



*Satyaniketans*

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### **Institutional Distinctiveness**

**Introduction** – Adv. M. N. Deshmukh Arts, Science and Commerce College is founded by Satyaniketan Institute in June, 1993. The College is situated in tribal area. It surrounded by forty tribal villages. As a result, majority of the college coming students belong to ST community. The number of girl’s students is remarkable and noticeable. Education is a main thrust of the college. The college has been striving right from its commencement for imparting quality higher education to the tribal students, who were earlier deprived of it.

**Vision** – As the college is situated in tribal area, it strongly believes in working ‘not for but with the tribal people. The tribes are socially, economically and educationally disadvantaged. So, it is obvious that education is a main thrust. The college strives to bring these tribal people into the main stream of the nation.

In the beginning, it was realized the tribal parents were reluctant to send their daughters to college. Now the situation is changed. Most of the girls seek admission to college.

The college wants to contribute its share in ‘Women-Empowerment. So, it has started a girls hostel named, Late Anusayabai Nanasaheb Deshmukh Girls Hostel. It is unaided. The college provides this facility to the girl-students with meager charges.

**Priority** – Concept of ‘Self-Cooking’ while giving admission to the hostel, priority is given to girl-students who are from economically disadvantaged families.

‘Self-cooking’ is the unique feature of the hostel. For the purpose, the college has created ‘Community Kitchen’ in the hostel. It provides water, electricity and gas facilities to girl students. The group of the girl-students are formed according to their convenience. Each group consists of 5 to 6 girls. The girls are from first year to post graduate courses. During the year 2019-20, girls are admitted in the hostel. Self cooking leads to ‘Self-reliant life. Most of the girls have completed their schooling from Government Hostels. They used to get ready-made food. So, when the girls, seek admission to this hostel they are unable to cook. They gradually learn how to cook. Tasks and duties are assigned to each girl in the group. The girls bring kitchen utensils and grains, spices from their homes. They buy vegetables from weekend vegetable market. The girls cook food, wash pots, clean utensils and kitchen

on their own. It leads to the awareness of 'self-responsibility.' After some days, these girl students become good 'cooks'.

Most of the girls from urban area, cosmopolitan cities are not able to cook. It results in many family problems, even to break marriages. The girls learn various recipes, cook different items of their choice and taste. The food cooked by them has nutritious value. Contribution to and enhancement of 'National Integration.'

The girl-students in the hostel, belong to different castes , creeds of religions. But they live together here with the feelings of affinity, love and togetherness. It results in sense of girlhood among them. They easily overcome the obstacles of caste and religion. It forms healthy and familiar atmosphere among them. It ultimately contributes to 'National Integration & its enhancement.

Self-cleanliness leads to 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan (Campaign).

The girl-students sweep the rooms, passage in 'Varandas', hostel premises. They wash their clothes on their own, even they keep clean the washrooms on their own. It indicates the realization of cleanliness. It is 'One step to Swachh Bharat Campaign; a great achievement.'

**Thrust** – Main objective of the college is to impart quality higher education to tribal students, especially girl-students. So the college runs its own Girls Hostel. It is completely unaided. The girls are made here self-reliant in cooking, so that they should not come across any cooking problems after marriage. One educated woman can support the whole family. The girls from this hostel hold good posts and have become successful in their lives; It leads 'Women-Empowerment, a great achievement.



  
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