BIRPARA COLLEGE

(NAAC ACCREDITED)

P.O. Birpara, Dist. Alipurduar (W.B.) PIN - 735 204

(A Govt. Aided Degree College Affiliated to the University of North Bengal & Enlisted Under Sec. 2(f) & 12(B) of UGC. Act.)



From: The Teacher-in-Charge Birpara College P.O. Birpara Dist. Alipurduar West Bengal Pin: 735204

To: The Deputy Advisor National Assessment and Accreditation Council P.O. Box No. 1075, Nagarbhavi Bengaluru: 560 072

Sub: Submission of Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) for the academic session 2016-17 after the First Cycle of Accreditation in the year - 2016.

Ref: NAAC TRACK ID -WBCOGN25770

Sir,

With reference to the subject stated above, I would like to inform you that as per the guidelines I am sending herewith a soft copy of AQAR of our College for the academic session 2016-17 which is prepared by Sri Arnab Chakraborty the Co-ordinator, Internal Quality Assessment Cell of this college. I further like to draw your kind notice that a soft copy of the same (AQAR: 2016-17) has been uploaded in our College website: www.birparacollege.ac.in.

I would request you to acknowledge the receipt of the AQAR and oblige thereby.

Thanking you.

Yours Sincerely SS Fradhan 31.08.2017

(Dr. S.S. Pradhan) Teacher-in-Charge Birpara College,

Dated: 31st August, 2017

Tracher-in charge BIRPARA OULLEGE Birnara Alepurevan



The Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) of the IQAC

All NAAC accredited institutions will submit an annual self-reviewed progress report to NAAC, through its IQAC. The report is to detail the tangible results achieved in key areas, specifically identified by the institutional IQAC at the beginning of the academic year. The AQAR will detail the results of the perspective plan worked out by the IQAC. (*Note: The AQAR period would be the Academic Year. For example, July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013*)

Part - A 1. Details of the Institution 1.1 Name of the Institution **BIRPARA COLLEGE** 1.2 Address Line 1 P.O. BIRPARA DIST. ALIPURDUAR Address Line 2 City/Town **BIRPARA WEST BENGAL** State Pin Code 735204 birparacollege@gmail.com Institution e-mail address Contact Nos. +91-8116937469, 03563-266217 Name of the Head of the Institution: DR. SHYAM SUNDAR PRADHAN Tel. No. with STD Code: 03563-266217 Mobile: +91-8116937469

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Mobile:				+91-9734147318				
IQAC e-mail address:			k	birparacollege@gmail.com				
1.3 NAAC Track ID (For ex. MHCOGN)			18879)	WBCOGN25770				
1.4 NAAC Executive Committee No. & I (For Example EC/32/A&A/143 dated This EC no. is available in the right of			l 3-5-2004. corner- bottor	3-5-2004. priner- bottom				
1.5 V	of your institution's Accreditation Certificate) www.birparacollege.ac.in 1.5 Website address:							
	Web-link of the AQAR: http://www.birparacollege.ac.in/iqac_docs or http://birparacollege.ac.in/module/webpanel/uploadedMisc/65150417730 .pdf					4177300		
1.6 A	Accreditatio	n Details						
	Sl. No.	Cycle	Grade	CGPA	Year of Accreditation	Validity Period		
	1	1 st Cycle	В	2.43	2016	05/11/2016 to 04/11/2021 (5 years)		
-	2	2 nd Cycle						
1	3	3 rd Cycle						
	4	4 th Cycle						
	1.7 Date of Establishment of IQAC : DD/MM/YYYY 20/02/2014 2016-2017							
1.8 AQAR for the year (for example 2010-11) 1.9 Details of the previous year's AQAR submitted to NAAC after the latest Assessment and Accreditation by NAAC ((for example AQAR 2010-11submitted to NAAC on 12-10-2011)								
j	i. AQAR 2016-2017 submitted on 31/08/2017(DD/MM/YYYY) ii. AQAR							

