

PANCHAYAT COLLEGE, BARGARH

Institutional Distinctiveness

Established in 1960, Panchayat College, Bargarh, has been a cornerstone of higher education in Western Odisha. The college is committed to the holistic development of its students and has made significant contributions to the region's educational, cultural, and social landscape. As the only government college in the district, it provides affordable education to rural-based students, fostering an environment of academic excellence and community engagement. This Institution boasts a strong academic record with numerous rank holders each year across various departments in university examinations. In the academic years 2021-22 and 2022-23, six students each year were awarded gold medals for their outstanding performance. Additionally, every year, many students from the college secure positions in the top ten list of university rankings, showcasing the institution's commitment to academic excellence and the success of its students.

Green Campus Initiatives: The college campus is known for its lush greenery and eco-friendly initiatives. Continuous efforts are made to maintain and enhance the green environment, making the campus not only aesthetically pleasing but also conducive to learning. Tree plantation drives, waste management programs, and eco-awareness campaigns are organized, instilling a sense of environmental responsibility among students and staff. Every year, more than 500 trees are planted by students and faculty on various occasions.

Cultural Preservation and Transmission: Western Odisha is known for its distinct cultural forms such as Dalkhai, Madali, Dhap, and Danda Nacha. Panchayat College plays a vital role in preserving and transmitting the rich cultural heritage of western Odisha. The college organizes various cultural competitions and encourages student participation in events like the famous *Dhanu Yatra*, a world-famous open theatre festival unique to the region. During this festival, students voluntarily help manage crowds and guide visitors. Additionally, students are involved in the study and preservation of traditional manuscripts, including *Tala Patra*, which are crucial for understanding the historical and cultural contexts of the area.

Village Adaptation: As part of its distinctive work, the college has adopted the village of Ruhunia. Here, students and faculty engage in community outreach programs, educational

initiatives, and various development projects aimed at improving the quality of life for the villagers. This adoption reflects the college's commitment to fostering community development and preserving local traditions

Community and Outreach Activities: The College is deeply involved in community and outreach activities through its students, NCC, and NSS wings. Awareness camps, nukkad plays, and rallies are organized to address various social issues relevant to the locality. One of the major concerns is the use of harmful pesticides by farmers, which has been linked to the high cancer rates in Bargarh, a district with the second-highest incidence of cancer in the entire country. The College aims to spread awareness among the local population about the dangers of pesticide use and promotes drives towards organic farming as a healthier and safer alternative.

Affordable Education and Hostel Facilities: As the only government college in the district, Panchayat College offers affordable education to students from rural backgrounds. The college provides hostel facilities, ensuring that students from remote areas have access to quality education without financial strain. This inclusivity and support make higher education accessible to a larger section of society, fostering social equity and empowerment.

Besides the aforementioned activities, various departments also reflect their distinctive tasks in different fields. For example, the Department of Zoology is at the forefront of research on health issues prevalent in Bargarh, such as cancer and chronic kidney disease. Through student research projects, the department investigates these pressing concerns and works towards finding solutions that can benefit the local community. Their ongoing efforts are crucial in understanding and mitigating health problems that significantly impact the region.

The Department of Botany plays a vital role in the preservation of the college's botanical garden and the protection of valuable plant species. By maintaining and enhancing the garden, the department ensures the conservation of local flora, which is essential for both ecological balance and educational purposes. Their work helps safeguard the region's plant heritage and supports biodiversity.

Aligned with our country's mission, the department of Physics currently interested in working on an interdisciplinary project that explores the application of various materials in realizing quantum information processing, sustainable environmental and green energy application. Due

course of time various national and international colorations are building up to strengthen the research environment for students as well as faculties benefits.

In addition to that Department of History at Panchayat College, Bargarh, is actively engaged in organizing seminars and workshops that address regional issues, including those affecting tribes and women's social and economic conditions in Western Odisha. These events foster discussions on historical and contemporary challenges, providing valuable insights and promoting awareness about the needs and contributions of these communities.

The Department of Teacher Education contributes to skill development and community engagement by organizing art and food exhibitions, as well as training programs in tailoring and woodwork. These activities not only enhance students' practical skills but also support local artisans and promote cultural traditions. The **Nisha Nivarana** programme, organized by B.Ed. students, is a significant initiative aimed at addressing and mitigating the challenges associated with substance abuse in the local community.

The Department of Psychology is dedicated to raising awareness about mental health issues. It conducts outreach programs and visits special schools for the disabled to understand and address their specific challenges. By engaging with these schools, the department gains insights into the needs of individuals with disabilities and works towards creating a more inclusive and supportive environment.

Commerce Department organized food festival to enhance marketing skills. The event provided students with hands-on experience in event management, promotional strategies, and customer interaction, offering a practical platform to apply marketing concepts and engage with the community.

Overall the college's continuous initiatives and achievements reflect its dedication to holistic development and its significant impact on the socio-cultural and educational landscape of Western Odisha.



Principal

Principal
Panchayat College, Bargarh
Panchayat College, Bargarh