ms) Mary Agnes Saldanha – from 17-9-1957 to 28-3-1970
M.A. (Mad.), English Language and Literature, M.S.Ed., Ph.D.(1957) (Syracuse University, New York, U.S.A.)

- She joined the college on 1-5-1938 as Lecturer in English.
- She was 3rd senior most Professor in the College and Head of the Department of English.
- Dr. Saldanha was a very gentle, loving and a soft spoken person.
- She served as Principal nearly for 13 years.
- She retired on 31-3-1970.



2nd Principal – Ms. K. Shanti Rangarao – from 1-10-1934 to 31-7-1942

*M.A. (History, Economics, Politics) (Mad); L.T.) First Class
Distinction in Gustier, Geography, English) (Mad.), F.R.G.S. (Lond.);
B.A. Hon. First class (Geography and Economics), (Lond.), University
Diploma in Teaching (Cambridge), Univ. Diploma in Geography
(Cambridge)*

Under Principalship of Ms. Shanti Rangarao:

- In the year 1935, the **College of Arts for Women** was renamed as **'Central College for Women, Nagpur'**
- Formal recognition of the college being affiliated to the University of Nagpur was given by the University in its communication No. 4749 dated 5-9-1935 and Central College for Women was admitted to the privilege of the Nagpur University for a period of five years w.e.f. 1-7-1935.
- In 1936 College applied for grant to Director Public Institutions (Govt. of Central Provinces & Berar).
- First batch of B.A. (Graduate) appeared for University Examination in 1936.

She resigned from the post of Principal on 31st July, 1942.



5th Principal – Dr.(Ms.) N. Singammal Iyengar–from 29-3-1970 to 22-4-1977
M.A. (History & Economics), L.T. (Madras), Ph.D. –Economics (1957) (Northwestern University, Evanston (Illinois) U.S.A.)

- She was 4th senior most Professor in the college and Head of the Department of Economics.
- Before her appointment as Principal she was also appointed as Officiating Principal for the period from 20-12-1955 to 16-9-1957 as senior most Professor Dr. Saldanha was away for Study leave.
- As Officiating Principal she was instrumental in starting the Home Science Faculty (Pre-Univ. H.Sc. & B.Sc. H.Sc.) in the college from July, 1956.

During her Principal ship, the following courses were started in the college –

- 1970-71 – 1. Post Graduate Diploma course in Dietetics. Of Director
2. Certificate courses in i. Interior Decoration of Technical
ii. Receptionists course and Education
Book Keeping Mumbai
iii. Beautician’s course and
Beauty Culture
- 1972-73 – Pre University Science (Biology) class was started with intake capacity of 80 students.
- 1975-76 – Junior College – XI class in Arts (3 sections), XI class – Science (1 Section) and during 1976-77 – XII class in Arts (3 sections), XII Science (1 section) were introduced.
- She was eminent educationist, full bright scholar, visiting professor in History and Economics.
- She retired as Principal on 22-4-1977.
- After her retirement being Life member of Women’s Education Society, she took initiative to start B.Tech. H.Sc. course from the session 1979-80 under Women’s Education Society.



3rd Principal – Dr. (Ms.) S. Shridevi Naidu – from 1-8-1942 to 19-12-1955

M.A. (Madras), Philosophy, M.Ed. Ph.D.(Columbia)

She was 2nd senior most Professors in the college and Professor of Logic and Philosophy.

During the Principalship of Dr. Naidu –

- In the year 1952 the name of the college was changed from 'Central College for Women' to '**Lady Amritbai Daga College for Women**' as per agreement between Seth Badridas K. Daga of Bikaner and Bombay (towards donation of Rs. 1,50,000/-) and the College Management.
- She was eminent educationist, full bright scholar, visiting professor of many American Universities.
- She resigned from the post of Principal on 19-12-1955 to join new post in Hyderabad.