1.10 Institutional Status			
University State	Central	Deemed Priv	vate
Affiliated College Yes	, No		
Constituent College Yes	No ,		
Autonomous college of UGC Yes	No ,		
Regulatory Agency approved Institution	Yes	No 🗸	
(eg. AICTE, BCI, MCI, PCI, NCI)			
Type of Institution Co-education	, Men	Women	
Urban	Rural ,	Tribal ,	
Financial Status Grant-in-aid , U	JGC 2(f) UGC	12B ,	
Grant-in-aid + Self Fir	nancing Total	lly Self-financing	
1.11 Type of Faculty/Programme		, , ,	
1.11 Type of Faculty/11ogramme			
Arts , Science Commerc	ce , Law	PEI (Phys Edu)	
TEI (Edu) Engineering	Health Science	Management	
Others (Specify)	.NIL		
1.12 Name of the Affiliating University (for the Co	ollogas)	THE UNIVERSITY OF N	ORTH
1.12 Name of the Anniating University (joi the Co	nieges)	BENGAL	
1.13 Special status conferred by Central/ State Gov	vernment UGC/CS	IR/DST/DBT/ICMR etc	
Autonomy by State/Central Govt. / University	NIL		
University with Potential for Excellence	NIL	UGC-CPE	NIL
DST Star Scheme		UGC-CE	
DST Stat Scheme	NIL	oge-er	NIL
	NIL		NIL

UGC-Innovative PG programmes	IIL	Any	y other (Specify)	NIL	
UGC-COP Programmes 2. IQAC Composition and Activities		NIL			
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2.1 No. of Teachers			08		
2.2 No. of Administrative/Technical staff			02		
2.3 No. of students			NIL		
2.4 No. of Management representatives			02		
2.5 No. of Alumni			NIL		
2. 6 No. of any other stakeholder and					
community representatives			02		
2.7 No. of Employers/ Industrialists			01		
2.8 No. of other External Experts			NIL		
2.9 Total No. of members			15		
2.10 No. of IQAC meetings held 04					
2.11 No. of meetings with various stakeholders	s:	No.	NIL Facult	y	
Non-Teaching Staff Students	NIL	Alumni	NIL Other	s NIL	
2.12 Has IQAC received any funding from UG	C during	the year?	Yes	No ,	
If yes, mention the amount					
2.13 Seminars and Conferences (only quality re	elated)				
(i) No. of Seminars/Conferences/ Worksh	ops/Sym	posia orga	nized by the IQAC	C	
Total Nos. 01 International	01	National [State	Institution Lev	rel
(ii) Themes The seminar, title Society," was organ and students of the	nized to	enhance t	· ·	-	

2.14 Significant Activities and contributions made by IQAC

- Monitoring the quality parameters, quality sustenance and enhancement continuously.
- Newly modify the library room, reading room for students assisted by modern technology.
- Arrangement of separate IT room for use of students along with add-on course,
 Computer Literacy and Training Program, run in association with WEBEL Technology
 Limited (a Government of West Bengal undertaking).
- Improvement of ICT, IT room and related other facilities in office, staff room and other departments. The college has six (06) ICT-enabled classrooms, including one virtual classroom.
- Enabling students to pursue Post-Graduate courses in the Open and Distance Learning

2.15 Plan of Action by IQAC/Outcome

The plan of action chalked out by the IQAC in the beginning of the year towards quality enhancement and the outcome achieved by the end of the year *

Plan of Action	Achievements
Introduce Add-on Courses and special classes to make the students industry-ready	A two-year Add-on Course, Computer Literary and Training Programme, run in association with Webel Technology Limited (a Government of West Bengal undertaking); free Communicative English classes run by college faculty
 Introduce facilities for Post- Graduate courses in Open and Distance Learning Mode. 	The college is now a Study Centre for Netaji Subhas Open University offering PG courses in the following subjects from the 2016-2017 academic session: Commerce, Bengali, Education, English, History, Political Science, MSW, MLIS and second degree programme in BLIS
Improving Library Services	The college has become a member of Inflibnet's N-LIST Programme
Orientation Programme for students	Orientation Programme for first-year students introduced from the 2016-2017 academic session

^{*} Attach the Academic Calendar of the year as Annexure.

2.15 Whether the AQAR was placed in statutory body	Yes ,
Management Syndicate Syndicate	Any other body
Provide the details of the action taken	
The Governing Body of the college approves	the activities undertaken by the IQAC.

