



**Smt. Maniben M.P. Shah Women's College of Arts and Commerce
(Autonomous)**

7.3 Institutional Distinctiveness: Provide the details of the performance of the institution in one area distinctive to its vision, priority and thrust Provide the web link of the institution in not more than 500 words.

Holding hands

The admission records and interaction of teachers with aspiring students and parents reveals that 40% students come from adjoining slum areas 1 to 3 kms from college like Dharavi, Wadala Gate number 3 and Nirmal Nagar. To meet our vision- Empowerment of Women through Quality Education to make them Competent, Self-reliant and Responsible Homemakers, Professionals and Citizens, an inclusive, multipronged approach is adopted to empower, support students to continue their education and contribute in their overall growth such as-

Addressing Economic Needs: -

- Admission to all students irrespective of their socio-economic status and earlier academic performance.
- Reasonable fees and provision for payment of fees in instalments
- Facilitation of Government and Institutional Scholarships, Freeships
- Sincere teaching-learning process with personal attention to weaker students
- From May 2014, along with Lions Club of Sion Mutthi Anaj Daan program launched. 250 needy students benefitted from 5 kg rice and 2 kg dal distributed every month. 300 needy students benefitted during lockdown.

Counseling of parents and students:

- Extensive counseling at the time of admission, through PTA interactions, home visits for rapport building and gaining confidence of parents
- Faculty members of Departments of Psychology, Sociology, Economics visit slum areas for vocational counselling.
- Free personal and professional counseling to students and their families through Samvedna Counseling Cell

Building skills for employment and entrepreneurship:

- Employability Skills Training Program and placements through Technoserve; Language laboratory to improve English language skills, Compulsory Computer Training, courses in Digital Marketing, GST and Tally, Graphic Designing, Photography, Basic Clothing and Mumbai Street Food making
- Display and sale of products made by students to encourage entrepreneurship via Innovation and Incubation Centre
- Organising college level competitions like debates, elocution, essay writing, poetry recitation for building confidence

Sensitising students to social issues and good citizenship training

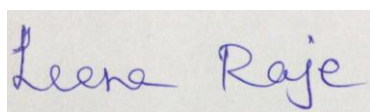
- Observing important days like Yoga Day, World Population Day, Voting Awareness, Matrubhasha Din, Constitution Day, Independence and Republic Days, tree plantation drives, cleanliness drives
- Group of students received BCPT English E Tech training, in turn taught primary school children. They can further utilise this training for their family or neighbourhood.
- 31 students received training through Disaster Management Camp on 4, 5 February 2020.
- Activities like collection drives for flood relief, distribution of fruits to cancer patients,

Health awareness

- Lectures, workshops and free medical check-up camps for thalassemia, rubella awareness, eye checkup, reproductive health, nutrition for women, mental health awareness, AIDS awareness organised in the year. From March 2020, awareness on issues related to COVID-19 through online lectures/quiz, videos, counselling, distribution of Masks and Sanitizers.
- To eradicate habit of liquor and drug consumption among family members of students, arranging guiding lectures for students to further spread the message to their families. On 26th June and 1st October, 2019 50 NSS volunteers participated in Vyasankmukti Rally.
- On 10th July, 2019, NSS volunteers participated in two days Anti-Tobacco pledge program organised by 'Sambandh Health Foundation'.

Awareness of women's rights

- Activities of Women's Cell and Internal Complaints Committee on prevention of sexual harassment, legal provisions for women
- Providing safe, secure environment at campus



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