

### **Best Practice 1:**

Title: Induction Program

From the academic session, 2018-19, Chaiduar College has introduced Induction Program for the newly admitted students. The objective of the induction program is to provide an orientation program to the students familiarizing them with the college, its codes of conduct, its facilities and amenities, courses, financial and other assistance, and opportunities for tapping their potential to the fullest. This program has been deemed important by the college authority as it would instil in the fresh students a sense of belonging and enthusiasm as they start on a new journey seeking academic excellence in this college. While planning the program, IQAC and the college authority had held substantial discussions and deliberations about how to make this program meaningful. During these discussions, it was envisioned that such a program would be an opportunity to boost confidence and dispel nervousness and anxiety many of them might face in a new setting and campus environment. This program is also supposed to be the first contact program among the faculty members and the fresh batch of students. In this first induction program, the college chalked out a four day long program where eminent personalities from different professional and academic spheres, and who have carved out niches for themselves by the excellence of their work and contribution to science, technology, health, society, were invited to deliver lectures and interact with the newly-admitted students to motivate and inspire them to bring the best out of themselves in their own careers. On the first day, The Principal, the co-ordinator of the IQAC, and the faculty members from different streams interacted with the students. On the first day, Dr. Paramnanda Saikia, senior scientist at ANDE(which is a global leader in rapid DNA technology) of Boston, USA, spoke about his research and his journey from a small village in Assam to a global research institute in the USA. On the second day, Dr. S. A Ahmed, a renowned psychiatrist of Assam delivered an insightful and lively talk on issues of mental health, stress management, anxieties and depression among students and how to overcome them and to live an energetic, healthy, cheerful life. On the last day of the Induction Program, Dr. Buljit Buragohain, renowned Career counsellor Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Assam Don Bosco University, Guwahati, gave a wonderful lecture on career prospect after graduation. He spoke on how to prepare for different career examinations and how to approach academically and mentally for excellence and achieving career goals. In all of these sessions, the students enthusiastically took part and interacted with the resource persons.

### **Best Practice 2:**

Title: Promotion of the Culture and the Arts among the Students

Chaiduar College has always sought to promote the spirit of culture and arts among the students. The institution believes that, parallel to academic excellence, a student must imbibe and nourish the spirit of art and culture to become a well-rounded human resource. Therefore, the college organizes a variety of cultural programs throughout the year which give the

students the opportunity to hone and display their talent in dance, music, drama etc. During the Annual College Week and Freshmen Social, cultural programs are given priority and the college encourages the students to take part in them. Apart from dance and music, drama and debating programs are also organized. The departments also hold such cultural programs among their respective students. As a part of this objective, the Death Anniversary of the great cultural icon of Assam, Dr. Bhupen Hazarika, is organized every year, with daylong programs of music and dance celebrating the spirit of unity in cultural diversity in the northeast. The student population of Chaiduar College has the unique character of being quite cosmopolitan and colourful. The students belonging to different tribes and communities bring with them their own diverse cultural richness in their spirits, while at the same time remaining united with a strong sense of unity and brotherhood. These programs give expression and celebrate this cultural diversity, This practice has not only given the students a platform to tap their talents, it has also helped in better understanding among the students coming from different social and cultural spheres. This practice has become a popular feature of the campus life and it celebrates cultural diversity instilling a sense of belongingness and inclusiveness among the students, This year, during the Golden Jubilee Celebration of the college in November, 2018, a colourful cultural exchange program between artists from Arunachal Pradesh and Assam was held in the college on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2018, celebrating the bond of unity and fraternity between these two neighbouring states.