

INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS

The distinctiveness of D.B.G. Government College, Panipat is prominent through endeavors of the institution. The institution aims to develop a holistic and inclusive environment at the campus for an overall development. The institution is rigorously committed to Sustainable Development after the universal adoption of the interlinked 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2015 for peace, prosperity and protection of nature for now and future. SDGs emphasize on good health and well-being, clean water and sanitation, quality education, gender equality, industry, infrastructure, economic growth, climate action, peace, justice and strong institutions among others. Following the United Nations' blueprint, the college is also engaged in multifaced activities.

The institution took efforts to move beyond classroom teaching through exploration and interaction with nature. The institution has been targeting to develop basic agricultural skills among students in campus through their involvement in cultivation practices with the help of National Service Scheme and Eco club. An initiative has been taken by the Eco club to plant more than 100 species with medicinal benefits such as amla, tulsi, neem, banyan tree, peepal tree, arjun tree, lemon grass, insulin saplings, mint, turmeric, among others. There is a separate Pakshi Vihar in botanical garden of the college where birds regularly fly for feeding themselves. Further, students indulged in the celebration of the important days related to environment such as World Environment Day, Earth Day, Yoga Day and participated in cleanliness drives, plantation drives to deeply connect to the environment. The college has adopted the policy of Reduce, Recycle and Reuse and natural landscape predominates the campus with a rich biodiversity of flora and fauna. Environmental consciousness has been an integrated component of the college activity.

The college has also restricted the entry of automobiles taking into consideration the effects of pollution on health and environment. Only the vehicles of staff members and students are allowed to enter the college campus. There are separate parking places for the vehicles of the staff and the students. Students are encouraged to use bicycles instead of motorbikes and scooters. Separate areas have been marked on the roads inside the campus to facilitate the pedestrians. There is a complete ban on the use of the plastics inside the campus and the same has been reflected by the use of placards in the campus. To establish an eco-friendly environment on the campus, the institution plans to install a solar power system to minimize the carbon emissions and follows the

policy of replacing lighting fixture with LED lights. The college already has an installed rain water harvesting system, thus fulfilling the water requirements and enabling its conservation too.

The college promotes gender equity and sensitivity through various gender equity promotion programmes. The college renders female employees and girl students a platform to improve their status in society through literacy, education, skill training, awareness and confidence. To promote a culture of equality, freedom and respect, college campus has NSS unit, Women cell, Legal literacy cell, Eco club, cultural club, sports department and supportive staff members. It helps to fill them with self-confidence, life-determining decision-making power, empower socially, economically and legally. Several activities have been conducted from time-to-time for the promotion of national values and communal harmony among girl students. Women cell in the college is working actively for women's awareness and betterment of the lifestyle. Women cell has organized self-defence training, vocational skills development programs such as 'art and craft workshop, workshop on beauty parlour skills' and extension lectures with respect to personal hygiene for girls and health and nutrition. Further, Helping Heart Counselling cell of the college provided meditation sessions for better mental health. Legal literacy cell is engaged in promoting gender equality and women's legal rights and also provide information about their fundamental rights recognized by the Constitution of India, medical termination of pregnancy. For this Legal Experts are invited to the college for lectures every year. NSS unit of the college has always received equal participation of girls in various college related as well as social activities such as visiting old age homes and taking care of them. Further, the Department of Physical Education has increased girl's participation in sports events. The college is committed to interdisciplinary education and capacity building of young women in development and professional education. The college faculty and students have responsibly engaged with people and communities, fulfilling its role in making knowledge and information accessible to women students.

The college also provides facilities for the differently abled and work extensively to engage with the local community through each of its departments. The college has divyangjan friendly and barrier free environment. There are small ramps at various places in the college for the convenient entry and exit of the differently abled students and staff and there is a separate big ramp for the differently abled students and staff to facilitate their movement to all corners of the college. On every floor there are separate wash rooms for the differently abled students and staff. The college

has its own wheel chair to be used by any differently abled person in the college as and when required. There is also facility of water cooler in the campus for providing clean drinking water to the staff and the students. The college strictly believes in the adherence to the code of ethics by the students and staff as well. The college has displayed code of conduct on its website and organizes professional ethics programmes from time to time. There are separate committees to look after the matters efficiently pertaining to discipline and incidents of ragging and sexual harassment in the college. So far, no incident of ragging has been reported in the college.

So, the above-mentioned details of the college clearly state that the college has performed distinctively in the last few years and further it can be assured that the concept of sustainable development will be forever attached with Desh Bandhu Gupta Government College, Panipat and will be even outreach towards the society with its broader framework of activities.