

BELDA COLLEGE

INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS: DETAILS OF THE PERFORMANCE OF BELDA COLLEGE IN ONE AREA DISTINCTIVE TO ITS VISION, PRIORITY AND THRUST AREAS.

INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS ACADEMIC SESSION: 2015-2016

Belda College has succeeded in being one of the best colleges of Midnapore district in terms of its year end Examination results, teacher's qualifications, infrastructure and campus benefits. Every year, a large number of students has enrolled themselves in different courses across the 22 disciplines. Keeping in mind the vision and mission of this institution, in the session 2015-16, Belda College has stressed on improving the enrollment of the weaker sections of the society by providing opportunities for scholarship, concentrating specially on the marginalized section of the society and also the girl students for enabling all the stakeholders to participate collectively in nation building. The college, in spite of being located in a geographically rural area, has been successful in breaking the gender stereotypes of the region and generates encouragement of the enrollment of girl students in nearly all the disciplines that are being taught in the college. Giving priority to the socially and economically backward students, provisions for scholarships are also run in the college. In the year 2015-16, various kinds of Government as well as non- Government scholarships are available:

Government:

1. Chief Minister Scholarship (above 60 for UG above 55 for PG) amounting Rs. 10000 each was awarded to 405 students separately.
2. Handicapped students scholarship amounting Rs. 7000 each was awarded to 5 students separately.
3. Inspire Fellowship amounting Rs. 36000 was awarded to 05 students separately.
4. Minority scholarship amounting Rs. 8000 was awarded to 27 students separately.
5. Swami Vivekananda Merit cum means scholarship (UG 75, PG 53) amounting Rs. 160000 was awarded to 258 students separately.
6. Post-Metric scholarship, for the SC/ST/OBC each amounting Rs. 6500 was awarded to 944 students separately.
7. Kanyashree (K1 K2 category) scholarship for the girl students each amounting Rs. 25000 was awarded to 504 students.

8. Nirmankarmi scholarship (only for Nirmankarmi card holders) each amounting Rs. 6000 was awarded to 56 students.

Non-government:

9. Priyambada Birla scholarship amounting Rs. 8000 is awarded to all the students. 10. JM Setia Trust scholarship amounting Rs. 6000 is awarded to students having more than 65 marks in Arts, more than 75 in science and 60 for PG and applied by 3 candidates.

11. HDFC scholarship is awarded to all Honours students.

12. SR Jindal Scholarship (75 for boys 70 for girls) amounting Rs. 4200 is awarded to 68 students.

Financial support from the College Amount Rs 792850.

There is a central government scholarship scheme, National Scholarship Portal for all students. With all these initiatives, the college has diligently contributed in upholding the mission and vision to a great height. The provision of scholarship helps the students from weaker sections of the society in continuing their studies and meeting the challenges of their life socially, professionally as well as personally.

INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS ACADEMIC SESSION: 2016-2017

Along with practicing quality education, one of the important missions of Belda College has been to raise gender sensitization. With this perspective in view, the Women's Cell, Belda College has taken some significant initiatives in the Academic Session 2016-17 to increase gender sensitization among the students of Belda College. The following programs were organized in this academic session:

- One Day Special Lecture Programme (awareness programme) entitled 'Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation' was organized by the Women's Cell, Belda College IQAC, Belda College on 6th February, 2017.
- On the eve of International Women's Day, a One Day Seminar on *Assessing Women's Empowerment in the age of New Technology* was jointly organized by the Women's Cell and IQAC, Belda College on 8th March, 2017.
- A One Day Regional Seminar on *Reproductive Health and Hygiene of Women* was organized by the Department of Physiology and Women's Cell, Belda College on 7th April, 2017.
- 'Swachhata Pakhawada' i.e. *Cleaning Drive Programme* from 1-15th August, 2016 by the NSS volunteers in the adopted villages of Deuli, Chotomatkatpur Sushinda on Gender sensitization focusing on women's health, women's food habit, girl child literacy.

Apart from these events, many other departmental seminars/talks, group discussions were organized with an imperative to create a new and reformed society where women are bestowed with equal rights and privileges in every sphere of human life. These events intended to raise awareness and sensitization among the students (girls and boys) as well staff of the college. It also included participants from local communities and it was a great success. These events raised women's awareness about the possibilities, probabilities and openings of women in socioeconomic, political and several such sectors. These steps collectively contribute towards a distinctive mission of upholding and uplifting the integrity of the college, and sustainable measures in terms of programmes concerning gender parity.

INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS

ACADEMIC SESSION: 2017-2018

One of the most important and distinctive visions of the college is the inculcation of all-inclusive environmental awareness and the promulgation of ecological culture in the college community. Belda College is situated in an eco-friendly campus and utmost care is given to preserve natural and ecological diversity through various developmental initiatives taken. These development initiatives include regular seminar programs, conferences as well talks on issues of environmental importance. The **Save Paper Campaign** has been a significant step and is largely efficient in saving paper among the students and staff. Earlier students were given handouts in photocopies in classes. But from the academic session 2015-16, the initiative was taken to provide study materials in pdf forms. Accordingly, more study materials in PDF/MS word file and e-books have been stored in the departmental computers. We are also delighted to get in the process of decorating our beautiful natural landscape of college premises with green infrastructure in campus, maintenance of medicinal plant's garden *Sushruta Uddyan*, constructing pedestrian enabled pathways, and diversified eco-friendly campaigns such as low use of carbon, 'say no to plastic', more use of LED bulbs and so on. With the initiation of Plastic-free program, Belda College aimed to measurably reduce plastic pollution within the college campus, with a special focus on reduction as well as elimination of plastic bottles, plastic straws and utensils, plastic food packaging and such other. Since the college is located in a relatively rural region, therefore through different student-friendly environmental practices, the college ensures environmental preservation as well as protection. Some of such practices include plantation of more number of saplings, use of clay pots and paper cups for tea, the use of Sal leaf plates during meals and such others. Apart from environmental benefits, this practice revives the traditional trade. The use of Solar energy is one of the eco-friendly initiatives which has remarkably reduced the operating costs in the college campus. Solar Panel has been successful in providing a great source of reliable energy. These practices boost up the intensity of environmental generation among the budding youths, at the same time retain and revive the traditional spirit within the college vicinity. With a view to create environmental awareness, the College has set up Basundhara Eco-Club, which participates in organizing seminars/conferences/workshops inside and outside the college campus. NSS units also contribute to the creation of environmental awareness in local community through outreach programmes and extension activities. These practices have widened up the distinctive vision of this institution in terms of growing sustainability and preservation of environmentalism.

INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS

ACADEMIC SESSION: 2018-2019

One of the significant visions of Belda College is to contribute to the inclusive development of the country through generating the culture of quality academic enhancement in the college. With an end in view to build up the tradition of excellence in teaching-learning, several models have been practiced during this academic session:

- The CBCS mode of curriculum at both UG and PG levels has enabled the students to an easy mobility in choosing their preferred combination of subjects.
- The initiation of new experimental Open Book methodology during Internal Assessments has ensured the learners to be more critical and analytic.
- Two new PG courses in Chemistry & Geography commenced from 2018-19 and it opened up new doors to the students for a broader prospect in choosing their career. Labs were reconstructed, smart class rooms, and necessary infrastructure were built for the smooth functioning of the course.
- In the academic session 2018-19, Belda College has successfully enrolled for NIRF ranking, and has made its attempt for ISO Certification with an objective so that a strong mechanism can actually improve the qualitative features of the college towards excellence.
- The implementation of biometric attendance has helped the government in boosting quality education, improving punctuality and availability as well as attendance of teachers and office staff.
- The Culture of Online teaching in classrooms has emerged as an emergent need of introducing the students with technological models of teaching-learning system. The practice of virtual classrooms and widespread use of ICT has enabled our students to get an idea about digital education. It has also oriented the teachers by going beyond the chalk-blackboard method of teaching-learning and experimenting with new modules of learning and teaching.
- Teacher's Diary has been extremely beneficial for the teachers and has turned up as a development tool for teacher's aid. Maintaining diary enables the respective teachers to prepare an updated record of everyday activities, including class taken, curricular/extracurricular activities, and administrative responsibilities undertaken and so on.
- MOUs with various institutions/associations (for a period of 5 years) for Training & Extension purposes, Community Services, Faculty exchange programs, has been a major step in academic enhancements over the years. These include collaboration with the following:MAA AMBE Agro Food Processing, Egra SSB College, Bajkul Milani Mahavidyalaya, Laudungri Loksanskriti Mela, Belda Cultural Association, Holidize Travels, Panskura, A.S Infotech, M.S Trexim & MFGS Pvt. Ltd., Naveen Biscuit Pvt. Ltd., Hariapur, Benapur, & KPS Food Processing Unit, Kausallya, Kharagpur. In the academic session, 2018-19, two associations through MOUs have also been made with Midnapore Bee Keepers & Village Industries Cooperative Society Ltd. & Bhattar College, Dantan.

- In the academics, a few value added courses were introduced with an aim to provide learner centric skill oriented training that intends to generate employability among students. Apart from the already running courses such as Basics in Computer Applications, VAT, Certificate courses in Travel & Tourism, Income Tax and so on, in the academic session 2018-19, value added/certificate course in Yoga, Exploratory Data Analytics, Bee Keeping and Gender Sensitization were introduced. These value added courses were run in collaboration with other industry training partners/associations/HEIs.

*** THANKS ***

