

### 7.3 Institutional Distinctiveness

#### 7.3.1 Portray the performance of the Institution in one area distinctive to its priority and thrust within 1000 words

Answer:

#### **Institutional Distinctiveness:**

- Every working day mid day meals (Anna Prasadam) provided to the students and staff by Sri Mutt, Sringeri so as to improve attendance and learning levels.
- Our college has organized many programmes to preserve the local culture and heritage.

Programmes like "*Janapada Jaatre*" (an exhibition on folk culture, music, food system, games etc.) and programmes conducted on Literature in association with NINASAM (a theatre college) Sagar to imbibe cultural heritage among students.

#### **Heritage building**

Human race has always relied on its past to build the present and construct its future. Generations have lived before us and have shaped the world we reside in. It is important to protect our heritage as it adds character

and distinctiveness to the place, region or community and hence provides a sense of identity. The heritage structures in the campus are maintained and preserved in spite of infrastructure expansion. Part of our

college is a court building long back (with tiles roof) which is preserved as such having heritage architecture.

- Our college has many green campus initiatives.
- College has a garden of medicinal plants.

#### **Mid day Meals (Anna Prasadam)**

The Objectives

- To provide simple meals to students during lunch time
- Nutritious meal to the students
- To improve students attendance in post-lunch session classes

The Context:

Majority of the students of the college belong to surrounding rural areas. They commute daily to the college. The college is situated away from the town. Not many hotel or other facilities are available for having lunch or snacks. Moreover, students can't afford hotel food. Many students start early from their villages and as a consequence they are unable to bring lunch boxes to the college. In particular as majority students are girls and owing to their low socio-economic backgrounds, most of them are found anemic. This fact is traced by health officers in their periodic visit to our college health care centre. Mid day meal scheme has helped a lot in improvising the health condition of girl students in particular. Before the introduction of mid day meal facility, few students used to leave the college during lunch time and were not turning up again for post-lunch session classes. This had affected the overall functioning of the college.

The Practice

Midday Meals is provided to students throughout the academic year.

## Gardening of Medicinal Plants

It is well known from historic times that there are a number of plants available nearby which cure effectively a lot of health problems without side effects at very low expenses, and at the same time to enhance the understanding of students regarding the plants. Keeping this in mind, the college developed a Garden of Medicinal Plants and planted a variety of Medicinal Plants in the campus itself to provide a valuable knowledge to the students, staff and citizens and to get benefited from these Medicinal Plants.

### The Practice

The college has developed Medicinal Garden in the campus. All the activities like arrangement of seeds, plants, fertilizers, tools and tackles, watering facilities, selection of medicinal plants have been done by the students and staff with great enthusiasm. Help from local Ayurvedic Medical College experts has also been sought through Memorandum of Understanding.

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