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## THE PERFORMANCE OF THE INSTITUTION IN ONE AREA DISTINCTIVE TO ITS PRIORITY AND THRUST

Sonari College, a co-educational Institution, is located in Sonari town, the Head Quarter of Charaideo district. It is situated at the juncture of Assam-Arunachal-Nagaland border and admits students from both Arunachal and Nagaland states apart from Assam. The College has been imparting education at the Undergraduate level in Arts and Science streams since its inception. It also has a distance Education study centre under Krishna Kanta Handique State Open University (KKHSOU) since 2008. It has thus been educating generations of students, providing them with ample opportunities for placement in different sectors, government and private. Established in 1970, Sonari College attains distinctiveness in more ways than one.

One of the primary missions of Sonari College is to give specific focus on discovering the interests and inherent talents of students and inspiring them, to give fuller expression to their hidden potentialities.

Another distinctive feature of the institution is that although it is located at the headquarter of the Charaideo district, it draws the majority of students from rural areas and socio-economically disadvantaged background belonging to diverse ethnic groups, tribes and communities.

The college has well qualified faculty members who are interested in the profession of teaching and are student-friendly and ever-approachable. A good number of teachers have achieved Ph.D. degree. They have been working for the holistic development of students, both inside and outside the college campus. They guide and motivate the students not only for their intellectual and academic development but also for fostering human values and sharpening various life skills.



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The economically backward students are benefitted by providing admission under Fee Waiver Scheme of the Government of Assam, scholarships, tutorial classes and counseling by mentors. Moreover, the college provides financial support to them from its Student Poor Fund.

The college felicitates the best graduates of the college in both Arts and Science streams every year on the College Foundation Day (5<sup>th</sup> August) with a certificate and an amount in cash for encouraging and motivating them. A Student Welfare Fund is initiated by the Sonari College Teachers' Unit for rewarding the students.

The College has an updated Library as a learning resource. It felicitates the Best Reader of the year on the Librarian's day (12<sup>th</sup> August) in order to encourage and motivate students to use the library regularly.

The college has signed a number of MoUs with other colleges and institutions for the benefit and development of the students of both the institutions by exchange of faculty for better cooperation and academic achievement and extension of education.

The college encourages students to participate in extracurricular activities through its NSS unit to create a strong sense of social responsibility and accountability for building an equitable and just society. The NSS unit carries out cleanliness and plantation drives, health camps and other sensitization and awareness programmes to ensure it.

The teachers of the college have been popularizing science for children by conducting counselling and awareness programmes in nearby schools for developing scientific temperament under the programme SANSKAR: MANUHE MANUHOR BABE.







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An MoU has been signed between the College and Totto Chan Children Library and Street Library, Bhogbari, Sapekhati. These libraries aim to develop reading habit among the underprivileged children of the area located at the juncture of Inter State Border of Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland. The college has donated books to the library.

During the Covid Pandemic, the teaching and non-teaching staffs extended their helping hands to the people in need, by providing food supplies to about 350 families of the area.

Sonari College has adopted 2 model Villages- Naphuk Model Village, Sufrai and Sonalipam Model Village, Sonari. The college actively participates in socio-academic development of the area by organizing awareness programmes on health and hygiene and encouraging the local people to develop scientific temperament. A one-day Awareness Programme on "Symptoms and Precautions Against CORONA VIRUS" was organized on 17-03-2020 in Sonalipam and Guwala Pathar TE. Also, the 5 steps of hand washing were demonstrated along with the precautions against Covid -19. Masks, Hand sanitizers, Leaflets and Soaps were distributed among the people as a part of the programme. The Department of Chemistry prepared hand Sanitizers and distributed among people.

A One-day Awareness Programme on CORONA VIRUS was organized by IQAC & NSS Unit, Sonari College at Joboka TE on 18-03-2020. A summer Internship programme was also conducted in the Sonalipam Model Village by NSS unit in 2018 where the students made the local people aware about health and hygiene. They were also involved in cleanliness drives.









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A two-day long Sanitization Programme was organized in three Tea Estates, viz., Teok Borahi and Joboka by NSS Unit, Sonari College in association with the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Charaideo and the T E management on 05-04-2020 and 06-04-2020.

The Sonari College teachers play a crucial role in serving the marginalized, vulnerable deprived communities of the local area through extension and community centered activities aiming to serve societal needs and uplifting the socio-economic status of the communities. A Sensitization programme was held on 20-09-2021 to create awareness among tea garden labourerers in Joboka Tea estate about social and health issues. Another awareness programme was held on 23-09-2021 in Teok Tea Estate to create awareness among labourerers regarding evils of child marriage, proper use of social media and trafficking of women. The Women Study Cell of the college in collaboration with NSS had conducted the programme.

Sonari College has also been involved in promotion of local and national culture inculcating tolerance, acceptance and nurturing the indigenous cultural practices. A cultural programme "Bhaona" has been organized in the the adopted village of Sonalipam in collaboration with the local people. A Bihu Programme was organized in the adopted Naphuk Model Village. Donations were given for the celebration. A Folk Cultural programme Bihu Adoroni is jointly organised by the College Authority and the Assamese Department every year on the eve of Rongali Bihu, aiming for cultural exchange and promote harmony among different communities and students.



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