## **Institutional Distinctiveness**

The Ahmednagar College is anchored and crusades on the three mottoes "Not Things But Men","I Dare You" and "Ye Shall Know the Truth" which exhibits the unfaltering dedication of the College to the ideals of building personalities with transformative potential, as advocated by the Founder of the College Rev. Dr. B. P. Hiwale.

This objective is achieved through imparting low-cost but high-quality education along with a transformative environment. The students of diverse backgrounds are given an opportunity for developing their intellectual curiosity and devotion to knowledge, thereby preparing them for a proactive role in effective change in their own life, their immediate society, the nation and the world at large.

The Institution is committed to being a pioneer in the field of career-focused quality education through its strong teaching-learning process and has been offering 10 certificate courses,22 undergraduate,19 postgraduate and 8 PhD Research Centre. These programs are taught by experienced and expert teachers who use ICT tools for teaching.

Along with making use of other best practices in pedagogy, the holistic development of the students is achieved by facilitating their participation in various activities: academic, sports, social service, leadership, cultural etc. Students are provided exposure to advanced learning through research projects, exhibitions and seminars. Students are also encouraged to take part in competitions, seminars and workshops organized by other institutes for their furtherance.

The College also reflects its broad vision through its different units such as: NSS, NCC, Snehbandh, Women Cell, Gymkhana, Theatre Group, Gandhian Studies Centre etc., as well as other departments to raise the abilities of the students to play a proactive role in the neighborhood.

The characteristic feature of the College is the Gandhian **Study Centre** advocating the Gandhian philosophy among the youth of Ahmednagar college and the society at large.

Since its inception in 2010 the Centre dedicatedly providing guidance to the College and School students in Ahmednagar district. From 2010- 2020 the Centre has conducted periodic activities like: Gandhian Thought Camp, Gandhian Thoughts Examination, State level Elocution Competition, Certificate Course in Gandhian thoughts, Gandhi Darshan Poster Exhibition, Movies on Gandhi, Naturopathy Camp, Workshop for Teacher, Gandhi Week, Prerana (The Motivational For Primary School

Student) and other activities facilitating societal friendship, peace, communal harmony, nonviolence, etc. for a conflict-free world.

The Centre works in coherence with the national objectives for the Development of youth in Ahmednagar college. The Centre believes that the Gandhian thoughts need to be analyzed from different perspectives like establishing the relevance of Gandhian thoughts to solve contemporary problems by administrating special activities related to environmental awareness, organic farming, self-employment training for women, health awareness for women, khadi exhibition, workshops on Gandhiji's idea of education (for school teacher), non-conventional energy resource workshop etc.

In the year 2019-2020 the center conducts various activities

- 1.Conduction of Gandhi Vichar Sanskar Pariksha. The students from various classes participated in this exam.
- 2.Participation of Gandhian Workshops and Camps
  One of our students attended 7day's State level Camp on "Gandhi after 50" on 29<sup>th</sup>
  Jan to 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2020 at JES college, Jalana
- 3.Delivered Lectures on "Gandhi and Youth", "Gandhi and Today's Youth", "Relevance of Gandhi's Thoughts", "Mahatma Gandhi and Journalism" to various nearby colleges to inspire youth.
- 4.On the occasion of 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi Center organized Essay Competition

On the topics

- 1.Gandhi's thoughts on Education
- 2.Mahatma Gandhi and HR
- 3. Mahatma Gandhi and Human values
- 4. Mahatma Gandhi and World peace.
- 5. In Pandemic situation delivered lecture on "Need of Gandhian Thoughts in Covid-19 pandemic Period "

These activities foster for holistic development of youth in Ahmednagar college. The Center has adopted six Zillah Parishad schools in Ahmednagar district. The response from the students is overwhelming and we have no doubt that the new generation will be progressing towards a peaceful world.