

Institutional Best Practices: Nowgong College, 2019-20.

1. The COVID-19 pandemic and the nationwide lockdown brought the wheels of Indian economy to a grinding halt. It left millions of migrant workers stranded without jobs, staring at a bleak future. They had no option but to head back home. Along with the rest of the country, the Northeastern states also saw en masse reverse migration from the metro cities. Northeast India supplies mostly skilled and semi-skilled workers to the rest of the country. They are mostly employed in FB (food and beverage), security, tea and coffee plantations, salons, beauty, wellness and nursing sectors. Internal Quality Assurance Cell and NSS of Nowgong College in association with Botany Department organized a month-long special training camp on ornamental fish farming, building of aquarium, preparation of vermi composting and farming of mushrooms among migration laborers who returned back to the district from outside of the state during the COVID 19 pandemic situation, at the college premise. The special training was organized for self-employed as well as self-dependent migrated laborers of the district. Notably, in its first phase 12 participants participated in the training program who were also distributed with certificates on the completion of their month long training.

2. One of the missions of the Nowgong College is conduction of applied and quality research on the campus. In order to promote the research on the campus the college authority always encourages its faculties by every possible way that gives the mission and framework for best practice processes and solutions that offer a strategic roadmap for quality research. Thrust areas of focus have been identified in faculties of Physical Sciences, Life Sciences, Social Sciences, arts and other faculties. The college authority holds time to time meeting with the faculties to discuss about the strategies to be followed to accomplish the research goals and commitments of faculty members. Creation of good research work culture on the campus by addressing organizational and procedural barriers within the system are envisaged. At the same time authority tries to encourage researchers by providing monetary assistance to participate in seminars and conferences. For this the college has started forming trusts by donations from either alumni or noted persons from the society. Thus the thrust of creating a bond between society and college family is another best practice that the college always practices. Renowned doctor of Nagaon, Dr. MukutGoswami, settlor of DULAL CHANDRA GOSWAMI MEMORIAL TRUST formally handed over the amount of rupees Ten Lacs to the College

Authority for the formation of DULAL CHANDRA GOSWAMI MEMORIAL CHARITABLE TRUST. The mission of the TRUST is to promote innovative and quality research works among faculty members and brilliant research scholars.

3. Innovations and new strategies / practices adopted in the Departments during lock down.

Educational innovations that faculty members of every department find useful to conceptualize are

a. Instructional technology refer to our transition to online teaching through google meet, zoom app

b. Curricular innovations refer to modifications that are made to what is taught, and when it is taught. This includes course content, materials, assignments, and topics, as well as the sequence in which those topics are presented to students during lock down

c. Pedagogical innovations refer to modifying the instructional methods a teacher uses, or how a course is taught and how content is conveyed to students. Examples include Peer Instruction (PI), Process Oriented Guided enquiry Learning (POGIL), and Just-In-Time Teaching etc. During lockdown also we therefore could teach students how to prepare hand sanitizer which falls in both POGIL and Just-In-Time Teaching

4. Our prominent alumni's often render their service as resource persons for seminars or invited talks to encourage our students.