

7.3 Institutional Distinctiveness

The institute has an objective of providing academic programmes in a stimulating and Conducive environment, for the intellectual and ethical growth of diverse student community focusing on building synergy. The Institution strives to provide a holistic and inclusive education which includes **skill development**, **experiential learning**, **collaborations**, **value based education**, **and exchange programs**. The institution, true to its vision, inculcates quality education by augmenting professional and relational competencies for innovation, entrepreneurship, and capability enhancement of students to be self-reliant and socially responsible citizens. The Institution has signed national and international MOU's with industries and academic institutions to provide skill based training and certificate programs, internships, industrial visits, seminars, conference, joint workshops, faculty and student exchange programs to enrich entrepreneurial traits such as leadership, perseverance, creativity, passion, values and ethics.

Academic calendar highlights various activities like seminars, conferences, workshops, extension, lectures, special occasions, awareness camps and rallies, charity and donation programs, study tours and industrial visits. The students are provided **scholarships and freeships** based on their merit and the economic strata. Fees concessions for the employees children are also provided. The faculty are given financial support for research activities and duty leaves to participate in various orientation programs, refresher courses, faculty development programs and workshops. Communal harmony, tolerance and national integration is promoted through invited talks, cultural competitions and **celebration of Indian festivals, commemoration of special days**. Value education classes for students are conducted on the first Friday of every month.

To empower the economically weaker section students, the departments and ED cell of the institution provides projects like "Lab to Land", "Earn while you Learn" and "Entrepreneurs Meet". Patrician Incubation Centre in collaboration with Wadhwani Foundation, Bharathiya Yuva Sakthi Trust, EDII & University of Madras ED hub, and Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education, MoE, provides facilities like training to develop prototype, counseling and mentoring, marketing, to become job providers rather than job seekers. To showcase their business ideas and products students are encouraged to participate in various state and national level hackathons and projects expos through Institution Innovation council.

During the pandemic, to be self-reliant the students with the institution support developed a sanitizer sensor machine and the sanitizers which aligns with the national objectives of *Athmanirbhar* and *Make in India*.

Extra-curricular activities are focused by the institution for honing the personality of the students. Many students emerge as speakers, artists, dancers, painters, writers, motivators, photographers, entrepreneurs and establish themselves as professionals and many of them have opened their academies and business units. The institution with the motive of "Reach the Unreached" has made all the I year students to take part mandatorily 40 hrs Uniques extension program "SEEDS" in association with Government and Non-Government organizations.