<u>Institutional Distinctiveness</u>

*The mission of Biswanath College is to produce responsible citizens with a clear aim to cope with the changing global environment, be it political, economic or cultural, by imparting higher education for the all-round development of students. Some of the activities of the college can easily be categorized as exemplary.

*To motivate students to become responsible citizens of the country and to keep them abreast of the current affairs of the society, the College often organises interactive programmes and popular talks.

*One of the most important academic events of the College is Ripunjoy Tamuli Memorial Lecture, which is organised on 25th November every year. The theme of it in 2018 was "Geriatric Care", and the speaker was Dr. Anjanjyoti Bhargab, Registrar, Guwahati Medical College.

*Among all the colleges under Gauhati University, Biswanath College occupies an important position in the cultural front. Every year the cultural team of the College wins awards in many cultural events in the Inter-College Youth Festival of Gauhati University.

*Most of the students of the College are from poor financial background. Keeping this in view the College initiated several moves in order to bring the financially weak but meritorious students at par with general students. The initiatives taken by College in this regard are as follows:

- 1. The Biswanath College Sanchai Aru Wrindan Samity Ltd. Offers scholarships to meritorious H.S. students.
- 2. The Poor Student-Aid-Fund of the College offers financial assistance to the poor but meritorious students.
- 3. The Department of English of the College annually offers Late Purna Hazarika Memorial Award which includes a memento and an amount of Rs. 5000.00 to the best graduate of the Department.
- 4. Full tuition waiver is given to a few exceptionally meritorious and needy students of the College.

- 5. The Chabilal Upadhyaya Memorial Educational Trust of the College offers scholarships to the poor but meritorious students of HS (science) course.
- 6. The Late Khagendra Nath Bhattacharyya Memorial Award was instituted to help one student who secures the highest marks in economics (honours). This award includes Rs. 1500.00 and a citation.
- 7. The Department of Chemistry annually gives the Kamal Parajuli Memorial Award to the best graduate in chemistry. The award includes a certificate, a memento and an amount of Rs. 5000.00.
- 8. Ripunjoy Tamuly Memorial Trust offers books and the tuition fees to one poor but meritorious student of H.S. (arts) course.
- 9. Apart from these awards and scholarships, there are also the State Government Scholarships for ST, SC, OBC and MOBC students belonging to different streams, national scholarships to those poor students with 'Star Marks' in HSLC examination, UGC's 'Ishan Uday' scholarships for North East Students. The College takes every step to pave the way for all the eligible students to get these scholarships.

*Our NCC cadets and NSS volunteers come together for any drives initiated by College, be it cleanliness drive or tree plantation drive. This year the NSS unit conducted cleanliness drive at Biswanathghat on 13th February, 2019. The unit organised medical check-up camp and health awareness camp on 20th February, 2019 at Nilpur.

*The preparation for the Republic Day Parade by the College's NCC cadets is always special. In the Republic Day Parade of 2018, the NCC unit of the College won the first prize.