



INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS PRAMATHESH BARUA COLLEGE GAURIPUR, DISTRICT: DHUBRI, ASSAM

Pramathesh Barua College is the only Higher Educational Institution in the Gauripur area. Established on 1st June, 1964, it caters to a large number of students coming from nearby areas. The college is also the only institution in Dhubri District which has Commerce Stream. Local students and students from far flung areas come to pursue B.Com in the college. The college mainly caters to students coming from nearby rural and suburban areas and works for their all round development.

The vision of the college is to empower the rural students and increase their employability. Along with this, the college also strives for the all-round development of the area around the college and upliftment of the lives of people through the college's outreach programs. The college intervenes in the educational, health, social and cultural lives of the local people and works towards their development.

As Pramathesh Barua College is the only higher educational institute in Gauripur, it is well aware of its responsibility to the larger society. The college has worked out a multi-pronged approach to work towards the development of the larger society. The college fraternity on one hand works towards the all round development of the students with a special focus on increasing their employability and working on their skill enhancement, on the other hand through its outreach programs like free health check-ups, awareness programs, adoption of nearby educational institutions and villages, the college worked towards the development of the greater area of Gauripur.

The college has taken the following initiatives for the development of the students and the area of Gauripur:

- a) The college reaches out to feeder schools in the nearby areas and provides guidance to the students with regard to pursuing Higher education. The college adopted a junior college in the nearby area and teachers of different departments visited the college and interacted with the students providing crucial guidance with regard to career choices.



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- b) To inculcate professional skills in students and increase their employability in the current job market, the college imparts a week long workshop on Finishing School to the students of Fifth Semester. Students are taught soft skills and given training by trained resource persons on how to face the interview or perform in Group Discussion.
- c) A number of add on courses have also been introduced by the college and students are given certificates after fruitful completion of the courses. This exposes the students to various career choices. Along with this, career counseling courses are held in which students are given free coaching so that they can sit for various competitive exams.
- d) To expose students to various kinds of opportunities, theatre workshops and other cultural programs are held regularly in the college. A theatre workshop on Acting for Creativity was held with National School of Drama and students were informed about the available opportunities in theatre.
- e) The college held free medical camps in the nearby villages which provided free health check ups to people of nearby villages.
- f) The college actively participated in various government initiatives and worked at the ground level for the development of nearby areas. Under the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, the college adopted a nearby village called Baigontoli and carried out socio-economic survey of the village. A number of programs were also held in the adopted village.
- g) The college strived towards providing students with maximum exposure. Under the government initiative of Ek Bharat Sreshta Bharat, a group of students from the college were taken on an educational tour to Delhi, Agra and Jaipur.
- h) To instill entrepreneurial skills in students, the college set up an incubation centre in collaboration with the District Industrial Centre. This initiative exposed students with the available opportunities in commerce and financial support they can avail to embark on an entrepreneurial journey.
- i) The college also organized a career counseling session with noted career counselor Ranjan K Baruah who not only familiarized students with the various opportunities of jobs in 21st century, but also guided them in having a proper approach towards preparation of job interviews. The college regularly held career counseling sessions with All India Management Association (AIMA).



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Apart from these, the college also collaborates with various local organisations as well as government institutions to spread awareness on various issues. During the Covid-19 pandemic, faculty members of the college distributed handbills to the local people giving information on the pandemic. The college fraternity also distributed relief packages to the poor people around the college responding to the government's appeal. As a part of *HarGharTiranga* initiative, the college worked with a local NGO and distributed free flags to the people around the college.

The college held vaccination camps for the local people during the Covid 19 vaccination initiatives bringing health services closer to the people in Gauripur. Rural and suburban areas face a deficit when it comes to adequate health services. The college tried to intervene in this sphere by organizing awareness programs on breast cancer, corona and other health issues. Teachers were trained to address mental health issues amongst students as well. Along with the health and educational sector, the college also works towards the socio-cultural development of the local area. The college organized *Narichetana* with *SahityaAkademi* where noted women authors and critics of Assam participated and discussed on the representation of the women voice in Assamese literature. The college organized *GolpoKotha* in which author and journalist *Atanu Bhattacharya* and singer *MitaliDey* embarked on a story telling through songs. The college organized a talk with noted speaker *Mayur Bora* who deliberated on contemporary socio-political issues. These programs saw an enthusiastic participation of local people, students and alumnae of the college.

PramatheshBarua College through its multi-pronged approach of positive intervention in the various spheres of lives of the local people continues to work towards the all round development of Gauripur and work in tandem with multiple stakeholders in this regard.

