

### **Institutional Distinctiveness**

Each institution has its own distinctive vision, priority and thrust. Our College is situated in a semi-urban area and most of our students come from the family of first- generation learners. Their financial and cultural background is not very sound. We often find that because of acute financial crisis quite a good number of students fail to attend their classes regularly and sometimes they drop out. In the backdrop of this experience, we have felt that our first and foremost task should be to focus on this point and to find out a solution to this problem. We think we have a responsibility to encourage and help them both academically and financially. Hence College authority has formed a Student Aid Fund and every year College spends quite a lot of money from this fund to help the financially backward students by providing their University Examination fees or College fees at concessional rate. Students have to apply for financial help and they are interviewed by the faculty members, who, by considering the pros and cons of the financial condition of the students, forward the applications to the College authority for final decision. Student union also plays a positive role in identifying the financially backward students. Another problem which bothers us is that sometimes the guardians do not understand the importance of regular attendance of their wards and insist them to remain at home on the plea of some paltry reasons. We often have to counsel the guardians regarding the necessity of regular attendance in an educational institution. So, we have to fight not only against financial crisis but cultural crisis as well. We try our best to motivate the students academically and to do so we regularly counsel them. Since last twelve years we have been felicitating our students for their academic excellence in the final year University Examinations. Not only that, we help our students, who go for higher studies, by providing them opportunity to use our library and thus encourage them in their academic endeavour. We also feel that encouraging the students in their academic achievements is not enough, we should motivate them in cultural and social activities as well. With this motto in mind in this academic year College authority has taken a decision to give 50%concession in the fees of those students who will show their excellence in sports and games and in cultural field. The authority has also decided to do the same thing for the students who take part in social activities – it has been decided that students, who will donate blood in the Blood Donation Camp organized by our Student Council, will get 50% concession in their College fees. Institution hopes that this sort of initiative will help to generate a healthy spirit among the students and also inculcate a sense of social responsibility in them.