

Sree Narayana College, Chengannur, aligns itself with the teachings and principles of the great saint, scholar, and social reformer Sree Narayana Guru. Guru was known for advocating "**Enlightenment through Education**," emphasizing the transformative power of education in uplifting marginalized and downtrodden sections of society. The institution focuses on Guru's teachings, ideologies and principles, which reflects in all its workings and activities, especially in its dedication to provide value-based education. This kind of education goes beyond academic knowledge and instils ethical and moral values in students, helping them become responsible and socially conscious citizens. The vital role played by the college in providing a holistic and value-based education to its students, fostering an appreciation for social reform, and preserving cultural heritage, is elaborated below:

Most of the students of the institution are from the reservation categories, which demonstrates the institution's commitment towards implementing Sree Narayana Guru's belief in **empowering the backward sections of society through education**. By admitting and supporting students from these communities, the college is working towards social inclusion and equity. 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 emphasis on women's emancipation and empowerment in line with the teachings of Sree Narayana Guru is a significant aspect of the mission and philosophy of our institution. Sree Narayana Guru's belief that the liberation of society is incomplete without the emancipation of women underscores the importance of gender equality and the role of education in achieving it. Our institution **aims to empower women from economically and socially backward strata of society through education**. The gender audit data's reinforce fact that the majority of students are girls which highlights the concrete steps being taken to uplift the women's community in the surrounding rural areas. Additionally, the high representation of women in the teaching staff not only reflects gender balance but also provides female students with role models and mentors, further promoting gender equality. By actively promoting women's education and ensuring women's representation in both students and staff, the institution contributes to breaking down gender barriers and fostering a more inclusive and equitable society.

Sree Narayana College, Chengannur, places a strong emphasis on promoting the significance of education through various initiatives, including **exhibitions focused on the literature and writings of Sree Narayana Gurudevan**. These exhibitions play a crucial role

in educating students about the profound teachings, ideologies, and principles of Sree Narayana Guru, and they have several important implications:

The fact that the college library houses rare book collections of Sree Narayana Gurudevan demonstrates a commitment in preserving valuable historical and literary resources. This not only benefits the students but also contributes to the preservation of cultural heritage. By regularly organizing exhibitions featuring Guru's writings and books, the institution provides students with direct access to the wisdom and revolutionary ideas of Sree Narayana Guru. The exhibitions serve as a platform to create awareness about the social and educational reforms advocated by Sree Narayana Guru. By showcasing the works of Guru, the institution contributes to the promotion of Kerala's rich cultural heritage and intellectual traditions. It helps students and the broader community appreciate the contributions of Guru to society and culture.

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 create 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 instil 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.