

## **Institutional Distinctiveness**

Titilagarh is a socio-economic backward region of Bolangir district in the state of Odisha. Almost 88% people of this district live in rural areas and the rate of illiteracy is 44% as per Census Report 2011. The DAV Autonomous College situated in a rural area plays an important role in promoting higher education among the people of this backward region.

Though our college has been instrumental to the intellectual growth of our people since 1968, the autonomy of our institution gave us enough freedom to design our own way of progress. When we look at the educational development of the world, we feel encouraged. But at the same time we find tough challenge to traverse such a long way. Hence keeping the demography of the district and the limitations of law in view, we carved out our own course.

When we retrospect, we find a countable numbers of students from the deprived section of the society in the college campus. But today a sizable part of our student community comprised of such boys and girls. More wondering is that even though government has set up a degree college specifically for women, the number of girl students in our college are increasing every year. To be more accurate in mathematical language, more than 35% of our students are from the downtrodden sections of the society and more than 50% are girl students. And keeping this changing scenario in view, we requested the government to provide accommodation to them and a separate girl's hostel is under construction from the aegis of RUSA 2.0. We are also planning to have a separate boys' hostel for the SC/ST students in near future.

To keep pace with the progressive age of technology we have opened a specific department for Computer Science for science students and smart class rooms for students in general. And we have made our college campus Wi-Fi for the benefit of all students and staffs of our institution. For the benefit of students, we have Post-Graduate studies in three subjects, namely Chemistry, Odia and Political Science. We have also planned to give such opportunities to the students of other departments too. Though it is difficult to keep pace with the speed of the changing world, it is not impossible to accelerate the speed of the progress of our institution eying on our vision.

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