

7.3 Institutional Distinctiveness

Title of Practice: Women Education and Empowerment through Higher Education

The aim of the institution, behind establishment of this college, is to provide better opportunities of higher education to rural students, especially girls. When we consider women education, it is very bad to say that they are not given any opportunities for higher education in rural area. Women are an inseparable part of society. Their education influences the life of upcoming generations. The development of future generation mainly depends upon the education of women from all over the world. Development of women is the development of the society. Majority of our girl students come from rural areas where a condition of higher education is miserable. It is also a common fact that, after 12th class girls are not given any opportunity of education. Against of her wish, she is compelled either to quit the school or to marry, giving the most common reason of critical transportation problems.

As far as this college is concerned, the main objective to establish this college is to educate women in most remote areas. The vision and mission of the college is to provide a quality of higher education for rural youth. From the date of establishment, the college has continuously provided the higher education facilities to rural area students specially girl students. Therefore, this college is always in contact with the most successful women and mothers of this college girl student. '*Aai Mazya Mahavidyalayat*'- Mother Parent Meet is the best example of this fact, showing that this college inspires mothers also. Mother parent are always inspired and they are always ready for the future education of their daughters. It is obvious that so many girls of this college are engaged in studying for competitive examination. Considering all above, this college has started organizing different seminars, workshops, and functions to focus chief issues like women rights, women health and women freedom, making harmony between college and parents.

Besides, this college has started to inspire girls for self defense, self respect by giving them an opportunity to come in contact with the most successful and eminent women like- Punam Patil (Dy. S.P), Bharati Sagare (Tehsildar), Archana Pagire (Nayab Tehsildar), Supriya Khose (CA), Adv. Aarti Kataria, Adv. Gauri Auti, Swati Lamkhade (PSI), Jayashri Kale (PSI), Dr. Smita Bora, Dr. Sunita Lalge, Dr. Jyoti Mhaske (MO, PHC) Dr. Jyoti Mule, Prof. Dr. Shraddha Ingale, Dr. Sanjana Zaware, social workers like Sapna Shaikh, Archana Adhav, Harshada Walunj, Sujata Gajare.

To fulfill their dreams, the college provides excellent physical infrastructure like- ladies common room, separate reading room with competitive examination books, well

equipped gymnasium with indoor and outdoor sports facilities, organizing soft skill development programme giving them turning point to understand the importance of different arts and cultural activities. College has been organizing awareness programme on anti-ragging and sexual harassments. The college has well developed central library providing facilities such as e-journals, e-books available for students. NSS department provides the best platform to girl students to participate in social and cultural activities. The best example of girl student's successful participation is Earn and Learn Scheme. Since last five years girls in this scheme have done significant work for their successful future. In the last five years, the college has spent Rs. 3.55 lakhs on Earn and Learn Scheme.

The college supports to give different Government Scholarships to students who belong to different socially backward categories. In the last five years, the college has helped to 1727 students to achieve Government scholarships of Rs. 94.65 lakhs. Besides, the college has done remarkable work to offer scholarships from the last five years such as Krantijyoti Savitrimata Phule scholarship to 43 students (2.15 lakhs), Rajrshi Shahu Maharaj Scholarship to 34 students (4.08 lakhs) and Savitribai Phule Gunvant Vidyarthi Scholarship to 44 students (5.28 lakhs) from Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune. In the last five years, the college has helped to 121 students to achieve Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune scholarships of Rs.11.51 lakhs. It has given opportunities especially to girl students. Hence it is obvious that the girl students are now self-dependent to complete their education.

This college offers special facility for girl in admission process giving them installment in their fees. The best example of generosity of mind for girl education is that some girls who are not able to complete their education because of fees problems, are helped financially by students, college teachers and by the Principal of the college. To conclude, we feel very proud that in the university leveled examination our college has done remarkable work in the result of girl students. In this way, this college is trying its best to inspire girl students to make a change and to become an ideal woman in the days to come.