

## **Institutional Distinctiveness**

Margherita College is situated in the North-eastern part of India surrounded by diverse population including indigenous communities, tribes, sub-tribes and also migrated people from the different parts of India that influence the academic environment of the college. The college is the heart of the pupils' different tribal communities who live in neighboring areas of the institution and also those who come to study here from Arunachal Pradesh. The motto of the college is "Knowledge is Power" and the institution has contributed immensely to raise academic, social, economic and philosophical aspects of society. The college is contributing positively in the public and private sector. The academic fraternity of the college organized various academic and non-academic programmes to enrich both the students and the faculties of the institution. Few of those programs organized by the college during the period of 2019-2020 are as follows:

- i) World Environment Day was celebrated by NSS unit of Margherita College on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and in this effort 100 saplings were planted in the college to add beauty and purity to the institution.
- ii) Margherita College Environmental Cell and ECO club organized a plantation program on the eve of 73<sup>rd</sup> Independence Day on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019.
- iii) In order to aware student regarding wildlife, a seminar was organized on Protection and Conservation of Wildlife in 2/11/2019 and in the program, EVS Cell, ECO club and Dept. Of Zoology organized and participated enthusiastically.
- iv) Fourthly, Margherita College EVS Cell and ECO club in association with Balika Vidya Mandir, Digboi organized a Motivational & Counselling Programme on Pollution Control on 30/11/2019 to 01/12/2019. Dr. Gautam Purkayashtha was the chief speaker.
- v) In addition to it, EVS Cell observed Swachata Pukhwada at college premises from 1<sup>st</sup> June to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and under this program, students learnt the practices and skills pertaining to cleanliness and environment purity.
- vi) Again between 03/03/2020 to 08/03/2020, the Department of Anthropology carried out Ethnographic field work among the Tangsas of Kharangkong and it was followed by One- Day Programme on Skill Development among the Tangsa children of Kharangkong village. As it is fact, that the surroundings of institution have tribal environment inhabited by Tribal population. Thus, in order to fulfill their dreams and also to contribute in the new area of knowledge among the tribals. The Tribal Study Centre was established in 2004, which is actively related in the field of imparting Tribal knowledge and culture. In order to achieve its objectives, the Tribal Study Centre organized a Two- day National Seminar (24/01/2020- 25/01/2020) on Ethnic Communities of Dehing Patkai Region: Present Status of Ethnic Communities & their Developmental Strategies. The programme touched various aspects of social, political, economic and cultural life of the Tribal communities of the Dehing Patkai region.