7th Principal Major (Mrs.) Tara Bagaddeo – from 11-8-1980 to 20-4-1982

M.A. (Hindi)

- She was Head of the Department of Hindi.

During her Principalship the following courses were started in the college in the year 1981-82:

M.Sc.H.Sc. (Child Dev. and Family Relationship)

B.Com.

Subject Mathematics at B.Sc. level (PCM)

- The name of the College was changed as **'Lady Amritbai Daga College for Women of Arts, Commerce and Science and Smt. Ratnidevi Purohit College of Home Science & Home Science Technology'** as per circular resolution of Management dated 17-8-1981 after merger of Smt. Ratnidevi Purohit College of Home Science Technology as per communication from Under Secretary to Govt. Education & Employment Department, Mumbai vide letter No. NGC-350-3565/UNI-4 dated 4-6-1981.
- She was one of the first Indian Women to serve Indian Army. She was very well known literary figure of Nagpur City.
- She was Life Member of Women's Education Society.
- She retired on 20-4-1982.

- The college also received permanent affiliation from Dy. Director of Education, Nagpur vide letter dated 10-1-1991 for Junior College for 16 sections (8+8) viz. XI and XII Arts – 3 sections, Science - 2 Sections and Commerce – 3 Sections.

She was Life Member of Women's Education Society. She was Office-bearer and Member of the Council of Management of the Society.

She retired on 28-2-1991.

Later on she was Lieutenant Governor of Pondicherry.



9th Principal - Dr. (Ms) Panna Akhani – from 1-3-1991 to 30-11-2008
M.H.Sc. (Child Development), Ph.D.

- She joined the college as Lecturer in Child Development in 1969.
- An alumni of the college. Head of the Department of Child Development (Human Development)

During her long term of Principalship, college prospered and grew into a multifaculties institution with introduction new subjects/courses etc:-

- Five year degree course in Architecture (B.Arch.) was started duly approved by AICTE/Council of Architecture and also approved by Nagpur University from 1993-94 with an intake capacity of 20 students.
- During 1994-95 being Dean of Faculty of Home Science, she was instrumental in implementing Four Specializations of B.Tech. course in ordinance No. 1, 2, 3 and 4 of 1995.
- 1995-96 – Bachelor of H.M.C.T. was approved by AICTE, New Delhi.
- 1996 – Nagpur University selected the college for ‘**Spot valuation centre**’ from Summer, 1996 examination.
- 1997-98 – Post Graduate courses in – Cosmetic Technology and Hospitality Management under faculty of Home Science.
- 1997-98 U.G.C. sponsored subject ‘**Biotechnology**’ was started at B.Sc. level with combinations – Biotechnology, Chemistry, Zoology or Botany.
- Permanent affiliation of all grant-in-aid courses viz. B.A. (Psychology, Sociology), B.Sc., B.Com., B.Sc.H.Sc. and B.Tech.(H.Sc.) by Nagpur University vide letter No. R/98/CS/BCUD/d/2698 dated 13-2-1998.
- 1998-99 – M.Com. course on no grant basis

