

## **Distinctiveness of the college**

Siddharth College of Arts, Science and Commerce is distinct and unique since it has evolved a tradition and culture of imparting education to a section of the society which has been marginalized for generations. Its distinctiveness also stems from the fact that it educates the underprivileged students to face all kinds of challenges and attempt at changing deprivation into prosperity.

Our college has singularly played a pivotal role in cultivating, nurturing and inculcating a high sense of dignity among individuals who have been deprived of education which is a powerful weapon to win the battle against discrimination of every kind. Our founding father Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar regarded education as a nation-building activity, as a powerful mechanism for the upliftment of the marginalized classes who make up a larger part of the Indian society. According to Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar academic excellence is, beyond doubt, the greatest equalizer.

We, at Siddharth College believe that education kindles the embers of self-esteem and evokes a sense of confidence. Our distinctiveness is rooted in our attempts to develop an institution where the students would learn to hold their heads high and awake into the world of pride, knowledge and prosperity.

When our students walk into the portals of Siddharth College they are a demoralized lot with very poor grades and some of them having made multiple attempts at passing their school final and junior college exams. Our moment of glory comes when these very students excel at the university exams and some of them also secure distinctions due to the combined efforts of the faculty and the students themselves. Many of our alumni have made us proud due to their achievements and also contributed greatly to the growth and prosperity of our nation. Our students have proved their worth by making it to IIT, ICT, IISER, TISS, Mumbai University etc. for higher studies.

Also some of our students who are greatly inspired and motivated by social awareness and were a part of NSS engage in the social sector and make that small change which has the power to make a difference to the society, and the world, at large! Our college students always excel in extra co-curricular activities as well and get opportunities to build their careers through them by the hands on experience they gain having been a part of the NSS, NCC, Cultural and Sports team etc. Today our students who were a part of NCC are a matter of jubilation for us having dedicated their lives to the cause of the nation by being a part of the armed forces. Many of them are a part of the big bright world of the media. We hope that in future also we will be able to bask in the glory of having invested our energies fruitfully to the best of our capabilities and that they will live up to the expectations of the majority.

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