

Institutional Distinctiveness

Sadiya college is the only higher education institute in the Sadiya sub division and upto a radius of 50km, there is no other college. Sadiya is located at the easternmost part of Assam which remained isolated from mainland Assam, until the construction of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Setu, the longest river bridge in India, over the mighty river Brahmaputra, in 2017. Since establishment of the college in 1982, the college has been catering to the higher education needs of the entire region for 42 years. As Sadiya is adjacent to Arunachal Pradesh and the border is just 5km away from the Chapakhowa town of Sadiya, students from Arunachal Pradesh also comes to Sadiya College for higher education. At present the college has all the three streams viz. Arts, commerce and Science, with science being introduced in 2020. The commerce stream was introduced in 2009 as per the recommendations of the earlier NAAC peer team visit. Among the three streams, the commerce stream is yet to be provincialized.

Sadiya is an underdeveloped region lacking in industrial and economic development. Most people here are dependent on agriculture and animal rearing for livelihood. One of the notable features of Sadiya college is that approximately 95% of the students who take admission into the provincialized streams belong to the Below Poverty Level (BPL) category, seeking admission under the fee waiver scheme of the state government. The college has been functioning with only 34 sanctioned posts of Assistant Professors across the three streams. Therefore, faculty members of the college try their best to manage a large number of students with their limited capacity. Due to very less number of Higher Secondary schools available in the region, the college has to continue with the higher secondary section affecting the student to teacher ratio.

Since most of the students comes from underprivileged sections of the society, their attitude towards education do not seem to be very ambitious. They do not hesitate to leave the college for meagre employment opportunities that provide them with the slightest financial support. Therefore, the college has to deal with a lot of drop out cases each year. Moreover, early marriage among both boys and girls seem to be widely prevalent in the region. Since they decide to enter into marriage at a very early age, their domestic responsibilities increases and their studies take a backseat. The college has been trying to address this prominent issue of the region since long. The college organises various street plays, awareness rallies, camps at villages, special talks etc. to prevent early marriage.

The college authority has been trying its best to improve the academic environment of the campus. The main gate(s) of the college are kept closed till 3 PM so that no students can leave the college without prior permission before the mentioned time. Use of cell phones in the campus is restricted. To resolve the dropout issue, the faculty members are mentoring the students personally and slight improvement is observed. The college also encourages students to take part in co-curricular activities apart from the regular studies. On the 42nd Foundation Day of the college, an Art, Craft and food exhibition called "Silpa Mela" was held to encourage the students to exhibit their talents. Additionally, the students keen towards performing arts get opportunities to showcase their talent at department, college as well inter-college level and participate in the college week.

The faculty members continuously try to motivate the students through mentoring and counselling. Several notable speakers are invited to the campus to motivate the students. "Utkarsh - The Personality Development Cell" of the college had organised a week long summer camp for the students which included different activities ranging from drama, life skills to a workshop on positive thinking. NSS unit of the college organises residential camps for its volunteers which involves many events and activities ranging from plantation

drive to personality development. The college is trying its best to continuously upgrade the academic and co-curricular environment of the college.

The College has taken several steps to ensure community linkage, to reduce the gap between the college and the neighbourhood. Several schools and villages of the Sadiya region have been adopted by various departments of the College. The College ensures that regular extension activities are conducted in these schools and villages which includes Plantation drives, Awareness drive, Popularisation of Science Education, Prevention of child marriages, Cleanliness Drive, Anti Drug Campaign etc. The college also organises Parents Teachers Meet at regular intervals to make the parents proactively participate in their child's higher education.

The library of the College has been equipped with modestly spacious reading rooms, e-learning zones and wi-fi facility in addition to course books, references, magazines & journals which compensates the lack of availability of proper book stores in the locality. Using the library resources a student can easily get the course materials required to complete the syllabus. In addition to the novels & other self help books, the library also has resources for various competitive exams which helps the students prepare for their future. The library has introduced Best User Award in order to inculcate the reading habits among the young minds.

Inter Departmental competitions like Wall Magazines, Cultural rallies and Sports are held in the college week in order to boost team spirit among the students and increase their ability to work in group. All the departments of the College publishes their own wall magazine every year. In the annual cultural rally each department participates as a team and showcases their innovative ideas into forming the best team in the rally. The students participate in these activities with great zeal and enthusiasm.

Thus, the college takes all possible measures to create a healthy academic environment as the sole higher education institute in the Sadiya Sub-division with its limited capacity & resources. With its strive and commitment for improvement, Sadiya College is hopeful that it would prosper academically & would be able to remove all its hardships & move forward with excellence.