The college has contributed to the all-round development of the vicinity around the college. An account of the various interventions of the college in the educational, health and cultural development of the local area is discussed below:

1. 2018-19

a) *Junior College Adoption*

The teachers of the college were invited by Principal of *Ajmal College*, Gauripur to counsel students and take up mentoring of the students. *H.M Iqbal* from the Department of Economics and *Parvin Sultana* from the Department of Political Science spoke to the students and encouraged them to pursue higher education in *Pramathesh Barua College*. It was also



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informally decided that the teachers will deliver lectures once in a while to expose the students to newer developments in the specific fields.



b) *Talk on natural and cultural heritage preservation*

An interactive talk on the natural and cultural heritage management of Western Assam was held on 1.10.2018 in the college by the Department of English in collaboration with the Nilima Barua Folk Art Museum, Gauripur. The speaker Dr. Sangeeta Dutta is an archivist at the American Institute of Indian Studies in Gurgaon. She spoke on the role that natural and cultural heritage plays in shaping the identity of a place and the need to conserve these resources. The programme was attended by G.S Pandey, ex Principal, P. B College and other noted local people. Students and local people attended the program and participated in the interactive session that followed the talk.





c) *Celebration of noted Poets*

As a part of contributing to the cultural enrichment of the local area, the college organised a cultural program on the occasion of Shilpi Divas on 18-01-2019 celebrating the contributions of legendary Assamese poet Jytoi Prasad Agarwala and Bengali poet Kazi Nazrul Islam.



d) *Workshop on Theatre and Creativity*

The college organised a 3 day workshop Workshop on Acting for Creativity in collaboration with the National School of Drama which gave students from the college and ex students an exposure to theatre as a career option. It was held on 23rd, 24th and 25th January, 2019. In a marginalised district where career options are few, the college through such workshops opened up newer avenues for jobs and livelihood as well as uplifted the cultural ethos of the place.





2. 2019-20

a) *Awareness campaign on Breast Cancer*

P B College collaborated with the NGO Rodali which works with cancer patients and organized an awareness program on breast cancer to teach students about early detection of cancer on 17.10.2019. Dr. Jayantimala Chkaraborty from Rodali spoke on her own experience and taught students about the preliminary symptoms of cancer. The programme was attended by local senior citizens like Ashoka Chakraborty and others. The talk also had a segment on the horror of substance abuse and made a case for a tobacco free campus. The talk contributed to addressing the health campus of the greater area of Gauripur.



b) *Participation in Dhrupad Mahotsav*

P B College fraternity always worked towards the socio-cultural upliftment of Gauripur. Teachers engaged actively in various literary and cultural activities and disseminated their knowledge to students. Two teacher representatives from P B College – H. M Iqbal and Diganta Biswas participated in the Dhrupad Mahotsav held by the Sangeet Natak Akademi in Dhubri District Library Auditorium from 21st to 23rd October, 2019.





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c) *Lifeline Express*

With a zeal to make quality health care accessible to one and all, the college participated in the inauguration of Lifeline Express, a hospital on wheels in Gauripur Railway Station on 18.01.2020. The event was jointly organised by Impact India Foundation and Bharat Petroleum Limited. A 206 bedded free hospital was inaugurated on that day which will provide free medical service to the poorer section of the society.



d) *Volunteer Support and Post Operative Facilities Provided by the college*



Some photos of volunteer support and post operative facilities provided.

From January 18, 2020, to February 8, 2020, the college organized a volunteer support program for operated patients. Faculty members and selected students participated in



caring for the patients, who were accommodated in the college auditorium post-surgery under medical supervision. Specifically, female students were actively involved in attending to the patients' needs during this period.

e) Awareness Program on Energy Conservation

The college works tirelessly for spreading a message of energy conservation and efficient use of green energy which will contribute to the overall improvement of environment. As a part of this endeavour, the college organised an awareness program on Save Energy in collaboration with Petroleum Conservation and Research Association on 26.02.2020.



f) Covid-19 Awareness

Responding to the crucial health hazard caused by Covid-19, the college collaborated with the 48 Batallion CRPF Gauripur and organised an awareness programme on Covid-19 on 08.03.2020. Addressing a large gathering of students, the resource person dispelled the myths surrounding the issue of Covid-19 and also share crucial information on the various precautions that can be taken to restrict the further spread of the disease.





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g) Covid 19 Information Dissemination

As part of the college's extension services, the college fraternity distributed pamphlets on Covid 19 awareness and also shared information about social distancing and the precautions to be taken on various issues.



h) Covid-19 Relief Distribution

Keeping in line with the government appeal of helping people in times of distress caused by Covid 19 Lockdown, the P B College teachers prepared relief packages and distributed them amongst the needy. This was an instance of humanitarian intervention by the college fraternity in times of crisis. Packets containing essential items were prepared and distributed on 23.05.2020.



i) Namami Brahmaputra Participation

The Government of Assam took an initiative of celebrating the river Brahmaputra which is the lifeline of the state. As part of the celebration, various cultural programs were organised. Students from the college participated in various programs organised at the



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festival on 21.06.2020. Such participation strengthened the college's allegiance to enrich the local cultural life of the place.



