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7.3 Institutional Distinctiveness

Education plays a vital role in empowering the youth and shapes the creative and critical Knowledge of the students. As most of our students hailing from rural area the College functions with the Vision to empower them and enhance their intellectual and social uplift. Beyond academics, the Institution trains students through various skill development strategies that transform them from mere degree holders into a competent, skilled workforce, which in the long run would constructively contribute towards social transformation.

- Being an Autonomous institution, following CBCS, care is taken to design the curriculum that suits local/national/global needs.
- O To develop students' higher order cognitive skills, writing assignments on issues related to the subject are given which accelerates students' Creative Thinking and Conceptualizing skills. Taking Seminars with PPT develop their Synthesizing and Presentation Skills. Students' interacting with experts during Seminars, Workshops and Conferences promotes their Analytical and Application skills. Industrial visits, Study Tours, Field visits enable students gather insights on Industrial Practices and latest technologies that promotes students' Questioning and Reporting skills. In Model Making sessions, students' finding their own solutions stimulates their Problem solving skills.
- Since majority of the rural students are first generation learners, lack of competence in communication skills in English is their major challenge. Sri Kaliswari College anchors efforts to help them develop communication skills in English Language Lab is setup with Orell Software.
- College offers opportunities to the aspiring students to develop communication skills in Hindi. Under Part-I a separate course 'Practical Hindi' and an Extra Credit Course are offered.
- The students gain hands on experience through internships and on-Job-training in companies.
- o To kindle the Research Aptitude of the students, Project Work has been included in the curriculum in the pg Level.
- Smart classrooms enable an interactive and a lively learning atmosphere.
 Remedial coaching classes are arranged for slow learners.

- Wi-Fi enabled campus, Internet/Intranet facilities, 10 Mbps Optic fibre connectivity Computers, Printers, Scanners connected through LAN Smart classrooms, White Interactive board with Touch screen LCD Projectors, Video conferencing facility, Utilizing these ICT enabled facilities help students acquire the latest technical skills.
- Students have enrolled for MOOC, SWAYAM, Spoken Tutorials, IIT, Mumbai online courses. College is recognized as NPTEL local chapter and staff/students pursue NPTEL courses.
- Student representatives are incorporated into various committees as
 Department Association, Campus discipline, Grievance redressal, Canteen,
 Hostel Management/Mess and Youth Welfare Committees.
- Entrepreneurship Development Cell offers students practical training programmes and conducts workshops on Entrepreneurship and through interaction with successful entrepreneurs students learn nuances of entrepreneurship.
- The Placement Cell enables the students to acquire career oriented skills through Campus Recruitment Training Programmes and arranges Interface Programmes with prominent Alumni to familiarize the students with the Industrial demands.

Thus, Skill Development strategies transform Rural Students Community of the institution from mere degree holders into a competent, skilled workforce.