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## **INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS**

Seva Bharati Mahavidyalaya is located in a rural, backward, and highly drought-prone area in the newly-formed Jhargram district of West Bengal. The soil of the area is lateritic and the land undulated, and mostly barren. Situated at the close vicinity of Kalabati Jungle, the college is surrounded by the underdeveloped villages which are predominantly inhabited by the poor people belonging to the Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes, and other backward communities. Since its establishment in 1964 by Professor Pabitra Kumar Sen, the avowed purpose of the college has been to cater to the need of higher education of the people of ST, SC-dominated, underdeveloped and socially underprivileged, rural area of Jhargram Sub-Division of erstwhile Midnapore district. In consonance with its vision and mission, the college had contributed to the inclusive development of the country by generating quality human resources through providing higher education to the students who basically belong to the economically disadvantaged section of the society. Over the last six decades, the college had played a significant role in changing the socioeconomic conditions of the people of adjoining area through offering higher education.

Since the college is located in a tribal belt, the focus has always been on empowering the tribal people through quality higher education and outreach programs. With an objective to work for the development of the tribal people of the surrounding area, the college introduced UG Honours and General courses in Santali language. The curriculum of the programs is designed to enrich the students with the knowledge of tribal history, culture, heritage and linguistic and literary tradition of the indigenous people.

## Policies, Schemes, and Practices for Upliftment of the Marginalized Sections of the Society, Particularly the Santal Community:

The college organizes Bhasa Vijoy Dibos for generating a sense of pride and respect for the rich linguistic traditions and promoting the culture of the Santal people. The college has SC/ST Cell, OBC Cell, Minority Cell to help the students belonging to the socioeconomically backward classes of the society. The college provides Hostel facilities for both the boys and girls students. The college has a separate Hostel for SC and ST male students. Various scholarships like Swami Vivekananda Merit-cum-Means scholarship, OASIS, "Kanyashree Prakalpa" are offered for the social and economically disadvantaged students. The NSS Units of the college organize several awareness programs for the benefit of the people of the neighboring community of the college. The students of the college participate in sports and games or cultural programmes organized by the departments of the college.



In addition to conventional teaching-learning, the college adopts several initiatives for the skill development of the students. During the assessment period, the college conducted various Certificate Courses/ Value-Added Courses for enhancing the communicative skills, research skills, life skills and soft skills of the students, and to make them competent for the modern job market of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Seva Bharati Mahavidyalaya since its establishment had been focusing on the holistic development of the students by offering not only the conventional mode of education but also developing their skills, and most importantly, imparting value education for becoming the compassionate, responsible and law-abiding citizen of the nation.