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Two Best Practices of the institution (2018-2019)

## 1. Cultural heritage promotion:

A festive celebration of the culture and customs of different ethnic tribes of the locality is being carried out in the College in a unique and colourful one day programme every year since 2021. North Guwahati, is located in Kamrup District of Assam and is blessed in abundance by mother Nature and the mighty Brahmaputra flowing by this quiet and peaceful region has lured people of different castes, religions and tribes in embracing this place as their permanent settlement centuries back. This heterogenous legacy is being celebrated every year since 2001in the Tribal Cultural Festival, where the students of different cultural sects showcase their culture and tradition. Besides performing Bodo, Garo, Rabha, Tiwa dances and songs this conclave also tables events where dignitaries and researchers of different communities are invited for deliberation on pertinent aspects of culture and tradition. Cultural heritage is a gift to a society from the past. This type of ventures thus contributes in the preservation and promotion of the intangible memories, values, customs etc. of the past aiding in creation of stronger regional identities there by enriching the present generation. The first cultural meet was held on 21st Sep, 2001under the presidentship of Dr. Bhrigu Mohan Goswami, the then Head of the department of Assamese, North Gauhati College, a noted litterateur from Assam who is specially acclaimed for his insights into the Ojapali art form of Assam. The secretary of the first Tribal Sudents Association was Aaiti Basumatary and Lila Bodo was the president of that forum. UNESCO defines cultural heritage as the legacy of the physical artefacts and intangible attributes of a group or society that are inherited from past generation, maintained in the present and bestowed for the benefit of the future. Adhering to this proposition, North Gauhati College fraternity takes pride and solace in accepting the responsibility of promoting and propagating a healthy cultural exchange among the students of this new generation.

## 2) Village adoption:

North Gauhati College enjoys the advantage of having many tribal villages in its neighbourhood. Taking up this mission of social commitment on 8/8/2018 North Gauhati College adopted five tribal villages, namely Barbaka, Saru Baka, Manik Nagar, Rajaali and



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Barnijara. The first four villages are inhabited by people of Garo tribe and the fifth village is a village inhabited by Bodo community. Except Rajaali village all the other villages are revenue villages.

Immediately after adoption of the villages, bank accounts of 110 families were opened in Bank of India (BOI), Abhoypur Branch, which is adjacent to North Gauhati College. Awareness camps, cleanliness drives etc. are carried out by the active NSS wing of the College. A health awareness camps on Covid-19 preparedness was organised on 20/03/2020 in collaboration with North Guwahati Primary Health Centre and Baka Sub-Centre, Baka. On 09/04/20, 31 very poor families of the adopted villages were provided relief in the form of food items and clothing.

The students of these villages take admission in North Gauhati College and come in close contact with the faculty of the College, thereby making the accessibility to the villages easier. The College aims to remain committed in this mission of working for the development of these tribal villages of the neighbourhood. By engaging in a culturally rich exchange, it is believed that values to the lives of the people will be added by facilitating inspiration in different forms needed to lead a healthy, meaningful and committed life.

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