

7.3 Institutional Distinctiveness

Women Empowerment through Vedic and Modern Education

Dayanand Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Kurukshetra affiliated to Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra was established in 1982 with the vision of empowering women students coming from diversified social backgrounds. Our mission is to attain excellence through value based education along with modern and advanced ways of learning.

The institution follows the principles and teachings of Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati, the founder of Arya samaj, who enlightened India by imparting the concept of holistic education. The vision and philosophy of great reformer Maharshi Dayanand was further given practical shape with an approach of science based modern education with a blend of Vedic values and that too with a great emphasis on women empowerment.

Following the philosophy of Swami Dayanand Saraswati, our college ensures to impart quality education to all of its students not only through enhancing their intellectual abilities but also by nurturing their talents and shaping their characters into better citizens enriched with self confidence, skills, and patriotism, human and moral values using both modern and Vedic ways of learning.

Moral Education

In modern times, when materialism and commercial approach to life is spreading its wings fast, the need to apprise the students to the wide range of morality has become very essential.

Morality is neither religious nor spiritual. It denotes only the values. Our institution empowers the students through value based education and making them strong enough to fight against the social evils in our society. College has a practice to perform Vedic Yajna regularly for the enlightenment of mind and soul of students on one hand and to improve the environment for all on the other. Students are trained to perform Yajna by organising workshops on 'How to perform Yajna', Workshops on Vedic Sanskriti, Vedic Chintan and on importance of moral values. A value added course on the importance of moral values has also been started. Moreover, special tests Arya Gyan Pariksha, debates, declamations, extension lectures etc. on the topics related to moral values are conducted regularly. Sanskrit Sambhashan shivirs are organised for the promotion of Vedic language Sanskrit so that our students may be able to speak, read and understand our ancient scriptures. All these strides lead to make the girls students stable, strong, patient, confident and well empowered human beings.

ICT based Modern Education

The vision and mission of the college is to provide moral based modern education by the use of innovative ICT based teaching practices to empower the girl students. College lays emphasis on sharpening their techno-vision to meet the requirements of the present scenario in the areas of career as well as normal life needs. For this purpose the college runs various technology/computer based programmes like B.Sc. (Computer Science), B.Com (Voc.) in computer applications, B.A. (Voc.) in Functional English and Bachelor in Tourism along with other traditional courses. Moreover Computer education (Fundamental of Computer awareness) is compulsory for all the 1st year students. Teaching through PPTs, Smart Classrooms, ICT based well equipped computer laboratories, Language Lab, ICT equipped Seminar Halls and availability of a lot of e-content (journals & books) in the library are a few significant strides taken in this direction.

Curricular and Co-curricular Activities

To create a dimension of collective enterprise in all round development of the students a wide range of sports, cultural, curricular and co-curricular activities are organised.

Various clubs and societies organise multiple activities to tap, nurture and hone the latent talents of students for their holistic development.

- Debate, declamation, quiz, poetical symposium, article writing for college magazine, essay writing competitions to augment the literary interests.
- Awareness programs, rallies, extension lectures to make them well aware, responsible citizens and to expand and extend their academic arena.
- Legal awareness programmes to make them well aware about their legal rights and duties, to make them legally strong and responsible citizens and empower them to fight for their rights.
- Workshops and development programs to make them learn different soft and life skills like yajna, self defence etc.
- Sports competitions to make them physically strong and inculcate the feelings of healthy competition, teamwork, leadership etc.
- Various cultural activities like singing, dancing, mime, mimicry, acting etc. to bring out and showcase their latent talents and improve them in the direction of careers also.
- Placement drives to make them financially independent persons.
- Women related various activities to address the various issues like female foeticide, dowry, illiteracy, gender bias, etc.
- Community service oriented social outreach programmes.

All these extra activities promote teamwork, dialectic thinking and growth oriented motivation in the students.

In this way the college creates a healthy and conducive atmosphere of learning with the help of innovative ICT based teaching practices, to poster a rational and scientific outlook, assembling well with our Indian cultural values leading to their holistic development and empowerment.