

### **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 weblink of the institution in not more than 500 words

The distinctive feature of our institution is its women centeredness and the continued efforts at women Empowerment.

Our institution is affiliated to SNDT Women's University, Mumbai founded in 1916 by Maharshi Dhondo Keshav Karve, a pioneer in women's education and social reform, with financial assistance from Shri. Vitthaladas Thackersey and envisioned a nation of educated, enlightened and cultured women. Our parent body, Vile Parle Mahila Sangh, established in 1952 is constituted of women, is solely managed by women members and ventured in women's' education in 1969 when they started Lions Juhu Nandlal Jalan Mahila Mahavidyalaya solely for women.

Since then, our institution has assisted thousands of girl students to attain their degrees, both graduate and post graduate, enabling them to face the job market confidently. Our add on and enrichment programmes and courses along with the certificate courses under the career-oriented programme aim at enhancing the students' competencies and facilitating their entry in to careers in the ever-evolving trends due to globalization and privatization.

True to our institutional vision 'AGRATA:PATHISADAI VAGAMYATAM' (Always Moving Forward on the Path of progress.....) and our mission "Achieving excellence through rigorous academic commitment and discipline" we have made it our priority and thrust area the 'empowerment of women through education and financial independence.

The background and financial constraints often delimit our students in progressing to higher education and attaining further professional degrees as they are compelled to start earnings while they are still undergraduate students. To ease the financial burden of the students purely, voluntary practice the teaching staff of our college has initiated a purely voluntary practice 'Students mutual Aid Fund' with a Contribution of Rs 500/- per teacher of Aided

Section. After scrutinizing the requirement of the needy students, some students receive same financial assistance.

Along with academic activities the institution also organizes several gender sensitizations programmes in order to move our students aware of the issues of gender repression and disparity and conduct informative sessions on health awareness and women's issues. In Collaboration with various GOs and NGOs, we organize lectures and workshops on issues such as Leadership Training Camps, Career Guidance and Placements, encourage students to participate in University's Bhaubeej Scholarship, encourage them to take part in Youth Festival of the University.

The College has an Anti-Ragging cell and a Grievance Redressal Cell as preventive measure though we have never had any trouble on these fronts. Our entire campus is under CCTV surveillance in order to instill a sense of safety and security among the students.

The institution measures the success of its performance not only by the number of students graduated, their place in their work environment, their financial success but by their contribution to society as responsible, aware individuals and take pride in it.

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