

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

Response:

TSWRD & PGC(W) Ibrahimpatnam (Telangana Social Welfare Residential Degree & PG College for Women) Telangana, which is a specialized institution for social sciences. Our institution emphasizes on innovative pedagogy, research-oriented approach, community engagement and state-of-the-art facilities. Our institution's primary thrust revolves around fostering a multidisciplinary learning environment where students engage across various fields to tackle complex global challenges by choosing courses under CBCS (Choice Based Credit System). Our distinctiveness is its priority to bridge traditional academic disciplines. It champions programs that encourage collaboration between diverse departments, promoting a holistic education that transcends boundaries. This institution's curriculum stands out for its integration of subjects. This approach instils in students a broader perspective, equipping them with adaptable skills crucial in today's dynamic world. Degree Online Services Telangana (DOST) was introduced in the year 2016 as an e-governance initiative of the Telangana government for centralized admission process into Undergraduate colleges in the state of Telangana. Students can exercise any number of options of their choice and they can prioritize their options and the seats will be allotted as per their merit cum roster reservation system as per their choice under CBCS system (Choice Based Credit System).

As we adopted residential pattern to study at undergraduate & PG level for women, the following distinctive features of our institution such as House Parent system, Impact and Quest programs, Community outreach initiatives and village learning centres bridge academia with wholistic development which address societal needs, promoting social responsibility and sustainable impact.

- **House parent system.** This is a unique system of gurukulams to provide guidance to the students and to build rapport between the students and the faculty for a better understanding of the aspirations, goals, challenges of the students and fine-tuning the same to excel in the areas of their interest. It is very much helpful to reach out to every student and to address their grievances regarding personal and academic issues, as students are boarding in the college.
- **IMPACT program:** The Impact program at our college fosters collaboration between parents and teachers, enhancing student success. Through open dialogue, parents gain insights into their child's academic and personal journey. This partnership cultivates a nurturing environment where students thrive academically, socially, and personally.
- **Quest program:** The Quest program at our institution transcends traditional learning by bringing lectures to students' homes. By immersing themselves in students' familial and societal environments, lecturers gain deeper insights into their lives, fostering tailored guidance and mentorship. This personalized approach empowers students to excel academically and thrive holistically in their communities.
- **Village Learning Centres:** During the COVID-19 pandemic, our college established Village Learning Centers, where lecturers provided educational support to underserved communities. Through innovative approaches, we ensured continuity in learning

despite challenges. This initiative reflects our commitment to inclusive education and community empowerment amidst adversity.

- **Community Outreach Programs:** The Department of Sociology's community outreach program fosters engagement by organizing workshops, providing educational resources, and conducting social research to address local issues. It collaborates with community leaders to empower residents, promotes social justice, and supports underserved populations, enhancing the community's overall well-being and fostering a culture of inclusivity.
- **NSS programs:** The institution actively fosters partnerships with industry leaders, promoting hands-on experience and real-world applications of knowledge. Further, community engagement through NSS volunteers forms a vital part of the institution's thrust. Students are encouraged to apply their knowledge and skills to address societal challenges. Collaborative projects, internships, and outreach programs strengthen the institution's ties with the community while providing practical learning opportunities for students.
- **Research and Innovation through internships and camps:** Internships and camps fuel research and innovation among students by providing hands-on experience and exposure to real-world challenges. With a centralized system from our Head office, our students get opportunities to participate in various internships and camps at national and international level like Community college Initiative Program, The University of Glasgow internship, Young India fellowship, Kalinga internship, Training sessions at MHRD. These camps and internships foster creativity, problem-solving skills, and collaboration, nurturing a culture of inquiry and experimentation. Such opportunities bridge academia with industry, empowering students to become future innovators and leaders in their fields.
- **The National Cadet Corps (NCC):** NCC in our college was initiated with a vision to foster leadership, discipline, and patriotism among students through regular drills, camps, and social activities. NCC cultivates qualities essential for nation-building, empowering youth with skills that extend beyond academics, shaping well-rounded individuals for society. With this we approached 1(T) Telangana military battalion. They are ready to sanction NCC unit at our college, after a formal inspection. We are expecting them in this month.
- **Cultural Diversity:** In a country like India life is synonymous with festivals, each of these reflects our culture and tradition, breaking from the daily routine these festivals bring with them a wave of excitement and happiness. Our institution cherishes a quality that represents institutional distinctiveness by celebrating important festivals of all religions. Celebrations of "Bathukamma", and Christmas bring a wholesome package of gratification. Undoubtedly, these festivals will bring cohesiveness, interaction, and affinity among members.
- **Add-on courses:** Majority of our students are from financially challenged, marginalized, and underprivileged conditions. Hence, our institution became a resource center for the students who look for self-employment opportunities besides academics. They include **Eco- friendly packaging course** in collaboration with PURE organization. Our institution in collaboration with Rachakonda security council started **Aakruthi- fashion designing course**.
- **French as Second Language:** Introducing French at the undergraduate level enriches students' academic experience by broadening cultural perspectives and enhancing language skills. It prepares students for global careers, facilitates international study

opportunities, and deepens understanding of Francophone cultures. This addition supports a diverse curriculum, fostering a more comprehensive liberal arts education.

The vision of the college is “*To encourage, educate and empower the young women through dissemination of knowledge*”. The institution thrives on the utilization of available resources at an optimal level ensuring the students experience the best learning ambience.