

## [Details of the performance of the institution in one area distinctive to its vision, priority and thrust]

## **INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS:**

Dhing College, a pioneer institution of higher learning in the North Western part of the undivided Nagoan district of Assam, has played a pivotal role in providing the students a first-degree education in all permitted branches under Gauhati University. Since its inception, the college has been providing a platform to the poor and marginalised section's students to gain value-based holistic learning by integrating traditional and innovative practices combined with the core values of gender and racial equality, human rights and ecology in order to make them socially responsible citizen. We pledge to provide quality education to our students for their all-round development. With the broadening of the horizon of the higher education, all educational institutions have been called upon to adopt and evolve. In response to the same, Dhing College has been shouldering its responsibility of spreading knowledge to the stakeholders. Our college believes that the purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows, and therefore, focus is thrown not only on pure studies but also on providing opportunity to each and every student to explore his/her own capability in curricular, co-curricular or extra-curricular areas of interest.

The vision of the institute focuses on making higher education accessible to students coming from demographically diverse population of Bodo, minority, Nepali and other backward communities residing in its vast catchment area. Most of these students are first generation learners who greatly influence the changing socio-economic pattern of the community. Many of these economically less privileged and geographically distanced students who secure admission to the various courses run by our college have already been able to build their careers with the help of the education received from our highly dedicated faculty.

Our college opened its doors in 1965 in a rural set up to foster integral development of the students by enabling them to be intellectually alert, emotionally balanced, morally sound, socially committed, culturally enriched and spiritually oriented. The location of the college endowed with

rural beauty, serenity and tranquillity; has also created an education friendly environment. The college commenced with a humble beginning that followed a prosperous path and achieved a milestone of celebrating the Golden Jubilee - 50 Glorious Years of its existence in 2015. When set up, the college was a one stream institution imparting education in Arts subject only. Later on, to cater to the demands of the Science aspirants, the Science stream was opened in 1987 which was eventually brought under the deficit system in 1998. Recently, in 2016, the Commerce stream was put into force which, since inception has been receiving a good response from all corners of the greater Dhing. Today the college is able to position itself as a reputed educational entity in fields ranging from academics, sports activities and cultural programs by providing access to quality education for all, with a special emphasis on under privileged students enrolling from backward 'Char Areas' within the undivided Nagaon District of Assam. *Dhing Express & Golden Girl "Hima Das" a student of this college became the world champion in U 20 world athletics*.

As majority of our students belong to rural families and socially marginalised groups, and half of the students belong to girl's community, the college takes pain to nourish them to find out their latent talents. They belong to illiterate families and suffer from cultural disorientation. Many of them even hesitate to talk in the local language to the faculty members regarding their difficulties. However, we identify such students and solve their problems at the departmental or individual level. Our faculty members help them to correspond with government authorities like scholarship issues, filling online forms etc. The women cell of the college very often organises women empowerment program for making the girl students confident enough to struggle the battle of life. Various eminent personalities are being invited for the guidance on several issues related to health, human rights and gender discriminations. Cultural section of the college provides them with an opportunity to participate in various cultural competitions of the college and university level. In addition to the classroom interactions, project work, Yoga Camp, short term industrial visit, oral presentation, seminar/symposium/ workshop, paper presentation and access to e-journals and e-books have been provided to the students to make them fit in all possible ways. With encouragement and support these students gradually develop into confident and responsible citizens of India. We feel happy to see them complete their graduation and post-graduation and secure placement. We humbly believe that the success of our college can certainly be observed when we notice first graduate of the villages and empowered women. And we think that this is the distinctiveness of our college.

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