

INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS



Sree Narayana College, Chengannur is the living embodiment of the great saint, scholar and social reformer Sree Narayana Guru who advocated “Enlightenment through Education”. Guru believed that only through education the downtrodden people could be uplifted. Most of the students of the institution are from the reservation categories, thereby upholding Guru’s principle of empowerment through education for the backward section of the society. More than 70% of the students avail Scholarships mainly E-grants, Snehapoorvam, Suvarna Jubily Merit Scholarship, Post Metric Scholarship, University Merit Scholarship, Central Sector Scholarship, Indira Gandhi Single Girl Child Scholarship etc.

The Guru believed that the liberation of any society is complete only if the women are emancipated. This emancipation does not mean liberation from male domination, but liberation from the different social forces that curb her freedom and stunts her individuality. According to Guru, education is the only means to emancipate women. Subsequently, the women developed an identity, individuality, dignity and gained a respectable place in the society. Our institution aims to empower women from economically and socially backward strata of society through education. The gender audit data's reinforce the fact that the majority of its students are girls and thus the institution has a major role to uplift the women community in the nearby rural areas. It is to be further pointed out that the women representation is also reflected in the teaching staff, that almost 90% of its staff are women. The institution thereby strives to achieve gender equality in society.

The institution aspires to realize the significance of education by organizing exhibitions on Guru's literature. Every year exhibitions are arranged by the General Library of the college, which includes writings and books of Sree Narayana Gurudevan. Our college library is equipped with the rare book collections of Guru. In order to inspire the students regarding the reforms and revolutionary ideas, several exquisite and inspirational works of Guru are exhibited regularly. Thus, the institution gives priority to Guru's teachings, ideologies, and principles and thereby constantly providing value-based education to our students.

Sree Narayana Studies Forum has been formed with the intention of promoting the teachings of Sree Narayana Guru. The Study Centre aims to impart knowledge of the Guru's vision and works to the student community through various activities. The College emphasises the importance of Gurus doctrines by organizing seminar series named "**Guru Arul**" on Founders Day (Sankar's Day) every year. Various eminent personalities are invited to give lectures on Guru's principles, encouraging students and staff to learn more about the brilliant social reformer who fought against social discrimination against the untouchables. Thus, the college

endeavours to mould morally awakened and socially committed fraternity of young men and women through education.

In order to promote social welfare activities, the staff and students of the college actively participated in various charitable events under “**Guru Hastham**” programme. The programme aims to foster social responsibilities of teachers and students by participating in socially committed works. The participation of students and teachers in rescue and relief activities during the flood was highly appreciating. Students actively engaged as covid barricades during the covid pandemic, and the college also distributed disinfectants to combat the virus. In addition to these, the staff association of the college financially supports affected students and staff. The college is also involved in supporting students suffering from diseases like cancer. In association with NSS, the college also extended support to patients suffering from Muscular Dystrophy (MD) and Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA). These activities will surely creates a sense of social responsibility among teachers and students. The students are also encouraged to participate in the palliative care to inculcate the spirit of care. All activities of “**Guru Hastham**” aims to instill human values such as love, sharing, and kindness in the minds of students.

Thus, the institution is in the process of igniting a socioeconomic revolution as well as a gender revolution in society. It may not be out of place to point out that one of the great messages of Sree Narayana Guru is “**One Caste, One God, One Religion for humanity**”. The college makes a systematic effort to instill this philosophy in the minds of its students as part of its sustained efforts to create a new society which is free from the divisions of Caste and religion, and which cherishes the values of equality, fraternity and liberty.