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## INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS 2021-22

Sivanath Sastri College was set up as part of a vision to support and empower women as part of the progressive Brahmo Movement in Bengal. It was established as the first women's commerce college in South Kolkata and has been able to retain its position as one of the top commerce colleges in the State. Commerce education plays an important role in the empowerment of women and aims at improving their social and economic conditions, develop their professional aptitude and make them self-reliant. Our college has a long history of providing women with access to high quality commerce education. Commerce education at Sivanath Sastri College prepares students for successful careers in business and finance and also equips them with the knowledge to succeed in any sphere of life.

Since its affiliation to the University of Calcutta in 1961, the college has expanded its activities steadily and regularly. New subjects were introduced and many of them with Honours teaching affiliations. Soon the reputation of the institution spread far and wide. During the brief period of 67 years, this Women's Branch has been catering immensely to the growing needs of the women students, many of whom might otherwise have been deprived of higher education.

The success of all such arrangements has been amply borne out by the long and sustained record of brilliant achievements of the students in all University Examinations and placements. Imparting education in Commerce, Humanities and Science stream, the institution allows students to apply their theoretical knowledge to real-world situations and to develop their skills and the confidence needed to excel in their future careers.

The college also encourages students to participate in co-curricular activities which provide them with opportunities to develop leadership skills, build team work and make lasting friendship. These activities also help to create a supportive and inclusive community, essential for the personal and professional growth of women. The support and mentorship provided by faculty and staff help to ensure that the female students are able to compete against all odds.

The vision of the institution is reflected in its activities and policies. The college commemorates days and events that are significant in our culture. One of the Best Practices of the college, as outlined in the Institutional Website, is the adoption of activities that lead to self-awareness. Dance and Drama Workshops on issues such as corruption, feudal exploitation in rural areas, violence in contemporary urban life, the concerns of the youth are organized regularly. While the institution believes in the current emphasis on scientific and commercial ventures, on digitalization, it also believes in retaining the core values of the Education System. Regular seminars and workshops are an integral part of education at Sivanath Sastri College.

Its proximity to the slums of Kankulia Road and Panchanantala and to a local railway station makes the college accessible to the economically challenged sections of the society as also to the suburban areas and the rural hinterland. The college administration is also planning to extend its service to rural areas of South 24 Parganas thereby fulfilling the objectives of the reaching the unreached. To this effect, a plot of land for its second campus has been purchased in the rural hinterland.

Financial assistance is provided for students from the economically weaker sections through various scholarships.

The NSS Unit of the college, the Extension Committee and the Alumni Association reach out regularly to the adjacent slum areas with medical camps and health awareness drives. The students of our college are also trained to reach out to the refuges of natural calamities in remote areas with relief materials.

Culture of inclusion and harmony is the tradition of the college and is aptly reflected in the participation of students from different religious backgrounds in all cultural events and programmes.

In conclusion, Sivanath Sastri College plays an important role in empowering girls through its high quality academic programmes, opportunities for practical experience and co-curricular activities that equip them with the knowledge, skills and support they need to succeed in life.



Principal

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