



7.3. - INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS

The college is a co-educational institution located in a rural area, focusing on educating poor students from rural and hilly areas of Dapoli, Mandangad, and Khed talukas. The college offers preferential admission to SC/ST, NT, and OBC students, with gender sensitization programs being a key focus. The college is the leader in its rural taluka, with well-qualified faculty members who benefit students from the weaker sections. The college plays a crucial role in career development, with 50-60% of admitted students belonging to economically and socially backward sections. The college provides adequate infrastructure facilities, including classrooms, libraries, computer labs, examination departments, cultural halls, sports grounds, and NSS and NCC units. Sports activities are also provided to foster participation, responsibility, team spirit, and pride among students from rural areas. The college's specialty is the socio-economic development of rural students through quality education, with a relentless effort to uplift and advance these students.

Major Activities conducted by the college related to the above area of distinction are as detailed below.

Social Work:

- The flood victims in Chiplun **On 27th July 2021** were helped by volunteers of the National Service Scheme unit.
- Cyber Security/Road Traffic Safety lectures every year are conducted with the help of the Dapoli police station.
- Health Checkup drive every year organized (Eye, Blood, Teeth, BP, Check-up) Camp in the campus and out campus by the NSS unit.
- National Service Scheme Organized International Youth Day.
- COVID awareness, Making and Mask distribution /Vaccine awareness drive in the villages.
- Mask & Hand Washing Awareness was carried out in Adopted Village Ladghar.
- Vigilance Awareness Week is organized every year for the Integrity Pledge, Eliminate of corruption, an Essay Competition on "Vigilance India, prosperous India", Quiz Competition of Central Vigilance Commission.
- Street Play is organized every year on social issues DLLE and NSS units.
- Faculties of the institution worked as COVID Workers during the COVID-19 pandemic period and also worked with Tehsil Dapoli in the disaster time of the cyclone.
- Remitted to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund an amount contributed by the staff and students.
- Flood Donation - Helped in kind to the flood-affected village in Chiplun.
- A *book-at-door scheme* was implemented by a library in the COVID (lockdown) period to students.
- Ten-Day Yoga Training Camp: The camp was organized through online Zoom from 11th July 2021 to 20th July 2021 in the lockdown period for the mental and physical health of students.
- Voter Registration drives are conducted every year for non-registered students of the college with the help of Tehsil Dapoli.
- Blood Group Test and Hemoglobin Test in association with Civil Hospital Dapoli and NSS.
- Organization of Swachhta Rally and Cleanliness drive every year in the *Dapoli Nagarpanchayat* area by the NSS unit.
- A cleanness drive in the Police Station and sub-divisional hospital was organized by NCC.
- NCC students conducted a statue Cleanliness drive in Dapoli.

Extension work:

- Blood donation Camps were organized by the NSS unit in the college. 25 students Donated the blood in the camp.
- Every year on the campus and beyond the campus Tree plantation drives are organized by NSS units.
- Every year NSS winter camp is organized in the adopted villages and in the seven days camps awareness is spread in the village along with disaster management, literacy, health hygiene, women's surveys, various cultural programs, construction of pits, construction of dams in village graveyards, repair of internal roads.
- Voting Awareness Rally, Organ Donation Awareness Rally, and AIDS Awareness Rally every year organized by the college.
- Activities like posters and essay competitions were conducted by the National Service Scheme.
- Amrit Mahotsav of Indian Independence, the following activities were implemented by the National Service Scheme Units.
 1. Essay Competition.
 2. National Anthem Sing.
 3. College Premises Cleanliness.
 4. Lecture on Indian Freedom Movements.
 5. Rangoli Competition.
 6. Tree Plantation.
 7. Flag Hoisting and rally.
- Every year NSS students participate in NRD and SRD Selection camps, Leadership Camp, and State level camps.

Environmental Promotion:

- Environment Day: Trees were planted in the college premises on the occasion of Environment Day.
- Swachha Bharat Abhiyan Week: - Our College promotes environmental awareness, cleanliness and hygiene in the community and surrounding area.
- Cleanliness drive is organized on the occasion of Independence Day, Mahatma Gandhi Birth Anniversary and Republic Day and also in adopted villages.
- NSS and NCC Volunteers collect the wastage and waste is used to plants as a fertilizer.
- Each year one day is celebrated as a vehicle day to reduce pollution in college campuses.
- Solid, liquid, and e-waste management facilities constructed by the college.
- Water harvesting: Our College is located in the high rainfall zone of Konkan. During the monsoons, there is abundant water. It is used for drinking and other purposes to improve the environment and save water; Rainwater harvesting is necessary.
- Therefore, in addition to the bore well, a rainwater collection system was created beside the library. It helps water infiltration into the soil and raises the groundwater table.
- Two bore wells have been dug in the college premises. They have plenty of water thanks to the rainwater harvesting plant, so there is no shortage of water throughout the year.

Gender Equality Initiatives:

- **Gender equality:** - Various programs are organized by the Women Empowerment Unit of the college on the following topics- Gender Sensitization Programme, Constitution Awareness Programme; Women's Rights, Women's Health, Women Entrepreneurs, and Women and Family.
- Lectures are organized and celebrated in the college on the occasion of International Women's Day.
- Status of women survey conducted annually by DLLE and NSS volunteers.

Other:

In the last five years, there have been no untoward incidents or complaints from women or girls. Konkani boys and girls are mainly employed in private companies and service organizations in Mumbai city. The proportion of girls among students is higher and they perform better in merit examinations. Poor students receive installment facilities while paying fees, with charities, institute officials, and faculty contributing to some children's fees. The college has made significant progress in infrastructure and facilities to meet globalization's changing needs.




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