

Institutional Distinctiveness Features in 2020-21

The reformer and educationist Smt. Sarala Ray, the driving force behind the establishment of the institution believed that— “Education meant development of thought and culture- which brought in a wider outlook of life, “The purpose of value education is the holistic development of personality of a student. Value-based education aims at training the students to face the outer world with the right attitude. Student facilitation in more ways than one has been the distinctive feature of the institution in 2020-2021 particular in the uncertain Covid-19 pandemic lockdown which caused immense anxiety among the students and their families. Inculcation of universal values through community engagement has been a distinctive feature of the institution in 2020-2021.

Significant steps taken and Outcomes achieved during 2020-2021 –

- Around September 2020, a SES REC Cell was formed under the aegis of MGNCRE, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India. Faculty members were chosen to represent the college in different action plans covering environmental and community engagement aspects. MGNCRE being at the forefront of experiential learning took significant steps to engage students of different colleges in rural entrepreneurship and community engagement which would go a long way to inculcate enterprise, social empathy and universal values among students. Under this programme, in February 2021, students participated in Online Cluster Level Competitions in Presentation of Business Plans mentored by the faculty. 12 students participated and presented business plans. One of the plans presented by Disha Banerjee on, “Making Sanitary Napkins” by engaging local materials and labour was highly appreciated and selected for Regional Level Competitions.
- In May 2021, the GMGC Covid Helpline was launched initially by NSS student members and was later joined by faculty, non-NSS students and ex-students to help out families affected by Covid for a 24x7 duration over a period of four months and which is active till date providing different kind of aid to the distressed.
- ‘Sharing experiences and finding ways to deal with GRIEF’,
- A psychological interactive session was organised by the department of Psychology by a specialised interaction addressing the grief experiences of students who have suffered. The session began on 31.05.2021 and the concluding session was presided over by Dr Ankita Ghosh on 21.7.2021.
- A very important initiative was the Psycho-social Support activity of the NSS Unit-1 student and faculty members in association with the MGNCRE SES REC Cell of the College. The most important activity revolved around online special lectures and talk aiming at providing psychological support to all the students including their near and dear ones. Special sessions were also conducted for providing specific psychological help to students who were grieving the loss a near and dear one in the family. The students participated in numbers in the “Beat Covid Campaign” launched by the SES REC of MGNCRE, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India and obtained certificates of participation.
- The NSS Unit-1 conducted a special Webinar for disseminating valuable information about how to maintain hygiene for self and others in covid times. The Speaker was no other than the eminent physician and virologist Dr. Amitabha Nandy.
- Schemes for student scholarship (Vivekanand Merit-cum-means Scholarship, NSP and Aikyashree) and organising virtual seminar on Student Scholarships on 6.12.2021)
- Awareness programme on Students Credit Card on 24.12.2021, Ref. GMGC/ADMIN/21-22/No. 064 Date: 21/12/21 and an inaugural awareness campaign on Student Credit Card Scheme was held on 23/12/2021 in the college.