

# **Manoharbai Patel College of Arts, Commerce & Science, Sakoli**

## **Institutional Distinctiveness**

Spreading the light of knowledge and education as much and as wide as possible has been the mission of the college. Accordingly, the college has constantly strived right since its inception to bring as much access to education as possible in the remote and backward region (Naxalite affected) where it is located. Starting with a handful of students and just two undergraduate programs in the 1968, the college now caters to over 2000 students and offers 3 undergraduate, 7 postgraduate programs. It is not just the sheer number of students, but the profile of the student population too, which shows that the college has effectively worked towards its mission goals so far. The student population consists of almost 65% girl students and overall 85% of its students come from backward and weaker classes of the society. Thus, the college caters to the underprivileged sections of the society in terms of providing access to education. But along with the increase in the quantum of access, the college has also constantly strived to improve the ways in which the access is given with regular up-gradation, modernization and innovation. On the one hand, the college has focused on the quality of education by having a qualified and well-trained staff, latest facilities and resources for effective teaching-learning and good support systems for students. On the other hand, it has persistently worked towards modernization of infrastructure and facilities, bringing latest developments to the college and promoting innovations in its approaches and work. Thus, while the college has expanded its basket of educational opportunities and its reach to a large number of students, predominantly from the underprivileged sections, it has also improved the quality of its offering. These underprivileged students now have an access to education, ICT-based classroom practices, global connectivity through wi-fi and high-speed internet and strong scope to pick up 21st century skills. Innovations in pedagogic and assessment practices, skills-oriented education, multifaceted development of students, conscious promotion of green practices and nurturing moral and ethical values have been the highlights of the college. Thus, providing ever-increasing access to education with constant improvement in quality and keeping pace with time has been the distinctive feature of the college, which reflects its mission and vision.

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