Criterion - I

1. Curricular Aspects

1.1 Details about Academic Programmes

Level of the Programme	Number of existing Programmes	Number of programmes added during the year	Number of self- financing programmes	Number of value added / Career Oriented programmes
PhD				
PG		01 (NSOU)		
UG	04			
PG Diploma				
Advanced Diploma				
Diploma				
Certificate				01 (Webel)
Others				
Total	04	01		01
Interdisciplinary				
Innovative				

- 1.2 (i) Flexibility of the Curriculum: CBCS/Core/Elective option / Open options
 - (ii) Pattern of programmes:

Pattern	Number of programmes
Semester	
Trimester	
Annual	06

1.3 Feedback from stakeholders* (On all aspects)	Alumni		Par	rents	√	Employers		Students	√
Mode of feedback :	Online		Manual	√	Co-op	erating school	s (for I	PEI)	
*Please provide an analysis of the feedback in the Anneyure									

1.4 Whether there is any revision/update of regulation or syllabi, if yes, mention their salient aspects.

The College is affiliated to the University of North Bengal and follows the University Syllabi designed by the respective Board of Studies.

1.5 Any new Department/Centre introduced during the year. If yes, give details.

A Study Centre for Netaji Subhas Open University (NSOU) opened. An add-on course on Computer Literacy and Training Program, in association with Webel Technology Limited (a Government of West Bengal undertaking) introduced.

^{*}Please provide an analysis of the feedback in the Annexure

Criterion - II

2. Teaching, Learning and Evaluation

2.1 Total No. of
permanent faculty

Total	Asst. Professors	Associate Professors	Professors	Others
15	12	03	00	00

2.2	No.	of '	permanent	faculty	with	Ph.D

04

2.3 No. of Faculty Positions Recruited (R) and Vacant (V) during the year

Asst.		Associa	ite	Profes	sors	Others	3	Total	
Profes	sors	Professo	ors						
R	V	R	V	R	V	R	V	R	V
00	02								02

2.4 No. of Guest and Visiting faculty and Temporary faculty

	Guest (08)	PTTs (02)		CWTTs (04)
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2.5 Faculty participation in conferences and symposia:

No. of Faculty	International level	National level	State level
Attended		03	
Presented papers	13	13	
Resource Persons		04	

- 2.6 Innovative processes adopted by the institution in Teaching and Learning:
 - Faculty-members use smart classroom
 - Group Discussion and Seminar Presentation for Honours students introduced

2.7 Total No. of actual teaching days during this academic year

261

2.8 Examination/ Evaluation Reforms initiated by the Institution (for example: Open Book Examination, Bar Coding, Double Valuation, Photocopy, Online Multiple Choice Questions)

N. A.

2.9 No. of faculty members involved in curriculum restructuring/revision/syllabus development as member of Board of Study/Faculty/Curriculum Development workshop

2.10 Average percentage of attendance of students

75%

2.11 Course/Programme wise

distribution of pass percentage:

Title of the Programme	Total no. of students appeared	Division					
8		Distinction %	I %	II %	III %	Pass %	
B.A. (HONS.)	118			80%		80%	
B.A. (GEN.)	619					39%	
B.Com. (HONS.)	13		23.07%	69.23%		92.31%	
B.Com. (GEN.)	16			69%		69%	

2.12 How does IQAC Contribute/Monitor/Evaluate the Teaching & Learning processes :

- The IQAC promotes modern techniques of teaching using ICT
- Through the Academic Council, the IQAC discusses matters relating to teaching-learning processes with Heads of Departments and other faculty-members concerned and acts according to their feedback and demands

2.13 Initiatives undertaken towards faculty development

Faculty / Staff Development Programmes	Number of faculty benefitted
Refresher courses	01
UGC – Faculty Improvement Programme	
HRD programmes	
Orientation programmes	
Faculty exchange programme	
Staff training conducted by the university	02
Staff training conducted by other institutions	03
Summer / Winter schools, Workshops, etc.	
Others	

2.14 Details of Administrative and Technical staff

Category	Number of Permanent Employees	Number of Vacant Positions	Number of permanent positions filled during the Year	Number of positions filled temporarily
Administrative Staff	12	03		
Technical Staff				

Criterion - III

3. Research, Consultancy and Extension

3.1 Initiatives of the IQAC in Sensitizing/Promoting Research Climate in the institution

The IQAC encourages faculty-members to pursue Ph.d, M.Phil, RC, OP, workshop, etc. It also encourages them to take various research activities like MRPs and publish articles in reputed books and journals. It encourages teachers and students to take part in field survey of various social and economic issues in this area.

