



SOUTH SALMARA COLLEGE

Program to Induce the Local Poor Students towards Higher Education by Reducing Dropout in School Education:

Introduction: South Salmara College was established in 1986 to open up the doors of higher education in the economically and educationally backward region, located in the extreme Northern part of the district of South Salmara Mankacar, Assam and thus to impart quality higher education to the people of this rural and economically backward area. It is the only one higher educational institution located in this backward locality as well as In South Salmara MLA constituency.

Vision & Mission of the College: South Salmara College is envisioned to achieve academic excellence with all sections of the society rich and poor, able-bodied and disabled etc. The College is dedicated itself to generate enriched human being in all sections of the Society with academic, spiritual, ethical, socio- cultural and scientific knowledge with skill.

Core Values of the College: Social Responsibility is the one of the most important core values of South Salmara College. The other two core values of the College are strive for excellence and unifying in character.

Description of the Program to Induce the Local Poor Students towards Higher Education by Reducing Dropout in School Education: The region, located in the North of the district of South Salmara Mankachar, Assam, is a very backward region in the state of Assam both economically and educationally Approximately 90% households of this area are agriculturists and live below the poverty line. South Salmara College is the only higher educational institution in this area with one feeder Higher Secondary School and seven High Schools (located in the nearby villages centering to the College). The College had minutely observed it that a considerable portion of the local students community do not like to go for gating higher education, rather like to go for working in their agricultural fields (that leads to disguised unemployment only) and therefore they had dropout after completion of their matriculation or 12th standard education. It was not only because of their poverty alone but also for the lack of consciousness or awareness among the local community regarding the benefit of higher education. As a result, the enrolment in the College was considerably low during the beginning years of the College. In order to reduce the dropout in the school education and induce the local poor students towards higher education, the College had decided to run a Program of taking visiting classes or motivational classes in its surrounding schools and institutions. Since the time of its initiation, the College has been running this program of taking visiting classes or motivational classes time to time in the surrounding schools and institutions of the College like RBP Higher Secondary School, South Salmara Girls High School, South Salmara Public High School, Tumni High(Now Higher Secondary) School, Patakata JP High School.

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Keeping the vision of the College in mind, i.e., to achieve academic excellence with all sections of the society, a good number of teachers of the College, as for example, Dr. Mozibor Rahman, Dr. Abu Jafor, Dr. Riazul Hoque, Dr. Hamida Khatun, Rezaul Islam, Sheikh Azmal Hoque etc. have been taking such classes in the nearby schools of the College, to inspire the local poor students towards higher education, considering this activity as their social responsibility, which is one of the most important core values of the College

Outcome of This Practice: Being a College located in a very backward and remote area of South Salmara Mankachar district, Assam, the College has become successful to perform the duty of its social responsibility to a considerable extent in the sphere of inducing the local poor students towards higher education by reducing dropout in school education through its program of visiting classes or motivational classes in the surrounding schools of the locality, and thereby the college could move a few steps forward to achieve academic excellence with all sections of the society and to generate enriched human being in the society with academic, spiritual, ethical, socio-cultural and scientific knowledge with skill. As a result of the Program of visiting Classes or motivational Classes in the Schools, the enrolment in the college has been increasing in a continuous trend in the recent years. In the session 2001-2002 total number of students newly enrolled in the College was only 43 and now total newly enrolled students of the college is 387 and grand total enrollment is 735. This increasing trend of newly enrolled students in the College definitely signifies the good result of the Program of visiting classes or motivational classes in the surrounding schools initiated by the College with active co-operation of its teachers. This distinctive practice of the College has reduced the dropout in school education of the locality and induced the local poor students to go for taking higher education with global competitiveness for their better future. This practice of the College also helps in developing the local students to face challenges of the time, opens the windows of opportunities of this age for them and helps them to become ideal citizens to take part in Nation building. It is also to be noted here that among the teachers of the College, Abul Hussain, Head of the Department of Arabic has received Certificate of Accomplished Teacher from South Salmara Mankachar district Administration on the occasion of Teachers Day, 2021 because of taking Classes and initiatives in the local schools to inspire the School Students for their better academic future. It is definitely a great success and a matter of great pleasure for the College.

5. CONCLUSION

Additional Information:

South Salmara College is located at a pollution free, comparatively disease free and comparatively crime free environment.

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The College has endeavoured to motivate the school students of the locality through free motivational classes done in the nearby schools by the faculty members.

Our students are equally expert in agricultural activities apart from the academic part.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, the faculties and the employees have helped the poor folks of the locality with food and other staffs.

Our alumni has been working as faculty of Tikrikilla College, Assistant Teacher in various institutions and as advocates in Dhubri and South Salmara District Court.

The College has an International MoU with International Institute of Inspiration Economy. Bahrain and the International Inspiration Economy Book Club, Assam Chapter has been established at South Salmara College

Concluding Remarks: South Salmara College is an Arts Stream College where courses are offered to students as per CBCS and FYUGP System and Outcome Based Education is given emphasis.

The College maintains continuous internal and external evaluation. The college liberally integrates cross-cutting issues relevant to Professional Ethics, Gender, Human Values, Environment and sustainability into the Curriculum. It is always attentive to the learning level and progression of the students and conduct bridge courses and remedial classes. The teachers always try to get updated with the ICT tools for teaching.

The College is sensible towards research environment and endeavours for promoting innovative ideas to create skillful environment. It carries extension activities in the neighbourhood community frequently. The institution has adequate facilities for teaching learning viz., classrooms, laboratories, computing equipment, etc and constantly tries to improve it. The College always gives importance to ICT upgradations. It has adequate facilities for cultural activities, sports, games (indoor, outdoor) etc with a view to all-round development of the students.

Library is automated using Integrated Library Management System (ILMS) and it has sufficient numbers of books and journals to fulfill the academic interest of students and faculty members.

The Alumni Association of the College has been actively working as an integral part of the institution.

The governance of the institution is always in conformity with the vision and mission of the college. It is committed to decentralization in implementing various plans and activities. It focuses on strategic plans and execution of the same.

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The College regularly audits its financial transaction.

The IQAC Cell of the College constantly puts its efforts to develop academic as well as other environment of the college. Grievances regarding issues like Gender, Ragging, sexual harassment etc. are dealt with utmost sensitivity. The College campus is a Green Campus and is single plastic free and tobacco free zone

The College has continuously endeavoured to preserve the traditional and magical heritages of South Salmara. Besides, it focuses on empowerment of women through skill development.

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