

Institutional Distinctiveness – Initiatives 2017-18

An important area distinctive to the vision of Gokhale Memorial Girls' College is academic excellence coupled with development of a disciplined personality firm and tolerant in all situations. This is indicative of the institution's commitment towards holistic development of the students. The College is also committed to preserving the environment in and around its premises. The following are its distinctiveness features.

- The institution closely nurtures its students so that they can acquire sufficient preparedness for summative evaluation as well as acquire the skills to pursue higher education and move on to good careers in prestigious and lucrative professions. Regular formative evaluations through class tests, doubt clearing sessions, revisions and home assignments and regular parent-teacher interface helps guardians to monitor their wards progress both in academic performance as well as in discipline. These efforts are rewarded in the form of commendable outcomes in the final University examinations.
- Adherence to strict attendance rules upholds student discipline in the college. Students who maintain good attendance records are awarded certificates of appreciation.
- A Library Orientation Programme is conducted by the librarian for all new entrants to give them a thorough understanding about the catalogue system, method of searching books in the open shelves, access to e-resources through Inflibnet, the rules of the reading room, the rules of book issue maintenance of safety of library cards, book bank and reprographic facility. The orientation programme is attended in batches by all new entrants soon after the commencement of classes.
- Students are also encouraged to participate in all the extra-curricular activities conducted in the college as well as those conducted in other institutions.
- The Placement Cell facilitates on-campus recruitment of student aspirants through collaboration with the corporate institutions.
- The College is located in the heart of the city but a significant number of students come from different socio-economic backgrounds and from rural and semi-rural backgrounds. Harmony in heterogeneity is one of the strengths of this premier women's college. Great stress is laid on social awareness, social extension and social service. NSS unit-1 is very active

and student members of the Social Awareness Club along with the Social Extension Committee undertake extension activities every year. They visit institutions catering to the poor, needy and the differently-abled and bring them several items of aid and gifts and spend time with them.

- Social outreach activity conducted every year as special observance of the birth anniversary of Mrs. Sarala Ray, Founder of Gokhale Memorial Girls' College.
- Blood Donation Camp is organized every year in the College premises as special observance of the Death Anniversary of Dr. S.E. Rani Ghosh, Founder-Principal of Gokhale Memorial Girls' College.
- Extension of NSS Unit-1 activities for the promotion of environment and health awareness among students and communities.
- Institutional Financial assistance to a number of needy and deserving students.
- Enabling students to apply for State and Central government scholarships, grants and aid.
- Close collaboration with the Alumni Association for conducting gender awareness programmes, health camp and the like for the benefit of the staff and students.
- Another important area distinctive to its vision is to provide a clean and healthy environment within the College premises. To this effect, the College maintains strict rules of hygiene, sanitation and cleanliness for the benefit of both the students and the staff.
- An important eco-friendly activity is maintenance of the plantation in the college premises. To enhance greenery, the area of the flower garden has been increased. More than 60 species of flower plants have been planted. Saplings of different juicy fruit trees have been planted. The herbal garden home to almost 25 species, is maintained by the Social Awareness Club and NSS Unit-I. Every year "Van Mahotsav" is celebrated to popularize the concept of sustainable development and the importance of environment management and conservation. "World Environment Day" is observed in association with NSS Unit-I of our college. Potted plants and saplings have been placed in the corridors of both the college buildings to enhance the aesthetic quality of the building environment and make it healthier.

- Maintenance of a clean campus is an important policy. All waste matter is managed appropriately. Support staff is deployed for maintaining the cleanliness of classrooms, offices and washrooms in a regular manner.