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J. L	Details	i cgai unig	major	projects

	Completed	Ongoing	Sanctioned	Submitted
Number				
Outlay in Rs. Lakhs				

3.3 Details regarding minor projects

	Completed	Ongoing	Sanctioned	Submitted
Number		Two (02)		One (01)
Outlay in Rs. Lakhs		Rs. 3.4 Lakhs		Rs. 3.0 Lakhs

3.4 Details on research publications

	International	National	Others
Peer Review Journals			
Non-Peer Review Journals		05	01
e-Journals			
Conference proceedings		11	

esearch funds sanctioned and rece	eived from vari	ous funding agencies,	industry and oth	 ner organisati
Nature of the Project	Duration Year	Name of the funding Agency	Total grant sanctioned	Received
Major projects	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A
Minor Projects	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A
Interdisciplinary Projects	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A
Industry sponsored	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A
Projects sponsored by the University/ College	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A
Students research projects (other than compulsory by the University)	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A
Any other(Specify)	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A
Total	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A
o. of books published i) With IS	SBN No.	O1 Chapte	rs in Edited Boo	ks

3.8 No. of University De	partments	receiving	g funds	s from				
	UGC	-SAP	N.A	CAS [N.A	DST-FIS	ST	N.A
	DPE		N.A			DBT Sc	heme/funds	N.A
3.9 For colleges	Autonor	F N	.A.	CPE N.A.	╛	T Star Sche	N.A	
3.10 Revenue generated	through co	nsultanc	y N	I.A.				
2.11.11		Leve	el	International	Nation	al State	University	College
3.11 No. of conferences organized by the Inst		Numb	er	01	01			05
organized by the his	itution	Spons	oring	IQAC	UGC			College
		agenc	ies					Fund,
								etc.
3.12 No. of faculty serve	d as expert	s, chairp	ersons	or resource per	rsons 0	4		
3.13 No. of collaboration	ns Interna	ntional	N.A.	National N	.A	Any other	N.A.	
3.14 No. of linkages crea	ated during	this year	r Ni			L		
3.15 Total budget for res	earch for c	urrent ye						
From Funding agency	<i>y</i>			From Manage	ment of U	niversity/Co	ollege Rs.	10,000/-
Total								
	F	Rs. 10,0	00/-					
3.16 No. of patents rece	ived this ye	ear	Т	ype of Patent			Number	
			National		Applie	ed	N.A	
			National		Grante			
			Inter	rnational	Applie Grante		N.A	
					Applie		N.A	
			Com	mercialised	Grante			
3.17 No. of research awa Of the institute in t		nitions	receiv	ed by faculty ar	nd research	h fellows		
Total Interna	tional N	ational	State	e University	Dist	College		
NIL								
3.18 No. of faculty from who are Ph. D. Guid and students registered	es			Nil Nil				
3.19 No. of Ph.D. award	ed by facul	ty from	the Ins	titution Nil				

3.20 No. of Research scholars receiving the Fellowships	s (Newly enrolled + existing ones)
JRF Nil SRF Nil	Project Fellows Nil Any other Nil
3.21 No. of students Participated in NSS events:	
	University level Nil State level Nil
	National level Nil International level Nil
3.22 No. of students participated in NCC events:	
	University level Nil State level Nil
	National level Nil International level Nil
3.23 No. of Awards won in NSS:	
	University level Nil State level Nil
	National level Nil International level Nil
3.24 No. of Awards won in NCC:	
	University level Nil State level Nil
	National level Nil International level Nil
3.25 No. of Extension activities organized	
University forum College forum	
NCC NSS	01 Any other

