## 2.2.1 Additional Information AQAR, 2023-2024 Digboi Mahila Mahavidyalaya



"Language is the roadmap of a culture. It tells you where its people come from and where they are going."

-Rita Mae Brown

## The Medium of Learning

Medium of Teaching and Learning becomes a key yardstick of acquiring knowledge in institutes of higher education in India. In Assam, the medium of education in the Brahmaputra Valley is predominantly Assamese, in Barak valley it is Bengali and in the BTAD area it is Bodo. But, English is the natural alternative of teaching and learning both by the teachers and students. Digboi Mahila Mahavidyalaya located in upper Assam and in Brahmaputra valley is an interesting case to see. Digboi, the oil township, experiences multi cultural look in its demographic composition. Hence, all the academic institutions here including Digboi Mahila Mahavidyalaya harbour more than two languages in its teaching learning process. These languages include Assamese, English, Bengali, Hindi, Nepalese and other variants of ethnic languages. In Digboi Mahila Mahavidyalaya, out of its 11 departments, four are language departments; viz., Assamese, English, Bengali, Hindi. The college has seen students representing diversity of India. Apart from majority Assamese, the college has also seen Bengali, Nepalese, Punjabi, Bhojpuri, Marwari, Bihari and UP, South Indian, local ethnic groups (Moran, Muttack, Kacharis, Phakiyal, Singphos, Sema, Tangsa, Lotha and many others), Manipuri, Naga, Tea-Tribes etc. Large majority of the students, take Assamese as a medium, while second majority take English as their medium. Teachers also follow these two languages in their teachings; but, Hindi and Bengali also figure in the mode of teaching and learning processes. The linguistic picture is true representative of multi-lingual teaching and learning processes at Digboi Mahila Mahavidyalaya. The medium of teaching and learning at our college stands testimony to the mission of NEP, 2020 to appropriate the integration of India's knowledge system in respect of teaching-learning in Indian Languages besides English.

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