

## INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS

Patkai Christian College started from the vision of its founding Principal, the Emeritus Principal Reverend Dr. Tuisem A. Shishak with 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".

True to its vision, priority and thrust for **Wholesome Development**, Patkai Christian College (PCC) has been continuously striving towards the achievement of its vision. The location of the campus - away from the hustling township - although very much connected to modern civilization, makes it most ideal for life-oriented pursuits to meet the motto of the college 'Light and Truth'.

PCC is a mega campus residential college which is home to 90- 95 % of its employees and students and runs several institutions and programmes from KG to PG. The college has 21 hostels for students, 67 quarters for the teaching staff and 115 quarters for non- teaching staff. The college has commendable welfare measures for its students, faculty and staff compared to the other private institutions in the state. That the college provides a supportive ambience with a good number of pro-active initiatives to achieve an all round development of students is reflected by the measures undertaken at the college listed below.

### **Academic Excellence**

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.

The vision of the college to impart high quality education in all fields catering to the socio-economic needs of the region, especially to the tribals, is being materialized by being also empathetic to the needs and aspirations of young people in the region. The Margaret Shishak School of Music is one of the first of its kind in the region with an impressive architectural structure and offers degree and diploma courses in Music.

In an effort to achieve its vision of academic standards in all the academic fields, the college offers adequate employability/ skill development enhancement courses and value added courses, and scope for experiential and praxis- oriented courses/ programmes to prepare students for real life challenges. Apart from the coaching and career counselling sessions, the college also provides special care to outgoing students to prepare themselves to appear in

competitive exams and interviews for employment by conducting workshops and seminars exclusively for them.

#### **ICT Facilities and Upgradation**

In an untiring effort to achieve its vision, the college upgrades its IT facilities on a regular basis to meet the current technological requirements. The college has procured ERP software in its move towards the usage of Information and Communication Technology at all levels of interaction with the stakeholders. The college has commendable ICT enabled teaching learning tools connected with high Internet connectivity in more than 25 allotted rooms.

#### **Support System for Sports and Physical Activities**

The college provides adequate facilities for games and sports both indoors and outdoors which have been providing a way out for the college community to indulge in physical exercise.

#### **Environmental Consciousness**

The college makes an all-out effort to maintain a pollution free environment throughout the year. To this end, the college maintains user-friendly pathways, restricts entry of vehicles, promotes LED and solar energy use, produces organic fruits and vegetables, and engages students in production of paper bags. The college has its own fisheries, horticulture, plantation (rubber and teak), timber, floriculture and mushroom production projects. Further, the natural landscaping, ecosystem and campus surroundings, check-dams for rain-water harvesting and conservation of water are maintained by the college.

#### **Mentoring and Personal Counselling**

Living up to the vision, priority and thrust of the college for wholesome development - physical, mental and spiritual - mentoring and personal counselling are areas that the college gives top priority. Along with the mentoring activity undertaken by the college faculties, the college has three (3) trained counsellors who take up counselling activity rigorously. The college is home to nearly 2000 young people, and the sense of community and camaraderie is a true exhibition of the way the college handles its young people with care. Patkai is an institution that does not fail young souls when it moulds them not only for academic excellence but shapes them to become men and women of value who goes out to the society to contribute positively.

#### **Schemes for inculcating Good Citizenship**

As platforms for students' community to learn and imbibe values of a responsible citizenship, groups such as NCC, NSS, Evangelical Union, Students' Union, and Young Indians (Yi) help to develop discipline, civic sense, spiritual understanding, and

leadership. For instance, the NSS conducts blood drives, and the NCC conducts regular local and national camps. These camps provide opportunities for cadets to learn the ideals of a good citizenship by participating at various activities conducted by the NCC. The college has hosted the Special National Integration Camp (SNIC) of the NCC four times since 2013 where approximately 7000 cadets from across the country could congregate and learn from each other the rich diversity of our great country.

#### **Extension Activities**

That the college firmly adheres to imparting valuable human values and ethics to its students is also testified by the college's untiring involvement in community/extension activities through its students and employees. The college has a commendable record of extension activities which are carried out throughout the year by its students, faculty and staff. The NSS carries out cleanliness and plantation drives in the neighbouring villages, and visits orphanages on a regular basis. The EU performs outreach activities by visitation to hospitals, orphanages, hostels and colleges within Dimapur. Students are also engaged in giving free tuition to low income students after class. During the pandemic, the college provided its infrastructural facilities and deputed officials and workers to assist the government in running the quarantine centre established in the college.

Apart from the ones mentioned above, the SUPCC and PGSW are also actively involved in cleanliness drives and outreach programmes.

#### **Inclusion of Women**

Patkai Christian College is a co-educational institution with has a commendable number of women Staff and Student on its roll. Women are included in all the Committees of the college, and there is adequate women representation in both the student bodies- Students Union Patkai Christian College and Post Graduate Students' Welfare. Presently, the Vice-Principal of the college and Convenor of the Post Graduate Students' Welfare are women. Mandatory courses to address issues such as challenges faced by women in society are offered at UG and PG level. The college has also an active Women Cell although cases of harassment to women employees and students are rarely encountered/ reported.