<u>Institutional Distinctiveness (Academic Session-2016-2017)</u>

Recognizing its privileged position as a premier institute of higher learning, Gopal Chandra Memorial College of Education makes consistent efforts in fulfilling its social responsibility toward poor people. When you are the reason of someone's happy, it is a wonderful moment and great achievement for you. The college authorities, staff and students believe that the true essence of empowerment lies in creating sustained forms of emancipation by generating lasting opportunities. An awareness of the plight of the marginalized and under-represented is the antidote to the forces of self-centered gratification so prevalent in our consumerist generation. The outreach aimed to highlight that education and independent thought are the most effective means of breaking down "narrow domestic walls" (Tagore).

Name of the event: Distribution of fruits among the patients in hospital

Vision: The vision of the event is to help hospital patients, to build up values among students, to increase cooperative mentality of students by helping needy peoples.

Place of event: BC Roy General Hospital and Maternity, New Barrackpore. It is placed 2 km. away from our college.

Particulars of the event: Every year at 26th January, the Republic day of India, students and teachers of the college distributes fruits (apple, banana, orange etc.) among the patients in BC Roy General Hospital and Maternity, New Barrackpore. It is very importance for community development. This type of Outreach programs is beneficial not only by providing the students an academic foundation but also to develop their self-confidence, leadership qualities, and their responsibilities toward the community.