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7.3.1 Institutional Distinctiveness

As our college is situated in a Maoist affected tribal area, the majority of the students enrolled in our college is from tribal backgrounds. The student intake is from the poorest background and the scholastic achievement of the admission seekers is also very poor. So, keeping in mind all these fact and realities, all teachers of the college do their best to educate them well and bring them into the mainstream of the society. All the teachers are aware of the regular student's academic level and their temperament. This helps in mentoring them at the individual level. The result of the learning becomes evident in the students adult life.

During the cultural activities, we ensure the participation of almost all the students. This gives the opportunities to every student to groom themselves. Even in sports, each student strives to participate in the events even though the accomplishment in terms of achievement amount to nothing. We believe we are preparing them to be the good human being who will care for their future generations in much better informed way. Most of them are the first generation learners in their family. Very few parents ever entered the college life so the expectations of parents remain high. We teach them about the prospective job opportunities after completing graduation and post graduation. This information they should pass it on in their family, friends, and relatives and in the neighborhood. Most of them have the non-science background prior to joining the B.A. They are made to realize the importance of science learning and the value of scientific thinking. Completing graduation is not only about getting a degree but it is about understanding what constitutes knowledge. Our endeavor is to make students capable of being able to analyze the problem and find the possible solutions of it. We teach them to look deeply at the issues and events dispassionately to arrive at the truth.

Being ensconced in the natural surroundings of forest, hills and ponds we encourage the students to explore the surroundings and learn the ways to gainfully benefit from it while maintaining its pristineness and the ecosystem. We take them around hills and forest and teach them the value of

maintaining its beauty, develop the aesthetic sense, how not to litter the natural place with plastic and bottles. The wild animals and reptiles and their behaviour is explained. The education is geared to understand the natural environment and how we can make efforts to preserve it. Many times people do not realize the value of what they have unless they are told and made conscious of it.

We focus on the intrinsic values of education more because it enables the students to get employment in both organized and unorganized sector. Therefore, the focus on them is to make them gainfully self employed and be a productive workforce. We encourage them how to rise from a simple worker to entrepreneur level. Some have succeeded too.



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