

## **Institutional Distinctiveness**

The college was established in 1989 with a specific objective to provide the facility of higher education to the students of backward classes in Gadchiroli district. Accordingly, the institution has been functioning since its establishment. We strive to enrol each and every student of the backward classes in the region every year. More than 95% of our students belong to Schedule caste, Schedule Tribe, Other Backward Classes, Special Backward Classes, Nomadic Tribes, and minority. The institution avails all kinds of scholarships and other financial support provided to these students. The authorities had long back recommended the government for the hostel facility for the students of schedule tribe who come from the remote areas of the district to fulfil their aspirations. Regular and student-friendly classroom teaching, proper guidance regarding government subsidies and scholarships, special classes for slow learners, regular interaction with hostel authorities and healthy physical training to ST students have proved fruitful to attract the students from the most neglected sections of the society.

Keeping in mind the persistent demand of parents for the postgraduate departments in the college, the Management decided to start postgraduate courses in Marathi, Sociology and Economics. We further requested the authorities of the government hostel to reserve some seats for the PG students. To fulfil the need of B. Sc. faculty in the institution, the management applied last year for B. Sc. and M. Com. Thus the students from backward community for whom it was not possible to go to far-off cities for higher education in science stream enrolled themselves in the college.

As mentioned above, we prefer the students from backward communities in spite of lot of challenges. Among these students we strive hard to find girl students and inspire them to aspire for higher education. We extend every possible facility and help for such students from poor family backgrounds. When we came to know about the fact that the students, particularly girls, could not travel to the college by their own vehicles, we requested the concerned authorities and arranged the bus facility for them. Our college is situated in the centre of the town; it is very close to the bus stop and railway station. Hence, majority of our students walk on foot to the college.

Our management constantly encourages the staff to work devotedly for the welfare of backward students in the area. For this we visit each and every Junior college and village after the declaration of HSSC results. We personally contact each of the students in the villages and try to solve their difficulties and obstacles in their way to higher education. At times, we give concession to such students in admission fees and examination fees.

