7.1.1. ***Measures initiated by the Institution for the promotion of gender equityduring the year.***

**Response:**The courses offered by the College in Social Science disciplines like Political Science, Sociology etc have a component of **gender studies**, which are taught by teachers who have specializations in their particular disciplines.

The Margherita College is dedicated towards creating a **gender inclusive campus** through various programmes, organized by the **Women Studies and Development Cell (WSDC), Sexual Harassment Prevention and Empowerment Cell** and other College societies. These programmes address self-defence, reproductive and mental health issues of women and the significant roles they can play in different spheres of society.

Over the years, the **proportion of women in the teaching faculty** has improved to almost 50 percent. Moreover, the specific programmes for the promotion of gender equity by the institution during the year is mentioned below:

1. **Self Defence Training for Girls** was conducted at college premises from 1.12.2020 to 10.12.2020 by State Level Advisory committee for students and Youth Welfare, Govt. of Assam. Studentparticipants= 120 Trainers were Mr. Anjan Chetia DU, Mr. Abhijit Saikia, Mariani.

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1. International Women Day was celebrated at the initiation of WSDC on 8.3.2021. At the occasion a lecture was delivered by Dr. Debajit Singha, Principal, Dr. Deba Bora, Vice Principal, Mrs. Chitra Borgohain & Dr. Kasturi Nath. All of them have delivered lectures on the theme, International Women day 2021, “Choose to Challenge”. The wall magazine of the Cell, *Ananya*, 14th volume was unfurled.
2. A Lecture Programme on Empowerment of Girl Child (Facebook Page) was conducted on 17.07.2020.

