

7.3 Institutional Distinctiveness

The mission statement of the University is 'knowledge leads to emancipation of women'. Every activity and initiative of the institution focuses on this mission statement. The design and implementation of the curriculum focuses on latest developments in the area of study and is based on the emerging demands of the job market. The mentor-mentee practice is efficient in which students in each course are assigned to their mentors (teachers from the same department) who continuously interact and monitor the academic progress of the student. This practice is of enormous help to the students both academically and in managing their personal lives. Over the past year, the academic performance of the students has improved, they have obtained greater skills for overcoming personal problems and hurdles thereby enjoying a better physical and mental health as well as academic progress.

The research activities in the University contribute to both knowledge in academic field and also innovations are taken to the community, especially to the women by the various extension activities of departments and the NSS. Research projects focus on addressing the contemporary issues of women in society. Women in the community and adopted villages are empowered in education, health, legal provisions, innovations and technology by the various departments of the University. The Institution has a very strong network with the women in communities residing around the University. The University empowers them through awareness programs, workshops and interactive sessions. The University has an innovation cell that focuses on encouraging women students to submit original ideas and projects that aim to solve issues related to women in society. Hackathons and idea festivals are conducted regularly to promote original thinking and creativity among students. Interdisciplinary projects and internships are also encouraged in all departments.

The Centre for Women's Studies conducts programs every week throughout the year. Department of Home Science, Education, Law, Social Work, Women's Studies, collaborate with other departments as and when required to empower the women in the community through various activities all through the year. The Institution is also networking between the Transgender Community and the GO's and NGO's and Promoting Gender Champion Clubs. Girls Self defense Training is given to all students to empower them to deal with crisis situations. Yoga, Taekwondo and other physical self defense classes are conducted by the Department of Physical Education. Gender Sensitization and Equality is a foundation course offered to all students in the III semester. Career guidance programs are also arranged to guide students of the community by arranging camps in nearby villages. Free legal guidance cell for women, health camps for community women, career counseling centre, committee to deal with sexual harassment are some of the best practices aiding in the well being of women.