- 3.26 Major Activities during the year in the sphere of extension activities and Institutional Social Responsibility
 - The NSS Units of Birpara College organised a Blood Donation Camp
 - The two NSS Units of the College have adopted two marginal villages located in the vicinity of the College

Criterion - IV

4. Infrastructure and Learning Resources

4.1 Details of increase in infrastructure facilities:

Facilities	Existing	Newly created	Source of Fund	Total
Campus area	7.05 acres			7.05 acres
Class rooms	14			14
Laboratories	01			01
Seminar Halls	01			01
No. of important equipments purchased (≥ 1-0 lakh) during the current year.	LAPTOP 10	LAPTOP 05 AC MACHINE 03	State fund & College fund	15 03
Value of the equipment purchased during the year (Rs. in Lakhs)	12.0213441 Lakh	5.72662 Lakh	State fund & College fund	17.7479641 Lakh
Others	87.962053 Lakh	17.49113 Lakh	State fund & College fund	105.453183 Lakh

4.2 Computerization of administration and library

- •The administrative office is connected to the internet via dedicated lines.
- •The library of the college is catalogued using Inflibnet's software for university and college libraries (SOLL)

4.3 Library services:

	Existing		Newly	y added	Total		
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	
Text Books	13000	1873338	211	217064	13211	2090402	
Reference Books							
e-Books							
Journals	785	48626	172	8111	957	56737	
e-Journals							
Digital Database							
CD & Video							
Others (specify)							

4.4 Technology up gradation (overall)

	Total Computers	Computer Labs	Internet	Browsing Centres	Computer Centres	Office	Depart- ments	Others
Existing	35	02	20	20	15	07	-	13
Added	05	-	-	-	-	-	-	05
Total	40	02	20	20	15	07	-	18

4.5 Computer, Internet access, training to teachers and students and any other programme for technology upgradation (Networking, e-Governance etc.)

Computer with internet access have been provided to the staff members and the students at various places like office, library and the computer centres.

4.6 Amount spent on maintenance in lakhs:

i) ICT 0.685

ii) Campus Infrastructure and facilities 0.135

iii) Equipments 0.1368

0.1308

iv) Others 0.24732

Total: 1.20412

Criterion-V

5. Student Support and Progression

- 5.1 Contribution of IQAC in enhancing awareness about Student Support Services
 - Introduction of Orientation Programme for first-year students where they are informed in detail about Student Support Services
 - Various Clubs and Cells of the college provide Student Supports Services
- 5.2 Efforts made by the institution for tracking the progression

Departments maintain details of students progressing to higher studies/alternative courses and employment.

5.3 (a) Total Number of students

UG	PG	Ph. D.	Others
2160	64	_	-

(b) No. of students outside the state

0

(c) No. of international students

0

Last Year (2015-2016)						Th	is Ye	ar (201	6-2017)		
General	SC	ST	OBC	Physically Challenged	Total	General	SC	ST	OBC	Physically Challenged	
2020	605	502	119	02	3248	1276	440	350	157	01	2224

Demand ratio Dropout %

5.4 Details of student support mechanism for coaching for competitive examinations (If any)

Nil	
No. of students beneficiaries	

5.5 No. of students qualified in these examinations

NET	Nil		SET/SLET	Nil	GATE	Nil	CAT	Nil
IAS/IPS etc	1	Nil	State PSC	Nil	UPSC	Nil	Others	Nil

- 5.6 Details of student counselling and career guidance
 - The College has a Placement Cell and a Career Counselling Cell
 - The Central Library subscribes to a number of employment news and magazines related to careers/competitive examinations
 - Workshop on Insurance Awareness by LIC officials on 07.09.2016
 - Awareness Programme on UPSC Examinations by Superintendent of Police, Alipurduar on 15.12.2016
 - Awareness Programme on Career Opportunities with the Indian Air Force by IAF officials on 29.03.2017.

No. of students benefitted Data	a not available
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5.7 Details of campus placement

	Off Campus		
Number of Organizations Visited	Number of Students Participated	Number of Students Placed	Number of Students Placed
0	0	0	Data not available

5.8 Details of gender sensitization programmes

- Workshop on Women's Health organised by NSS Units, Gender Counselling Cell and Psycho-Social Counselling Cell on 01.09.2016.
- Gender Audit of college undertaken.

