



GOSSNER THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

(An organ owned by: G.E.L. Church, Ranchi)

Affiliated to the Senate of Serampore College (University)

M.G. Marg (Main Road), Ranchi - 834001, Jharkhand



PROSPECTUS

Brief History of the College

Gossner Theological College (GTC), owned by Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church (GELC) in Chotanagpur and Assam is located in the region of Adivasi/Tribal (Indigenous communities) people of North-Central India. It is God's Grace and the constant prayer, love and support of the believers, that is helping the college to serve the church and society meaningfully through basic and relevant/contextual theological education. In the year 2016, GELC celebrated its jubilee (1866-2016), 150 years of existence as life-witness-service.

The college has a glorious history of its existence and training ministers and pastors since 1866. Through this long journey, the college regardless of many challenges, have come-up to the level of offering B.D. Course to the called out ones. Initially, the College was started in 1866 by the German Missionaries sent by Fr. Johannes Evangelista Gossner from Berlin, Germany who established the first Christian Church of the region in 1845. During the First World War (1914-1919), the college/seminary was closed down and reopened in 1921. During the Second World War (1939-1945), it was shifted to Govindpur and Lohardaga and back to Ranchi in 1948.

With the initiative of Rev. Dr. J.J.P. Tigga, who was a professor of the History of Christianity at Serampore College, GTC was affiliated to the Senate of Serampore College (University) in 1949 for offering Licentiate of Theology (L.Th.). From that time on it was known as Lutheran Theological College. The College was given the present campus in 1965. From 1969, L.Th. was upgraded to Bachelor of Theology (B.Th.) and from then on, the institution came to be known as Gossner Theological College. In 1988, a regional collaboration for theological education took place between GELC and Bishop Hubback Theological College (BHTC) of Church of North India (CNI), Chotanagpur Diocese. Consequently, both GTC and BHTC became a mission partner in providing theological education to the region on 8th of August. In addition, the present administrative building was constructed in 1975. At that stage, an immediate hope was there for upgrading the college from B.Th. to B.D. Degree Course as it became an urgency to provide qualitative theological education to improve and develop the "whole" of young men and women who seek [God's] knowledge and wisdom to serve the Church and Society, but it was not achieved due to some



unavoidable circumstances. However, this long cherished dream came into reality on the 150th Year of the church (GELC) Jubilee.

The Senate of Serampore College (University) granted GTC to offer Bachelor of Divinity (B.D.) degree course from June 2016. Offering the degree not only brings advanced theological knowledge, but also creates space for “Adivasi/Tribal Theology,” to be more active, as it is an indispensable endeavor of the church for a relevant ministerial formation. At the same time, through various educational exposures and capacity building programs, the college is committed to build an ecumenical relationship, ecological awareness, society oriented ministry and a wholesome understanding of God (i.e., a reflection of God-Human-Nature Relationship). In brief, based on biblical-theological and Christian teachings (Ethics), college is committed to discern the signs of the time as well as equally devoted to learn and teach the updated global theological academia.

Mission Statement

“To Unite Everything in Christ” - Engaging to Equip and Empower the Young People (irrespective of gender) theologically for an Effective Pastoral Ministry for building a Just, Peace and Reconciled World.

Courses Offer by the College with required qualification:

I. Residential Courses:

Bachelor of Divinity	:	10 +2 Passed	-	5 Years
Bachelor of Divinity	:	Graduates	-	4 Years
Bachelor of Divinity	:	B. Th. passed	-	2 Years

II. External/Non-Residential/ Correspondence Courses

Diploma of Christian Studies	:	12th or 10th (3 years of experience)	:	2-4 years
Bachelor of Christian Studies	:	Graduate	:	4 -7 years of duration

Multiple Opportunities through Theological Education

The college focuses to make a balance between oracle and professionally Trained theological students. Entering theological colleges/education is not only a call for sacred pastoral/ordained ministry, but, it creates and becomes a means of multiple opportunities for one’s life-career. Theological education brings a discussion about various insights and perspectives both ancient and modern. Knowing and understanding these will help the students to create new vision and have new outlooks for new ideas which can change and transform the life. The students of



theology not only study the Bible (or doing biblical studies), but they also study various subjects such as: Philosophy, Major Religions, Other Faiths and Dialogue, Church History, Mission and Ecumenism, Christian Theology (doctrines and dogma: Orthodox, Catholic, Lutheran, Pentecostal, etc.) and other Contextual/Liberation Theologies, Church Ministry, Worship and Preaching, Psychology & Counseling, Socio-analysis (related to the issues of Adivasi, Dalit, Women, Development and Ecology), Languages (English, Greek, Hebrew), Communication, Multi-Media, Computer, Leadership and Management, Training for Skill and Personality Development, etc.

Apart from the academic curricula (learning from the classrooms teachings), the student gets many opportunities to interact with the people/congregations living in different life-settings such as: urban-industrial, semi-urban, rural, tea-garden, slums, Diasporas like migration, displacement, etc. The students also get orientation to know more about NGOs or Church-based organizations and institutions. In addition, the students of GTC get opportunities to broaden their horizon of understanding through exposure program/visit to abroad (Germany or other countries) for both short-term and long-term during or after their period of study. In other words, the college tries to provide a multiple opportunities in and through theological education.

Admission Procedure

Entrance Test and Personal interview will be conducted for the selection of candidates. The medium of entrance test will be conducted in English. The minimum age of the candidate must be 18 Years, during the time of admission.

Subjects for the Entrance Test and Interview:

- Biblical Knowledge (Old & New Testament) - 1 hour - 100 Marks
- English Language - 1 hour - 50 Marks
- General Knowledge - 1 hour - 50 Marks

Important Information

- Submission of Application Form:
- Submission with late fine:
- Date of Entrance Test:
- Date of Interview:
- Result Declaration:



Certificate Verification of the Selected Candidates: Time:

Application fee : Rs. 500/-

Late fine : Rs. 200/-

Entrance test fee : Rs. 500/- (Excluding Accommodation and Food Charges)

Security Money

Each selected candidate has to pay Rs. 10,000 (ten thousand only) on the day of selection. It is not refundable in any case; rather it will be adjusted in the fee of the final year of studies.

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