

**Patkai Christian College (Autonomous)**  
**Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)**  
**Institutional Distinctiveness (2016 – 2017)**

The Commitment of the College to its Vision and Motto vis-a-vis the Margaret Shishak School of Music (MSSM)

Patkai Christian College is a liberal arts college that offers to develop students' knowledge and ability to think. It believes in the wholesome development of man with the motto of the college '*Lux et Veritas*: Light and Truth' which stands for truth, righteousness and beauty thereby giving meaning to the ideal of a Biblical Christian faith and practice along with academic excellence. The college has the vision "To impart high quality education to young people, especially to the tribals; within the framework of spiritual and moral absolutes, catering to the socio-economic needs of the region and pursuit of science and technology for the welfare of the human society and the world as a whole".

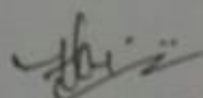
The college is the first in the region (North East India) to achieve the status of Autonomous; first to be assessed and accredited by NAAC in the state; first with CPE status in the state and; the first affiliated autonomous college to introduce PG programme; first in the state to introduce the CBCS syllabus in UG level for Arts and Commerce streams. With all these credentials, the college strives to upgrade itself in terms of academic progress, infrastructural capacities and administrative skills.

The vision of the college to impart high quality education in all fields (Arts, Science, Commerce, B. Voc etc.) especially to the tribals catering to the socio-economic needs of the region is being materialized by being also empathetic to the needs and aspirations of young people in the region. The college promotes its vision of academic and moral standards in all the academic fields that it provides. However, in this year's report of the college 'Institutional Distinctiveness', the role of the Margaret Shishak School of Music (MSSM) in the field of music is being highlighted.

With the initiation of the college, the MSSM is first of its kind in the region with an impressive architectural structure. It offers professional training in B. Mus and Diploma in Music (Kaushal) and; is the most sought-after Music institution in the region. The Bachelor of Music program is a much needed degree for the musically inclined high school graduates

who would like to specialize in music to pursue a career in it. The Music Diploma (1 year program) started with the need to provide short-term specialized training in Music in the region which was not available earlier. To maintain transparency and standardization of the school, external examiners from Trinity School of Music (UK), the Associated Board of Royal Schools of Music (UK) and also from other institutions in the state administer exams in piano, voice, violin, and guitar, etc.

Music is a very expensive art, and the affordable fee structure of the B Mus and Diploma course is another commendable feature to be considered as one of the important components of the college's social contribution. Aside, some of its faculties are engaged to train students of the Patkai Higher Secondary School which is run by the college. Children of the employees of the college are also given music training at minimal rate by the faculties.

  
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