

Institutional Distinctiveness

To impart higher education to the youth residing in the rural, hilly, earthquake prone, economically backward Patan and surrounding region, which is the Mission Statement of the college, Balasaheb Desai College is the only multi faculty college in the vicinity imparting higher education to students of Patan Tehsil. The mission statement of the Institution is translated through different activities run by the Institute.

To inculcate the awareness about physical and mental fitness among students, the Institute has an active NCC unit, started in 2015-16 with 15 students. In 2018-19 college has been sanctioned full NCC unit of 52 students. After the foundation of NCC unit, in very short span of time NCC cadets have acquired remarkable achievements at State and National level. NCC activities infuse atmosphere of discipline in the college campus. To instill value of patriotism, every year on Republic Day, NCC unit felicitates army ex-servicemen and brave widows of martyr. The unit also organizes activities like war demo and mock drills for them. As our college is located in heavy rainfall catchment area, in flood situation our Institute offers all possible help to flood affected people with the help of NCC & NSS volunteers. The Institution tries to provide clothes, food and other such stuff for them.

Our college is located in **Western Ghat- A biodiversity rich zone**. To preserve the biodiversity we take initiatives and make students sow different types of plants in the college campus. Our college is a green campus with all good practices essential for maintaining greenery. Every year NSS and NCC units collect **Nirmalya** (waste) created at the bank of the Koyana River on the occasion of Ganesh Festival. This activity is organized in collaboration with Patan Gram Panchayat and Rotary Club, Patan. It helps in controlling the pollution of the river.

The students in the rural area are unaware of the employment opportunities. They should be given special skills with which they can initiate their own business or earn money. Hence college has introduced new soft skill development courses that have a greater local applications and opportunities of self-employment. At the end of the programme students will have achieved different types of soft skills required for successful life. Therefore college tries to persuade students to enroll for such soft skill courses.

Our college is the first center offering higher education in science faculty in the remote area. To run the science stream successfully, we take special efforts to create awareness and

interest in science among high school students. For this we conduct ***Bal Vaidnyanik Competition***. This is a **Science Aptitude Test** specially designed and conducted for high school students of 7th and 9th class in Patan Tehsil. Winners are honored by cash prizes and certificates.

There are 22, Ph.D. awarded faculties and 11, research guides in the college that indicates rich research potential of the staff. We have university recognized research laboratory. We have university approved research projects especially in chemistry and commerce departments. The students get academic benefits from such expertise.