# REPORT ON PROPOSED VILLAGE FOR ADOPTION BY MARIANI COLLEGE

Introduction: In pursuance of the extension and outreach activities of Mariani College and in alignment with the objectives of higher education to promote community engagement, social responsibility, and inclusive development, the College proposes to adopt a nearby village under its Village Adoption Programme. The initiative aims to contribute meaningfully to the socio-economic development of the rural community through academic, social, and awareness-based interventions.

## Name and Location of the Proposed Village:

Name of the Village: Nagapathar

Gaon Panchayat: 59 Dakhin Katoni Bagicha GP

Development Block: Jorhat

District: Jorhat (Assam)

Distance from Mariani College: 4 km

The proposed village is located in the vicinity of Mariani town and is easily accessible from the College, which will facilitate regular interaction and sustained developmental activities.

Rationale for Selection of the Village: The village has been proposed for adoption based on the following considerations:

- Proximity to Mariani College for effective monitoring and regular visits.
- Predominantly rural population with dependence on agriculture and allied activities.
- Need for awareness programmes related to health, hygiene, education, environment, and skill development.
- Scope for student and faculty involvement in extension and field-based learning.

Methodology of Preliminary Survey: A preliminary baseline survey was conducted by our members of the Village Adoption Committee of Mariani College, Mr. Achinta Saikia and Mr. Rupjyoti Dutta, through field visit and interaction with village elders, Panchayat members, teachers, and local residents. The survey focused on:

- Demographic profile of the village
- Educational status of children and adults
- · Health and sanitation conditions
- · Livelihood patterns and income sources
- · Availability of basic infrastructure and public services

#### Socio-Economic Profile of the Village (Brief):

Population: 366 Male: 183 Female: 183

Total Household: 90

- Main Occupation: Agriculture, daily wage labour, small trade, etc.
- · Educational Institutions: Khorikotia Nagapathar Banua LP School
- Health Facilities: 5 km (nearest Mariani PHC)
- Basic Amenities: Electricity: Yes

Road connectivity: Under-developed

Identified Issues and Needs: Based on the survey, the following major issues wereidentified:

- · Need for awareness on health, nutrition, sanitation, and hygiene
- School dropouts and need for academic support for students
- · Limited awareness about government welfare schemes
- Environmental issues such as waste management and cleanliness
- Lack of skill development and vocational training opportunities

Proposed Activities Under Village Adoption Programme: Mariani College proposes to undertake the following activities in the adopted village:

- Awareness programmes on health, hygiene, nutrition, and sanitation
- Educational support through remedial classes, career guidance, and digital literacy
- Environmental initiatives such as cleanliness drives, plantation programmes, and plastic-free campaigns
- Skill development and self-employment awareness programmes
- · Legal, financial, and social awareness programmes in collaboration with experts
- Observation of important national and international days with community participation

#### Role of Mariani College:

- Active involvement of faculty members through extension activities
- Participation of students through NSS, NCC, and various departmental outreach programmes
- Collaboration with local administration, NGOs, and health workers
- Continuous monitoring, documentation, and evaluation of activities

#### **Expected Outcomes**

- · Improvement in awareness levels regarding health, education, and social issues
- · Strengthened relationship between the College and the local community
- Enhanced experiential learning opportunities for students

· Overall socio-economic and environmental improvement of the village

### Conclusion

The adoption of the proposed village will enable Mariani College to fulfil its social responsibility and contribute towards sustainable rural development. The programme will serve as a platform for meaningful community engagement while enriching the academic and practical learning experiences of students. The College seeks approval from the competent authority for the adoption of the above-mentioned village.

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