

### 7.3 Institutional Distinctiveness

Keeping in mind the socio-economic condition of students, who hail mainly from the adjacent rural areas inhabited by lower income groups, the college has taken utmost care to provide these students good opportunities of skill-oriented studies. Skill-oriented topics have been incorporated already by the affiliating University (the University of Burdwan) within the college curriculum, particularly, in the syllabi of English, History, Philosophy, Economics, Mathematics, Commerce, and Zoology. Although the college has no specific value-added course, the departments organize various types of cultural activities throughout the year, aiming at the holistic development of a student's personality and the growth of community feeling. Cultivation of soft skills also forms part of the tutorial classes where teachers interact with student groups on regular basis. The institution stresses on outreach programmes and inculcates in its students an awareness of the value of a holistic education and empathy for the less privileged sections of society. The college rallies round during natural and manmade calamities and is a collection centre for relief materials. Packaging of these by the students and transportation to distribution centres is a part of the institution's commitment. With an aim to serve the locality of adjacent rural areas, the NSS Student Units of the college conduct frequent awareness and service camps on issues of environment, health and sustainability such as cleaning of garbage, AIDS awareness camps, Blood Donation Camps and prevention drive against Dengue in villages surrounding the college area.



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