5.9 Students Activities

5.9.1	No.	of students	participated i	in Sports,	Games	and	other	events
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	State/ University level	14	National level	01	International level	01
	No. of students participated	in cultural e	vents			
	State/ University level		National level		International level	
5.9.2	No. of medals /awards won	by students	in Sports, Game	s and other	r events	
Sports:	State/ University level		National level		International level	
Cultural	: State/ University level		National level		International level	

5.10 Scholarships and Financial Support

	Number of students	Amount
Financial support from institution	123	Rs. 70209.00
Financial support from government	1002	Data not available
Financial support from other sources		
Number of students who received International/ National recognitions		

5.11	Student orga	nised / initiatives					
Fairs	: State/ U	Jniversity level	Nil	National level	Nil	International level	Nil
Exhibit	ion: State/ U	Jniversity level	Nil	National level	Nil	International level	Nil
5.12	No. of social	l initiatives undert	aken by the	students	01		
5.13 M	ajor grievan	ces of students (if	any) redress	sed:			_
Criteri	on – VI						
<u>6. Gov</u>	ernance, L	eadership and M	anagement				
6.1 Stat	te the Vision	n and Mission of th	ne institution	1			
	throu in thi • The p	ugh education ar is down-trodden	nd inspires and backw n of the col	indirectly to buil vard area. llege Motto is "S	d up awa	nd its adjoining area reness regarding ed a Bimuktaye" i.e. Ed	lucation
6.2 Doe	es the Institu	ntion has a manage	ement Inform	nation System			
Y	'es						
6.3 Qua	ality improv	ement strategies a	dopted by th	e institution for ea	ch of the	following:	
	6.3.1	Curriculum Deve	elopment				
		The University development a		engal is currently der CBCS	/ underta	king curriculum	
	6.3.2	Teaching and Le	arning				
		Group discussion	n and semi	inar presentation	n for Hon	ours students introd	duced.
	6.3.3	Examination and	Evaluation				
		Unit Tests for	Honours st	tudents and Test	Examina	ition for General Stu	ıdents
	6.3.4	Research and De				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
		Interr	national an	d national semin	ars orgar	nised to broaden res	search

horizons of faculty and students.

• Creation of Research Fund for Faculty projects

	 Online catalogue for library introduced. Laptops bought as per requirement Other equipment (air-conditioners, water purifying machine, etc.) bought as per requirement 						
6.3.6	6.3.6 Human Resource Management						
	Self-Apprais	al Report for Fac	culty members main	tained			
6.3.7	Faculty and Sta	off recruitment					
	 Faculty in Substantive Teaching Posts recruited through recommendation of the West Bengal College Service Commission and appointed by the Governing Body. The Governing Body also recruits in Substantive Non-Teaching Posts through Selection Process. Temporary Faculty and Contractual Workers appointed as and when required. 						
6.3.8	Industry Interac	ction / Collaboration	on				
	The College is an institutional member of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)						
6.3.9	Admission of S	tudents					
	The College follows online admission procedure maintaining Government reservation rules and admission directives prescribed by the University of North Bengal.						
6.4 Welfare scheme	s for	Teaching Non teaching Students	Nil Nil Yes				

6.6 Whether annual financial audit has been done

6.7 Whether Academic and Administrative Audit (AAA) has been done?

Audit Type	External		Internal		
	Yes/No	Agency	Yes/No	Authority	
Academic	Yes	University	Yes	Academic Council	
Administrative	Yes	University	Yes	Governing Body	

6.8 Do	es the University/ Autonomous College declare results within 30 days?
	For UG Programmes Yes No
6.9 Wh	For PG Programmes Yes No \[\sqrt{V} \] hat efforts are made by the University/ Autonomous College for Examination Reforms?
	N.A.
6.10 W	That efforts are made by the University to promote autonomy in the affiliated/constituent colleges?
	N.A.
6.11 A	ctivities and support from the Alumni Association The college conducts meetings with the Alumni Association and acts on its feedback.
6.12 A	ctivities and support from the Parent – Teacher Association
	Guardians' feedback is collected and analysed. Meeting with Guardians held.
6.13 D	evelopment programmes for support staff
	Nil
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6.14 In	itiatives taken by the institution to make the campus eco-friendly
	Plantation conducted by NSS Units, Nature and Wildlife Club, and the Department of Environment Studies.

