

## Institutional Distinctiveness (2018-19)

Bhatter College, Dantan is an undergraduate, co-educational college situated at Dantan, a rural centre in the district of Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal covering three rural blocks with the bulk of population having S.C., S.T., O.B.C. and socially and economically weaker section (Coordinates: 21.933947°N, 87.279402°E) on the South-western border between West Bengal and Orissa. Majority of students belong to 1st generation learners. Hence the primary objective of the college has been to cater to the need of Higher Education for the people of this rural belt. Side by side the vision of the college has been to evolve a system through which students could get some technical knowledge, vocational training, professional training through which they could become job worthy in the 21st century. The authority is conscious that every institution is unique in its own way because of the specific demands of the stake holders of a specific area. Policies are made and implemented following the spirit of progress, inclusiveness and innovation.

- The institution is acutely conscious of the needs of the disadvantaged sections of the society and courses are introduced and run for the benefit of the sections. Recent introduction of the PG courses is one of such steps towards this.
- The institution tries to bridge the gender divide in the society by encouraging the girl students to pursue higher education in increasing number. For this, infrastructural and other facilities are made available.
- The authority is equally interested in striving for excellence. Students are provided with all possible facilities for achieving excellence in academic matters, cultural programmes and sports.
- For the spread of technical education and increase job opportunities among the local youth the college established an ITI in a separate building.
- The college authority understands the importance of ICT in higher education and emphasises effective use of ICT by teachers and students in the process of teaching-learning.
- There is an increasing demand for boarding facilities in the college. For this hostels for boys and girls and guest-house for visiting faculties have been constructed.
- The college constructed an outdoor stadium and an indoor stadium for sports facilities. A gymnasium has also created for this.
- The college is committed to maintaining a healthy and green environment in the campus and many steps are taken towards this.
- Besides, various values are instilled among students through various programmes and observance of important days.
- The college is also aware of the institutional responsibilities it has to carry out.

The college as a dynamic institution is keen on taking innovative measures:

- As a part of innovativeness, Bhatler College Open Access Initiative was taken up facilitating research and publication through a host of journals and magazines.
- Office administration, attendance of the staff and the library transactions have been made fully automated.