- 2000-2001 - Four year degree course in Bachelor of Technology in House & Interior Design was restructured, updated and made in to five years degree course in '**Bachelor of Interior Design**' from the session 2000-2001 approved by Indian Institute of Interior Design, Mumbai and by the University vide Direction No. 3 of 2002 dated 26-6-2000.
- 2002-2003 - College was awarded first certificate of Accreditation as '**A**' grade (95 to 90% score) by National Assessment & Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bangalore from 2002-2003 for five years.
- 2004-2005 - Cosmetic Technology Department of the College was accorded recognition by Nagpur University as '**place of Research work leading to Doctoral Degree**' for a period of five years vide letter No. BCUD/R/S/2004/1167, dated 25-11-2004.
- 2006-2007 - College was identified by Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur, as '**one of the 16 Lead colleges of the University**' to act as a lead college for guiding in academic development of five other colleges vide letter dated 13-4-2006.
- 2006-2007 - Courses started permanently on Non-grant basis as under -
 - a. B.B.A. (3 year degree course in Commerce faculty) with intake capacity of 120 students.
 - b. M.Sc. (Biotechnology) (2 year P.G. degree course) in Science faculty with intake capacity of 22 students.
 - c. P.G. Diploma in Fashion Technology (1 and ½ year Diploma course) under Faculty of Home Science) with intake capacity of 15 students.
- 2006-2007 - The college was identified as one of the five centers as '**Rashtrasant Tukdoji Maharaj Swaayam Rozgar Abhiyan**' by Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur to carry out the training programme in self employment to the students of under graduate and post graduate students of the University.
- 2006-2007 - The department of Biotechnology was renamed as '**Smt. Ramabai Wamanrao Barlingay School of Biotechnology**' as per contribution of Shri P.W. Barlingay.
- 2006-2007 - Smt. Manoramabai Mundle Department of Architecture of the college was elevated to the status of the college viz. '**Smt. Manoramabai Mundle College of Architecture**'.

- 2008-2009 U.G.C. Sponsored Post Graduate Diploma course in '**Quality Assurance in Cosmetics**' in Cosmetic Technology Department of the College with intake capacity of 60 students introduced along with financial assistance of Rs. 48,00,000/- plus One lecturer for five years from U.G.C.

Initially she was enrolled as Life Member and later on as Donor Life Member of Women's Education Society.

Alongwith her responsibility of Principalship, she took up the assignment of Secretaryship of Women's Education Society w.e.f. 16-4-2007.

She retired on 30-11-2008.

After her retirement she has been assigned the responsibility of Hon. Directorship of Women's Education Society's Institutions and alongwith her Secretaryship of W.E.S.

She was Donor Member of Women's Education Society. She was Office-bearer and Member of the Council of Management of the Society and is Secretary of W.E.S.



6th Principal –Major (Ms.) Prabha Gautam – from 23-4-1977 to 10-8-1980

M.A. (Philosophy)

- Head of the Department of Philosophy.
- Life Member of Women’s Education Society.

During her Principalship first Post Graduate courses were started from the session 1979-80 viz –

- ✓ M.A. in Home Economics (English medium)
- ✓ M.A. in Political Science (Marathi medium)
- Miss Gautam was actively associated with N.C.C. and her contribution to the Women’s wing of N.C.C. was praiseworthy.
- She retired on 10-8-1980.



10th and present Principal – Dr.(Mrs.) Shyamala Nair – from 1-12-2008-
M.Sc.(Botany), M.A. (English), Diploma in Teaching English (D.T.E.), M.Phil., Ph.D.

She joined the college as Lecturer in English Department on 1-12-1994. Now she is Associate Professor in English

During her Principalship from 1-12-2008 till 31-09-2017, new courses/subjects were introduced and college also earned other distinctions viz-

- 2009-2010 - The courses started –
 - i. B.Com. (Computer Application) with intake capacity of 120 students
 - ii. Master Degree in Fashion Design with intake capacity of 20 students
- 2010-2011 – new subject '**Information Technology**' at XI Commerce (English medium) with intake capacity of 20 students.
- 2011-2012 - College has been awarded '**Certificate of Accreditation**' dated 8-1-2011 by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bangalore with institutional score 3.11, Grade A Description Very Good (with reference to the Weightage in 7 criteria's) for a period of five year from January 2011 to February, 2016.
- 2015-2016 – The college has been recognized by Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur as '**place of Higher Learning & Research**' leading to Ph.D. for eleven subjects viz. English, Marathi, Sanskrit, Zoology, Biochemistry, Microbiology, Chemistry, Human Development, Textile & Clothing and Hotel Management & Catering Technology (HMCT) for a period of five years vide letter dated 3-12-2015.
- 2016-2017 – The college has been identified by University Grants Commission, New Delhi, during XII plan (2012-2017) as '**College with Potential for Excellence**' (CPE).