

# **Institutional Distinctiveness**

**Birjhora Kanya Mahavidyalaya**  
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Birjhora Kanya Mahavidyalaya is the only women college in the district. The vision of the college is to develop it into a centre of excellence in higher education for women through comprehensive and balanced education. As such, the institution is committed to the cause of empowerment of women from all sectors including those socially and economically deprived through access to higher education

Starting its journey on 20<sup>th</sup> August 1993 with a small group of students the college, today has developed into a premier institution for girls in the region. Though situated at the heart of the town the college has students from different ethnic communities having different languages, custom and traditions mainly the Koch Rajbonshis, Bengalis, Bodos, Tea tribes and the Religious Minority group. The college thus, tries to create an ambience of growth and inclusiveness by inculcating the values of respect for other languages, religion and culture.

The main feature which makes the institution distinct from others is its constant effort to develop each student of the college into an empowered woman. As envisaged in its mission the college continuously strives for the enrichment of society by developing intellectual and self confident women with scientific temperament, humanitarian and social values. Focusing on the thrust area the institution makes a sincere effort to engage students in various community services in the neighbourhood areas like cleaning the market area, awareness campaign, cleanliness drive, donating at the orphanages etc. In order to guide the students on what should be their role as socially responsible individual the college has adopted villages viz. Chitkagaon and Kakoijana comprising of Rabha tribe. The main aim of adopting these villages is to develop awareness about sachhwata, health, education, women empowerment etc. among the villagers.

The NSS cell of the college undertakes different programmes for the community development throughout the year. The NSS volunteers take active participation in different social activities and for the upliftment of the rural women by organizing special camps in the adopted villages, Chitakagaon Rabha Para, Kakoijana and Sawnagaon. During the time of Covid 19 pandemic our NSS volunteers took several measures for spreading awareness among the masses. Apart from distributing mask and food they also took the help of social media such as YouTube and face book to sensitize the people regarding the precautionary measures. These activities have definitely helped in developing social responsibilities and social values among the students.

The college also gives equal importance to the development of students through cultural and literary activities. Students are given opportunities to explore their creative abilities in different fields during college festivals; fresher's social and through different competitions held in the college. Many of our students have represented the college in the University Youth festivals organized by the affiliating University and have bagged prizes in different events. Some of them have also shined at the national level competitions and have brought laurels to the college. The college makes a continuous effort to identify such talents and train them accordingly. In order to develop the literary skill of the students, the college regularly publishes an annual magazine "TONOYA" with an aim to showcase the creativity of the students in literary field. Apart from this each department has a wall magazine for developing the creativity of the students in literature. Many of our alumnae today are economically well settled in cultural and literature field. The college has produced Civil Servants, Lawyers, Professors, and Teachers etc by providing general education, but at the same time the college has also produced writers, dancers, singers, actors who are well settled in their respective life.

The college also organizes various programmes for developing the creative skills of the students. Workshops are organized on ability enhancement techniques, recitation skill, communication skill, mental health and management, vocational training and self employment etc. for giving the students exposure in the respective areas. Various other programmes like guidance and counselling, health awareness, human rights awareness, field visits, excursion etc. are also organized for the students to develop their knowledge as well as to give opportunity of experiential learning.

Another feature that makes the college stand out amongst the other colleges is that it has given the opportunity to many of its alumnae to serve in the college after completion of their degree. Almost every department has one alumna working as Assistant Professor. This proves that the effort of the college to accomplish its mission has been fulfilled upto some extent but the college strives for more in the coming years.

Birjhora Kanya Mahavidyalaya not only gives importance on development of academic aspects but also give equal importance on the physical and mental well- being of the student. For this the college has a provision of certificate course on yoga and organizes special camps for self defence technique. The students are also given yoga and meditation classes regularly thrice a week by specially trained teacher. In the present competitive world the students have to face a lot of challenges which in turns develops stress, anxiety, frustration, depression and many other kinds of mental illness. Hence, it

becomes very important for an educational institution to train their students with the methods and techniques of handling such kind of negative feelings and emotions in an effective manner. Birjhora Kanya Mahavidyalaya has initiated the process of developing a sound mind along with a sound body and this can be referred as a distinctive quality of the institution.

Vocational and skill based education is an important means of women empowerment. The New Education policy 2022 has also recommended for introduction of vocational education right from the school stage. Since its inception, Birjhora Kanya Mahavidyalaya has been contributing significantly towards women empowerment through quality education. But looking into the need and demand of skill based education, the institution has also initiated 3 months certificate course in cutting and tailoring for the students and alumnae of the college. Already many students have successfully completed the course and have become economically self reliant by taking it as a profession.