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### 7.3 Institutional Distinctiveness

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Provide the details of the performance of the institution in one area distinctive to its vision, priority and thrust

Provide the weblink of the institution in not more than 500 words

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The College located in Ponda, the Cultural Capital of Goa has the distinctiveness of being one of the 1<sup>st</sup> Colleges to be set up for UG offering B.A. and B.Sc. program and is serving the cause of higher education for the rural community of the area for the last 35 years. Keeping in mind our vision /mission .In addition we have the distinction of catering to first generation learners and that too mostly girls from the rural areas, who aspire for higher education.

We do not maintain cut off percentage for admission, ensuring education for lowest strata of society, and yet our results are better than or at par with University results

Our student enrolment for the year 2019-2020 has been 1246 for B.A. / B.Sc. and M.Sc. together, with 327 boys and 919 girls. If we look at the initial years when we began this college, our enrolment was 420 students, 208 boys and 212 girls. Progress made by our college can be corroborated from our NIRF ranking. This year too our institution has been ranked in the rank band of 101 to 150 among all the Indian colleges assessed by National Institutional Ranking framework .

In order to ensure the highest quality of Education, analysis of the feedbacks obtained from Teachers Students, Alumni, Parents , Institution and Employers are placed before IQAC , and their opinions regarding any short falls in the institution are discussed with Principal and put up before PES management as and when required for improvisation. Observations regarding curriculum are conveyed to concerned BoSs through our faculty representatives of BoS.

The other unique feature of our college is that we are the only institution in Goa with maximum no of teachers with Ph.D. degree (47% ) than any college in the state of Goa. The transfer of knowledge and skills by highly qualified and efficient faculty molds the students into highly employable individuals and propels holistic development.

- i. College conducts Seminars and Workshops for teachers and students and motivates them to present/ publish research papers. This year ,Conferences, Seminars, Symposia and workshops attended and Papares presented by our faculty:
- ii. Attended- State level-85, National level-135, International level-33
- iii. Attended and Presented paper-State level-06 , National level-35, International level-12
- iv. Completed and ongoing Research Projects are the highest in the state of Goa.
- v. This academic year 54 students have attended/presented their project work at various Seminars/ Workshops/ Conferences.
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The college always concentrates on students' qualitative performance via schemes such as Teacher student guide scheme (Mentoring) , ensuring that our students excel in academics as well as co- curricular and Extra –curricular activities which subsumes with aims and objectives of the institution. .

The college motivates girls and boys for their social responsibilities through social/ community activities/ extension activities /outreach programmes. The extension cell and departments of our college conduct varied programs to not only

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impart skills, but also create awareness among the local residents. These activities contribute for overall holistic personality development of the students.

College equips student with a variety of life skills. This year college conducted 16 certificate courses apart from the regular courses.

Our institution undertakes various environment awareness programmes such as, rallies, talks and lectures, Inter and Intra collegiate programs, Study of campus fauna and flora, etc

Campus interviews were conducted for direct recruitment of students.

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