

# **Institutional Distinctiveness**

## **STUDENTS EMPOWERMENT AND SUPPORT**

Students Are the core part of any educational system and apart from academics it is the responsibility of each and every institution to support and make every attempt for the students who belong to the marginalized sectors of the society in some or the other way. The SVKT College is situated on the outskirts of the Nashik city and therefore, majority of the students who take admission in this college belong to around 40 to 45 surrounding villages. Such students are from the vernacular backgrounds and have many social, economic, domestic and academic problems. The college, after giving a deep thought, in order to help and support students to overcome such problems started some novel schemes and services in collaborations with some NGOs and Philanthropists. The sole aim of initiating such services is to bridge the gap between marginalized students and the privileged students. Every attempt is being made by the college to create awareness about equity in gender and social behaviors among the students. Followings are some of the unique and distinguished services provided by the college to the students.

### **1. Scholarship from Hindustan Petroleum:**

In order to support students in terms of providing financial assistance, the college provides all government sponsored scholarships. Despite of getting such scholarships, there are innumerable students who are not capable of paying their fees neither could they afford to buy books and other educational supplements. Dr. Vijay Medhane, the principal of the college communicated the management of Hindustan Petroleum, a Non-Government Organization, and convinced it for providing scholarship from its CSIR funds to the students who belong to .... Category. SVKT College is the unique college in Nashik that provides such kind

of facility. This facility was initiated from the academic year 2018 and since then it has been successfully run in the college till time.

Followings are the details of the beniferies of this facility.

## **2. Snacks at Nominal Cost (Puri-Bhaji Kendra)**

As it is already mentioned, the college has students from near about 45 surrounding villages, they need to commute from a long distance. Majority of the students belong to the Below Poverty Level; therefore, they cannot afford going to the near by hotels or snack centers for any kind of breakfast if at all they require. The college, following the footprints of the founders of its mother institute MVP Samaj, Nashik, communicated with many NGS and Philanthropists who could provide their service in terms of providing some snacks to the students at No Loss No Profit basis. Ultimately, Birmanisheth, one of the well-known philanthropists and social worker came forward and agreed to provide his service of giving snack in terms of Puri-Bhaji at just a nominal cost of Rs. 6. These are the days when even a small pack of biscuits costs more than 5 Rs. But students from our college get puri-bhaji, just at Rs. 6. Around 300 students get benefit of this services. The snacks are provided on the campus itself. Every care is taken by both the parties as far as quality and hygiene of the food is concerned.