

### *Distinctiveness of Samaguri College*

Samaguri College is only institution of higher education in the Samaguri Constituency, located in the rural area dominated by minority and tribal population has been contributing to the academic and social sphere of Samaguri area including the parts of Nagaon district and boarder area of Karbi Anglong district. It has been dedicated to the vision of the institution that making higher education accessible to all aspirant. The College gives admission to all students regardless of their pass percentage in class 12. The students who have scored 30 to 40 percentages get admission and equally mentored, treated well and completed their graduation with good percentage. If the institution was not there many would not have the opportunity to pursue higher education. Most of them are from backward community such as Bodo, karbi, Rabha, Munda, Orang, Santhal, Bhumij, Ahom, Koch, and minority etc. The institution is co-education, encourage education for all. Both boys and girls are given equal opportunities in all activities of the institutions. Students are benefited by government schemes like free waiver, scholarship. The ST/SC/OBC/Minority cells acquaint the students about different government scheme particular to these group. The Cells also conduct programme on personality development to bring these category students into main stream. As the students are from very poor background, they have to face many challenges to fulfill their dream. The College has initiated a programme called Dig-Darshan in which eminent personality who has broken the glass ceiling is invited for motivational talks.

Samaguri College maintains friendly relations with the students and alumni. Members of alumni Come to College on important occasions and cooperate in every activities organized by the institutions. Samaguri College has systematic mentoring mechanism by which 20 to 25 students allotted under each faculty to be mentored. Mentor teacher record the attendance, progress, participation of mentees in activities and establish friendly relation.

Most of the students of Samaguri College are first generation learners and the students have contributed to bring change in the area. The most positive impact of the change can be seen in the declining gender gap in case of pursuing higher education. The students of the institutions are belonging to religious minority and tribal community from very conservative and orthodox families. The institutions has ensured safe environment for

female students. The Anti-ragging Cell, Grievance Redressed Cell, Anti-Sexual Harassment, Counseling Cell of the College is very active and conduct awareness programme on gender equality in time to time. Till now there is no report of grievance, sexual harassment, ragging, or undesired behavior in the college. The effort to create positive environment in the college as well as in the society is reflected in the increasement of female students which is evident in the following table.

Year	No. of Girls Students	No. of Boys Students	% of female Students	% of male students
2017-2018	310	344	47.4%	52.6%
2018-2019	276	301	47.8%	52.1%
2019-2020	231	209	52.5%	47.5%
2020-2021	179	153	53.9%	46.1%
2021-2022	256	202	55.9%	44.1%
2022-2023	269	202	57.1%	42.9%

**The uniqueness of the institution is that the numbers of female students are increasing gradually which is very beneficial for the institution and for the society.**

Samaguri College is a rural College and has the responsibility for providing education without any discrimination between male and female. The society is still in the grip of superstitions and religious orthodoxy. Women education is neglected in such rural areas. Teachers of this institution have been trying to motivate and create consciousness among the people about the importance of women education. **Teachers visit the villages and surrounding areas of the college request the guardians to give opportunity to continue their married girls to pursue studies after marriage. Motivating such students to continue their educational journey even after marriage in such rural society is a special distinctiveness of the institution. As a result every year the institution has got 20 to 25 percent married girls' students who are pursuing higher education.**