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The college started post-graduate classes in History and Political Science some three years back while the post-graduate classes in Psychology were discontinued in 2001 due to some unknown reasons. There was co-education in post-graduate classes in English and Psychology till 1968 which the present principal tried to resume but could not succeed in it due to some unknown reasons.

In 1970, the Punjab University allowed the college to hold post-graduate classes in Urdu but they could not start due to some unknown reasons. In the recent past, the college again tried to start MA Urdu classes but only two or three students appeared in the interview and so the college withdrew its decision to hold MA Urdu classes once again. In 1998, the college initiated the programmes in computer sciences. The college was denationalised in 1972, with all the other private educational institutions. Before its denationalisation, the Anjuman Himayat-e-Islam was running the college.

The college has been showing good results at intermediate, graduate and masters levels for the last many years as teachers are discharging their responsibilities with sincerity. Prof Mian Muhammad Sharif, Prof Sheikh Muhammad Aslam, Prof Hameed Ahmad Khan, Prof Khawaja Muhammad Aslam, Prof Mian Shamsuddin, Prof SA Rasheed, Prof Nazir Ahmad Hamid, Prof Munir Ahmad Khan, Prof Khalid Khan, Dr Muhammad Rauf and Prof Akhtaruddin are some of the famous teachers who served the college in the past. At present, there are over five Ph.D teachers in the college.

There are over 60,000 books in the college library at present. 425 books which were in the personal library of Allama Muhammad Iqbal, are also present in the college library. In 1956, when a part of the Islamia College was shifted to Civil Lines from Railway Road, about 21,000 books from the library of the Islamia College were also shifted to the Civil Lines college. Recently, books on computer sciences have also been added to the college library. The college library is also well-furnished.

The college is also showing good results in the field of sports. Many students of the college have been selected in the national teams. The college has been performing very well at the Punjab University sports competitions for the last many years. The volleyball trophy has been with the college for the last 15 years while it has been winning the basketball trophy for the last 12 years. The college was runner-up in the cricket tournament in 2001. The college has also been winning tournaments at the Lahore Board level for the last many years.

Cricketers, including Saeed Ahmad, Mohsin Kamal, Wasim Akram, Aamir Nazir, Aaqib Javed and Aamir Sohail, were former students of the college. In hockey, former college students including Samiullah Khan, Ehsanullah, Khalid Mahmood and Qasim Khan, have represented the country at the international level. Similarly, many other former college students have been representing the country in the national teams of basketball, *kabbadi*, boxing, volleyball, football and rowing.

A former college student, Agha Muhammad Ali, said that though the teachers took classes regularly, there were no outstanding teachers of repute in the college. Another former college student, Mansoor Ali, had the same views. However, many college students now on roll say that the teachers are hardworking and responsible.

Sports Director Malik Safdar Ali Khokhar says they are working hard on the students to maintain the college's position in sports. Students take interest in sports because the college gives them incentives. The college has hired the services of proper coaches to train students in different games and provides timely funds to the sports section.

The college's vice principal Agha Haider, who joined the college in 1980, says the college has shown good results over the years. It has improved much during the principalship of Prof Muhammad Latif Khan, he said. He praised the efforts of the principal towards improving the college.

Principal Prof Muhammad Latif Khan says the classrooms were in bad condition and some teachers were in the habit of taking French leave when he took charge of the college. "There was also no stock register. First, I got the classrooms renovated and then saw to it that classes were held regularly. A committee would visit the classes and give me the details on which I took action against defaulter teachers," he said. The principal said he was satisfied with the college results as they have improved during his tenure.