

Institutional Distinctiveness:

Lalit Chandra Bharali College was established on 9th August, 1971 with the initiative and support of the neighborhood community and the generous donation from the family of Late Lalit Chandra Bharali, after whom the college has been named. Compared to majority of the colleges in the city of Guwahati, this college is of a recent origin. The establishment of the college was driven by a holistic aim of extending access to higher education to the marginal students community who could not access the other city colleges for a variety of reasons. It was also an educational outreach for the students who lived beyond the city limits and the entire northeast. The college as a new addition in the history of higher education in the city has always received students who couldn't access the older and established institutions in their desired disciplines mostly due to their low scores and most of them had to work along with their study to support their families. It was a challenge for the college fraternity to initiate strategies for the benefit of this domain of students. The college has set this as its distinctiveness and prioritized to initiate unique study programs and schemes in this context. Commitment to academic excellence has been the priority and thrust of the college and so it has tried to provide alternative career options for its students. This priority and thrust of the institution is also reflected in the mission set by the college. This distinctiveness of the college can be highlighted in the following fronts.

The college fraternity has been able to earn an unique identity because of initiating non-traditional courses at the undergraduate level. True to its mission, much before the provincialisation of the science stream, non-traditional undergraduate courses were initiated which included B.Sc. in Computer Science, Electronics, Environmental Studies and also Folklore in the Arts stream. This step of the college was appreciated very much by the peer team visit in the previous NAAC assessment. However, because of the un-provincialised nature of the streams financial burden rested on the students for these courses. Again, the science stream of the college was provincialised only in the year 2013, and there was not sufficient infrastructure facility in the small campus of the college. Thus, because of paucity of funds and space, Environmental Science and Folklore Departments could not be sustained in the long run. However, since its inception the students of Computer Science and Electronics Departments have excelled in their fields. Worth mentioning here is the fact that quite a number of alumni of the Computer Science department of the college, who passed out before the provincialisation of

the science stream are presently serving in IDOL, Institute of Science and Technology of Gauhati University , as Faculty members. Moreover a student from the same department is also working as faculty member in the Manipur University. Again quite a number of our alumni from the department of Electronics are working as Faculty members in the department of Electronics and Communication Engineering , Gauhati University. Again, from the same department alumni from the same period are serving in Assam Don Bosco University as faculty members. The legacy of excellence continues even now where we may cite examples like, our students working successfully in corporate sectors like IBM, Wipro, TCS to cite a few. We can proudly say that some of our alumni are also working successfully in Banking sector

This story highlights the emphasis of the college in striving for academic excellence of the students who choose the institution, despite all odds. Such success stories of the students are found in all the departments which illustrate the dedication of the college fraternity in living up to their responsibilities. The efforts at initiating non-traditional courses continued for the institution. The B.Sc. IT, BCA and PGDCA courses were later added on a self sustaining basis and these are continuing till date with record of good alumni placement.

The college has approximate 20% BPL students who have availed free ship from the government for admission. The institution has also designed schemes to help the meritorious but economically weak students so as to extend support in their career development. This is in tune with the priority of the college to help the marginal student's community. The poor aid fund scheme in this context has benefitted a few students every year on the basis of merit. Again, the Ratneswar Borooah Memorial best graduate award, Prof. Basanta Borooah Memorial best graduate award in English are the means to encourage students to excel in studies.

In spite of paucity of space, the Institution has managed to establish well equipped laboratories for the subjects like, Computer Science, Electronics along with a hygienic Canteen for the students. The college provides a platform to hone the potential of these students. Every teacher and every department monitors the performance of students. And it has been found that students who had low scores at their entry level have passed out with good results and are faring well in their careers. Gauhati University students from low and lower middle income families

have outshined in their ventures after passing out from the college. This exhibits the successful venture of the faculties who provide constant support and guidance to the students.