

Institutional Distinctiveness

INCLUSIVITY IN CAMPUS AND BEYOND

Govt. P G College for Women, Gandhinagar Jammu, a Constituent College of Cluster university of Jammu was established with the vision of empowering girl students coming from a very diverse social background ranging from underprivileged to affluent ones. The College spreads over 186 kanals of land and the main building is located in the suburbs of Jammu, on the southern bank of Tawi river. The Institution ensures to impart quality education not only through enhancing the intellectual ability of girls, but also provides a platform for holistic development. The College adopts the strategy of inclusive approach on the campus and beyond and institution caters to changing social and education global challenges, right from its inception. The mission of the College has always been to empower women by grooming her into better citizen enriched with self-confidence, preserverence, patriotism and above all humanism through a wide variety of activities. Inclusive education entails ease of access to the teaching –learning ecosystem, regardless of cognitive or disability challenges and equal opportunities for holistic development. Furthermore, the College also works for strengthening the climate of inclusivity in College at all levels viz., environmental, economic and social, as the inclusivity is be cultivated in various dimensions. To address the challenge of evolving and empowering a truly inclusive teaching-learning paradigm, the following practices which promote inclusivity in campus and beyond are:

- Collaborative learning practices.
- NCC/Sports activities.
- Skill based activities.

Collaborative learning/practices are a set of teaching and learning strategies, promoting student' teaching learning experience beyond curriculum. The College has introduced many Skill Enhancement courses in the syllabus like Communication skills/ Technology mediated English in Functional English, Reading and Listening skills, Communication Skills at the Workplace, and the motive of these courses is multi-sensory engagement which can be achieved through pedagogical sound practice. The motive of these courses is to empower girl students in current job market, where they can communicate and negotiate with challenges. Even differently-abled students are supported in their academic pursuits to bring them at par with other students in matters of academic competence and otherwise. Learning aids for the visually impaired students like Braille books facility is also available in the library, including provision of the reader and scribes for examination. The year 2019-20 came as a challenge for each one of us due to Covid-19 pandemic. During this testing time, making educational opportunities available for the students was the toughest task before the teaching fraternity. Govt. P.G. College, Gandhi Nagar took the challenge head-on and explored all types of digital e-platforms for delivering the curricula to the students. The Institute in collaboration with other distinct faculty, developed e-

content of the prescribed courses and the e-courses were made available on the College website for easy access to the students and teachers. Through this e-learning via virtual platforms, College has successfully reconciled with emerging global pandemic scenario.