



## **TITLE: Dedication to Disaster Management**

### **Objective of the Practice:**

Barbhag College is a higher educational institution situated in the rural area of Nalbari district of Assam. The institution has a closed connection with the community people and they always look the community as a part of their institution. Moreover, the college envisages its members for the all-round development of the society. Keeping in mind, the Barbhag College has undertaken the following disaster management activities:

- Encouraging culture of disaster preparedness,
- Institutionalisation of disaster management
- Post disaster medical help and first aid.

### **The Context:**

The contextual elements of this effort are

- To render social service and encourage social work culture
- To educate and support people against the odds of the natural calamities.
- To impart knowledge and provide support regarding health and hygiene in post disaster period.

### **The Practice:**

Flood situation of Barbhag circle turned most critical in the month of June to July 2022. The flood water of Baralia, Nona and Pagladia has inundated more than 50 villages of this area.

Different wings of Barbhag College such as NSS unit, Ranger Team, Teachers Unit, Alumni Association; governing body has been working to help the people of the community during the flood situation. As an institution of higher education of rural area of Nalbari District, the College fraternity thought that it is the utmost duty to stand with the heavily affected people of its neighbouring community. For that purpose the college has taken the following efforts towards the flood affected people.

- The college has allowed a large number of families to take shelter in the upper floor of the college. Hundreds of people, pregnant women, and children have taken shelter in the college.

- To render support with life subsistence the college fraternity has taken a month long flood relief initiative to help the suffering people with a motto “May humanity always win against all odds”.
- In this activities NSS and Ranger Unit of our college have been engaged and thus the college tries to encourage and teach them the lesson of humanity, social service and responsibilities.
- In carrying this initiatives the college has gathered money and rendered relief to the suffered people with food, water and essential staff and to aware people and relieve them from health relate after effects of flood the college has taken initiative to conduct a health camp at the college premises in collaboration with NHM of Nalbari district. Even the college community has taken door to door relief distribution programme and tries utmost to stand with the people at the time of natural calamities.

**Evidence of Success:** The flood relief initiative of the college has produced significant impact on the situation. The students and ex-students of the college get involved in the disaster management effort in a large scale. The relief initiative of the college succeeded in bringing attention of the govt and administration to this worst affected area. And honourable Chief Minister of Assam Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma has visited relief camp of Barbhag College and the person of this has got the committed support from the govt afterwards.

**Notes:** An institution of rural area, the achievement of this institution lies in its attachment with the community instead of remaining aloof from them. Therefore we would consider this practice of our institution to be of relevance to other institutions adjunct to villages with similar issues.



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