

## **Institutional Distinctiveness**

The college is now completing 58 years of existence. For long it has been moving towards realising its vision of 'enhancement of quality...' and 'transformation of the acquired knowledge into productive activities to cater to emerging local needs...' with few courses of Science and Arts undergraduate programmes. In its quest for 'participation in the development process of the nation...' by setting the mission 'to impart and spread knowledge through higher education to the learners coming from economically backward families', the college had taken up strategy to add value-added and career oriented courses a decade ago. These courses have contributed to provide skill for livelihood to some of the graduates who are not benefitted to that extent by the knowledge gained through the study of general degree courses.

Then the college has decided to adopt the national policy of incorporation of skill development in higher education and the UGC scheme of vocation programme. Accordingly the college applied, during the year under report, for opening Bachelor of Vocation Programme in certain courses of local or regional importance. The University Grants Commission has approved the College on July 30, 2019 for offering Bachelor of Vocation (B. Voc. Degree) Programme from 2019-20 in four specialised Sector trades under the National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF). The approved B. Voc. specialised courses are

1. Tourism & Hospitality Management
2. Fashion Designing
3. Aquaculture

#### 4. IT-ITES (Information Technology- IT enabled services)

This would be more beneficial to the students as there are options in the programme for Diploma, Advanced Diploma and Degree certificates. So, the students are given awareness and encouraged to pursue vocational courses side-by-side general B.A. / B.Sc. degree courses. The UGC has also allowed pursuing dual degree programmes. The college is expecting that the students would be benefitted in future life by the additional skill imparted in the college. And this would surely contribute to reducing unemployment situation of the youths of the nation.