

## **Institutional Distinctiveness**

- The College located in Ponda, the Cultural Capital of Goa is serving the cause of higher education for the rural community of the area for the last 29 years. The distinctiveness of this institution lies in the fact that we cater to first generation learners and or first-generation graduates and mostly girls who aspire for higher education.
- The institution enrolls students generally from all classes.
- The transfer of knowledge and skills by highly qualified and efficient faculty moulds the students into highly employable individuals and propels holistic development. We have maximum teachers with Ph.D. degree than any college in the state of Goa.
- Our enrolment has been 887 students of which 204 are boys and 683 girls. If we look at the initial years when we began this college, our enrolment was 420 students, 208 boys and 212 girls. There is hence a steady increase in the number of girls and also in the enrolment.
- The student feedback conducted, to obtain feedback on various institutional qualitative aspects viz. teachers, departmental infrastructure, curriculum, campus infrastructure, office, and library.
- Strong bond of relation between Staff and students.
- Strong bond of relation between Staff and management and whole hearted support of management.
- Conduct of Seminars and workshop.
- Motivating teachers to present research papers in seminars/ conference/works shops organized at state/ National, International level.
- Teacher student guide scheme (Mentoring)
- No cut off percentage for admission. University results are better than or at par with University results.
- Completed and ongoing Research Projects.
- The college motivates girls and boys for their social responsibilities through social/ community activities/ extension activities /outreach programmes.
- Encouraging students to participate in Extra-curricular and co-curricular activities conducted by college and other institutions. The college always concentrates on students' qualitative performance along with their overall personality development.
- Our students have excelled in academics as well as co- curricular activities which subsumes with aims and objectives of the institution. Our vision/mission clearly states that this institution will be the nucleus for higher education and prepare our youth to be capable, useful and upright

citizens of this country able to deal with contemporary challenges and act as a catalyst for the all-round development of the community. Our focus is on the rural community and the education for all.

- The institution also promotes and preserves the social and cultural diversity in organizing programmes consistently to revive and enrich the traditional/ folk Art forms in this culturally rich locale. It is a tradition to commence our Annual Gathering with the recital of “Chowgudo” a musical form in the temple premises, a small step to preserve and carry forward a rich legacy. Dying and traditional games have been introduced into our Annual sports day, with little or no investment these traditional games are lessons in learnt in team work and unity.
- The Primary focus being holistic development our students participate actively in extension activities, outreach programmes, summer internship and other programmes. The college N.S.S unit has adopted villages under Government of India, schemes. The extension cell of our college conducts varied programs to not only impart skills, but also create awareness among the local residents.
- To equip the students with a variety of life skills, the college has taken up initiative to conduct a number of certificate courses apart from the regular courses.
- Our institution has taken steps towards preservation of environment, by conducting Green Audit and publish it in the form of a book. Our college has collaborated with a biodiversity group.