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Institutional Distinctiveness

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According to the 2011 fact sheet by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Scheduled Tribes in India rank at the bottom of the Human Development Index and face multidimensional poverty. The West Bengal government's initiative to build a government college in the remote areas of Purulia district has in it an aim to uplift socially backward classes of the region. Our institution, Government General Degree College, Manbazar-II, shares this vision by focusing on providing quality education to the marginalized groups. Being situated in a remote area with a significant tribal population, most of our applicants belong to the Scheduled Tribes. The establishment of a government college in this area has made higher education accessible to the community members thereby increasing the students' admissions notably over the years. As an educational institution we strive to offer comprehensive education to the students by imparting both hard and soft skills. Besides traditional classroom teaching-methods, we emphasize learning outside the classroom through fieldworks, academic discussions, and excursions, while also nurturing soft skills such as team work, problem-solving attitude, cultural awareness, networking skills, leadership training, and social skills among our students. Our institution takes pride in actively engaging students in various extracurricular activities. Annual cultural events like *Hul Diwas* and *Santali Bhasa Diwas* organized by the cultural committee give an opportunity to the students to actively participate and gain cultural awareness. The Sports sub-committee organizes the highly anticipated Annual Sports Day, promoting sportsmanship among both male and female students. Many of our students have also represented the college at district and state level sports events. Additionally, the wall magazine *BIRBURU* took off with the intention of unleashing students' creative imagination. Over the years, students have taken an active interest not only in submitting articles but also in designing the wall magazine that teaches the value of teamwork. Since the establishment of the NSS unit at our college, both the unit head and the NSS student volunteers have lived up to their motto "Not Me, But You," by organizing numerous programs within and beyond the college, fostering social engagement. The annual eye treatment camp held on campus is highly popular among nearby villages, attracting people for eye check-ups and cataract surgeries. Talks on health issues such as HIV/AIDS, Dengue, Chikungunya, Thalassemia, and snakebites, featuring guest speakers, have raised health awareness among students. During the COVID-19 pandemic, GGDC functioned as a vaccination



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center where the NSS unit assisted the government vaccination team by overseeing hand sanitization and conducting temperature checks at the college entrance gate. Similarly, environmental awareness initiatives, such as addressing plastic pollution, are regularly conducted to instill environmental consciousness among students and make them environmentally responsible citizens. Another key focus of our institution is the upliftment of female students who mostly belong to ST and SC communities. In order to encourage female students to pursue higher education and address dropout rates stemming from financial constraints, the college's scholarship cell educates students about various government scholarships available to them and assists them with the application process. Over the years, the college has hosted numerous talks on gender empowerment and equality on the occasion of International Women's Day. The institution is also proactive in raising awareness about unfair practices against females. Awareness Program like “Save the Girl Child” is organized in the college by the NSS unit to make the students aware of acts like sex-selective abortions as socially discriminatory and unlawful. Besides these, NSS volunteers regularly carry out outreach programs for women on sanitation in nearby adopted villages. The vision and practices outlined above are shaped by our college's geographical location. We don't perceive our remote setting as a barrier; rather, we embrace the responsibility entrusted by the government to enhance the prospects of our nation's youth. Our ongoing efforts align with the national goal of empowering marginalized communities through quality education, enabling their participation in both national and global arenas. Additionally, we make an effort to instill in them a sense of respect and preservation towards their culture.



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Fig 1: Student excursion to Duarsini organized by English department (2018).


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Fig 2: Teacher from the department of Geology helping the students in identifying different geological structures and rocks in the field.



Fig 3: *Hul Diwas* celebration organized by Santali department (2022).



Fig 4: Students dancing to Santali folk song on the occasion of Santali Language Day celebration (2022). *Santali Bhasa Diwas* organized by the cultural committee give an opportunity to the students to actively participate and gain cultural awareness.



Fig 5: Students taking part in district level Youth Parliament competition (2022-2023).



Fig 6: Female students taking part in annual sports in 2018.



Fig 7: Male students taking part in annual sports day (2018).



Fig 8: Winning team (Cricket) with the faculty members in annual sports day (2022).


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Fig 9: NSS volunteers helping to follow Covid protocols (03.02.2022).

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Fig 9: NSS volunteers helping to maintain social distance during exam answer scripts submission, February,2022.


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Fig 10: NSS volunteer checking Body temperature by thermal gun, February, 2022.



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Fig 11: NSS volunteers helping to follow Covid protocols by hand sanitization at the college entrance. (03.02.2022).


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Fig 12: Arrangement of COVID vaccination at the college campus for college students and Local community. During the COVID-19 pandemic, GGDC functioned as a vaccination center where the NSS unit assisted the government vaccination team by overseeing hand sanitization and conducting temperature checks at the college entrance gate.



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Fig 13: inauguration of the college wall magazine 'BIRBURU' by THE OIC in presence of faculties and students. (02.12.2021)

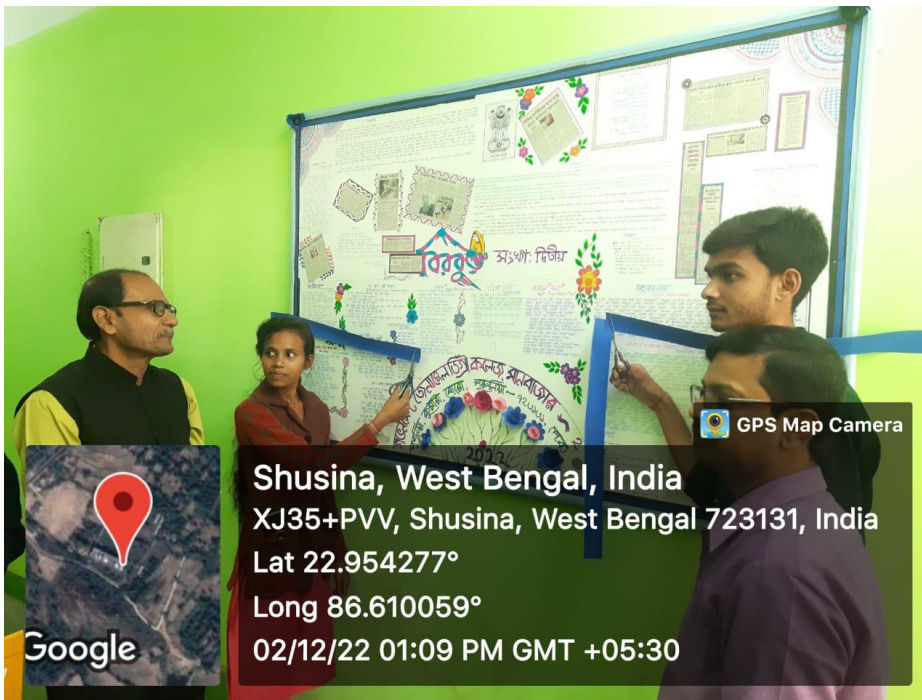


Fig 14: Publication of the college wall magazine 'BIRBURU' by THE OIC in presence of faculties and students. (02.12.2022)



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Fig 15: 3rd time of publication of the college wall magazine 'BIRBURU' by THE OIC in presence of faculties and students. (20.12.2023). Students have taken an active interest not only in submitting articles but also in designing the wall magazine, teaching teamwork.


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Fig 16: Our institution takes pride in actively engaging students in various extracurricular activities like engagement with the community.



Fig 17: Students are encouraged to actively engage themselves in beyond campus activities. Awareness Program against use of Plastic at Picnic Spot of Duarsini (14.12.2018):

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