3. 2020-2021

a) *Awareness Program on Breast Cancer*

The college collaborated with the NGO Rodali and organised an Awareness Program on breast cancer on 25.06.2021. The speaker Dr. Jayantimala Chakraborty spoke on the importance of early detection of cancer symptoms. Along with this Dr. deepak Chakraborty, retd Professor of IIT, Bombay spoke on the dangers of substance abuse which threatens the health and lives of the young generation today. The program was attended by a number of local individuals and it is a proof of the college's intervention towards the overall development of the health sector of the local area.





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4. 2021-22

a) *Plogging and Peace Rally*

As part of the Amrit Mahotsav celebration, the college undertook a plogging and peace rally organised by the NSS and NCC unit of the college along with the ECo Club on 02.10.2021. The student volunteers undertook the cleaning of the local market.



b) *A token of financial help from College fraternity*



On behalf of the College, Dr.Minati Sarkar, Assistant Professor in the department of Sanskrit is handing over the financial support to Jibesh Ch. Roy father of Meghali Roy, student, HS I (A), who met an accident

Meghali Roy, a student in her first year of H.S., was involved in a severe accident while commuting to college by auto rickshaw, resulting in a fractured backbone. Dr. Minati Sarkar, Assistant Professor in the Department of Sanskrit at the college, immediately supported the family upon hearing the news, as she resides near Meghali's village of Ushita,



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Golakganj. Dr. Sarkar informed the college's faculty about the incident, who then relayed the information to the students. The college community rallied together and collected approximately thirty thousand rupees to donate towards Meghali's medical treatment, showing solidarity and support during this difficult time. Dr Minati Sarkar handed over the collected amount to the student's father on 21.12.2021.

c) *Felicitatation of local artists*

As part of the college's extension service, the college fraternity felicitated Prativa Barua for her contribution to the cultural life of Gauripur. She was felicitated at her home on 25-12.2021.



d) *Death Anniversary of Pratima Barua*

The college celebrated the death anniversary of Padmashri Pratima Barua on 27.12.2021 by garlanding her statue and remembering her contribution to the cultural life of Gauripur. The MLA of Gauripur Nizanur Rahman who is also an alumnae of P B College participated in the event. The college through such activities continues its commitment to uplifting the cultural life of Gauripur.





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e) *Inter-district Football Tournament*

As part of spreading awareness about voting, the Electoral Literacy Club of P B College took our students to participate in the inter-district Football championship on 5.01.2022.



f) *Golpokotha*

The college has always taken an interest in exploring newer cultural avenues. On 26.03.2022, the college organized Golpokotha, in which noted journalist and writer Atanu Bhattacharya and singer Mitali Dey performed an act of story telling through songs and music. This exposed the students and the local people to a new kind of cultural practice.





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g) Covid 19 vaccination drive

As part of its commitment to help the local people in fighting the corona virus, the college was one of the centres for Covid-19 vaccination for anabling easy access to vaccination for the local people. The camp was held on 04-02-2022.



h) Art Competition



On June 5, 2022, the ECO Club of the college hosted an art competition aimed at fostering community engagement and environmental awareness. The event welcomed artist participants from the local neighborhood and Dhubri. Students from various schools in Gauripur and surrounding areas, as well as Dhubri, participated across three categories: Group A (grades 1-3), Group B (grades 4-7), and Group C (grade 8 onwards). Participating schools included Sankardev Shishu Niketan Gauripur, Synod English Mission School Gauripur, Stephen School Gauripur, Happy Convent School Gauripur, SP English Medium School Dhubri, and Gauripur Girls High School. The competition, organized by Aminur Islam Sk. with support from faculty members Diganta Biswas, Amitabh Ranjan Kanu, Hasib Md. Iqbal, Digambar Ch. Nath, and M.H. Sarkar, aimed to raise awareness about environmental conservation and the importance of maintaining a clean and green Earth.



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5. 2022-23

a) *Mayur Bora's public lecture*



The college has always tried to inculcate intellectual and academic interactions amongst the people of the area by providing a platform for interaction with noted intellectuals. As part of this exercise, Expressions: The Literary Society of P B College organised a lecture by Mayur Bora on 20.10.2022 which was attended by a large number of local people of Gauripur who engaged with Mayur Bora on contemporary socio-political issues of Assam.

b) *Badminton Match organized by the college at Shibani Barua Sports Complex*



Photos of the Badminton exhibition match at Shibani Barua Sports Complex of Lalji Campus, P.B.College, Gauripur on 22.03.2023

On March 22, 2023, P.B. College Gauripur unveiled its new sports complex named after Shibani Barua. Mr. Prabir Coomer Barua, son of Shibani Barua and a notable figure



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from the Gauripur Royal Family, inaugurated the complex. The event was attended by a distinguished gathering including Partha Pratim Barman, Circle Officer of Dhubri, and Masi Tapno, District Sports Officer. Following the inauguration, a high-profile badminton exhibition match took place, attracting players from across Assam. Dr. Ashikur Rahman, Assistant Professor in the Department of English, played a pivotal role in organizing this remarkable event, which extended late into the following day.

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