Criterion - VII

7. Innovations and Best Practices

- 7.1 Innovations introduced during this academic year which have created a positive impact on the functioning of the institution. Give details.
 - Internet facilities for students in IT Room and Central Library Reading Room, and through wifi network.
 - E-Book and E-Journal Bank for faculty and students.
 - Central Library has adopted Inflibnet's software for university and college libraries (SOUL).
 - Spacious new canteen run by women-members of self-help group catering affordable and healthy food to students and staff.
- 7.2 Provide the Action Taken Report (ATR) based on the plan of action decided upon at the beginning of the year
 - Computer and wifi Internet facilities provided to the students as far as possible.
 - Meeting with Guardians arranged for their feedback
 - Orientation Programme for first year students introduced from the 2016-2017 academic session
 - Initiative taken for sending proposal to North Bengal Development Department for construction of Science Block
- 7.3 Give two Best Practices of the institution (please see the format in the NAAC Self-study Manuals)
 - Best Practice-1: Hosting International and national seminars to create research environment in the college. In the 2016-2017 academic session, the college hosted one International Seminar (organized by the IQAC) and one UGC-sponsored National Seminar (organized by the Department of Geography).
 - Best Practice-2: Group Discussion and Seminar Presentation for students of Honours courses. These were introduced in the 2016-2017 academic session to develop independent and collaborative learning methods.

*Provide the details in annexure (annexure need to be numbered as i, ii,iii)

7.4	Contribution	to environmental	awareness /	protection
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- Awareness Rally on Environment Issues organised by NSS units and different departments/clubs/cells on 20.08.2016.
- Workshop on Human-Elephant Conflict on 09.02.2017.

	7.5 Whether environmental audit was conducted?	Yes 🗸	No
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Strengths:

- Significant student support activities through Clubs/Cells.
- Committed students from the socially and economically backward sections.
- Increasing number of girl students in higher education.
- Motivating Research activities among faculty members.
- Increasing ICT facilities for the staff and students. Office running through MIS system.
- Research, Seminars, Workshops conducted by several departments throughout the year and publication of proceedings.

Weaknesses:

- Insufficient number of Full-Time Teachers.
- Inadequate infrastructure for academic expansion.
- Positional disadvantage of transport and communication. (Nearly 2 km. far from the main town and bus stand)
- Students from different linguistic groups resulting in communication gap at times.

Opportunities:

- A significant number of girl students are interested to be admitted in higher education.
- Students from backward classes are now more aware of the need for higher education.
- Spreading higher education in a backward area close to the international border with Bhutan which is expected to have a deep and long-lasting impact on society.

Challenges:

- A significant number of students are first generation learners.
- A section of students are interested in private tuitions and have a tendency to avoid class lectures.
- Apathy of students towards certain subjects.

8. Plans of institution for next year

- Open an IGNOU Study Centre in College for Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate Courses in the Open and Distance Learning Mode.
- Introduce new Regular Courses, namely English (Honours), Political Science (Honours), Physical Education (General), and Science Subjects such as Physics, Mathematics and Computer Science (all General)
- Submit proposal to NBDD for construction of Science Block
- Open SBI ATM Counter on college campus
- Open Cheap Store for students
- Construct Multi-gymnasium
- Improve sport facilities and rejuvenate college playground

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Annexure I

Abbreviations:

CAS - Career Advanced Scheme

CAT - Common Admission Test

CBCS - Choice Based Credit System

CE - Centre for Excellence

COP - Career Oriented Programme

CPE - College with Potential for Excellence

DPE - Department with Potential for Excellence

GATE - Graduate Aptitude Test

NET - National Eligibility Test

PEI - Physical Education Institution

SAP - Special Assistance Programme

SF - Self Financing

SLET - State Level Eligibility Test

TEI - Teacher Education Institution

UPE - University with Potential Excellence

UPSC - Union Public Service Commission
