

7.3. Institutional Distinctiveness:

1. The Context

The vision of the institution is “Let the light of knowledge spread over all corners” with main objectives like to create human resources that would be useful for the nation and to provide opportunity to all for quality higher education in this backward tribal area. From the very beginning the college has been trying to spread the light of knowledge of different branches of higher education in this backward, tribal dominated interior place.

2. Practice

Initially the college had started with Arts stream in 1970. The Commerce and Science streams were introduced in 1979 and 1987 respectively. In 2007, catering the need of computer education the college has introduced the Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA). In 2015, the college had introduced PG courses in distance learning mode in Arts, Commerce, Science (Mathematics) and PGDCA under IDOL, Gauhati University. Moreover, some vocational courses like Certified Computer Accounting Course under ICA and Office Automation Course under NIELIT had also introduced.

3. Evidence of Success

The initiative of the college in the direction to fulfil its vision and objectives has able to bear fruits with the passing of time. When the college was established, the number of educated person was very few in this area. But at present the number of educated persons in this area is remarkable and there will hardly be any establishment in this region where no alumni of Tangla College is working. In 1960’s, there were only ten high schools in this area and at present the number is more than hundred twenty. Most of them are established under the initiatives of the alumni of this college. The college is now in such a position that when it started with 143 students and now its students strength is 3000 (three thousand) plus. On the basis of the performance of the college, RUSA has selected the institution in its scheme of ‘Up-gradation of Existing Degree Colleges to Model Degree College’ since 2016.

Table showing student enrolment:

Year	Number of students	Girls students	ST	SC	OBC
2014-15	3564	1579	1803	269	841
2015-16	2956	1240	1466	226	720
2016-17	3329	1501	1638	214	994
2017-18	3725	1580	1829	229	1090
2018-19	3641	1678	1596	284	1149

4. Problems Encountered

1. The college had to face number of hurdles, especially the resource problem, in running the institution from its inception. In case of every stream like Arts, Commerce and Science, the college had to run the streams from its own resources and public donations.
2. The area of courses covered by the college is large. Because of this the number of applicants for admission is also large. Accommodating such a large number of students is very troublesome and the infrastructure is also does not suffice.
3. While college is trying to spread higher education in all corners of the area and among all sections of people, particularly among the backward and marginalized sections of the society, many a time the college gets dragged to compromise with maintaining the quality of the students.