

Government Degree College Gajwel, Siddipet District

Institutional Distinctiveness

As the process of fulfilling India's educational obligations, the State Government of the then Andhra Pradesh established the Government Degree College at Gajwel Village in the erstwhile Medak district of Andhra Pradesh (now in Telangana State) in the year 1997 with the special efforts of the then local MLA Dr. Vijaya Rama Rao. Since the inception, the institution has been providing need-based higher education at an affordable cost to the rural youth from distant places. Since then the college has been growing in higher stature and was accredited with "B" Grade by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in the year 2006 in the 1st Cycle of NAAC Assessment and Accreditation and was re-accreditation again with "B" in the 2nd Cycle in the year 2012. And now the institution is preparing for the 3rd Cycle of NAAC Assessment and Accreditation.

The college has well defined Vision, Mission and Core Values which reflect the unique characters of the Institution, needs of the students and value orientation. They are communicated to all its stakeholders. The college was established to bring out the innate potential of the rural poor of Gajwel, a small town in Siddipet District. The mission of the college is to provide quality education to students from all strata of the society. The College, being affiliated to Osmania University, has to conform to the norms set by the State in matters of administration and instruction within the broad framework of a set curriculum. The college addresses itself to a wide range of students' needs by introducing new self-financed courses to meet the ever changing requirement and employability through the B.A., B.Com., and B.Sc. programmes with specializations and with different courses combinations. The Vision, Mission and Core Values and even the emblem of the institution reflect the commitment of the college towards social change and nation's progress.

VISION

To provide an enabling educational environment in which individuals realize their innate potential and transform themselves into knowledgeable, skilled leaders with humane and societal commitment

MISSION

The GDC Gajwel is committed

- To create an enabling educational environment using effective pedagogical methodology and advanced technological means
- To transform the students into a globally competitive human beings with required knowledge, skills and values
- To sensitize the young minds towards the universal values of truth, non violence, honesty, integrity and universal brotherhood
- To foster an unwavering faith in harmony between humanity and nature and environment
- To provide a platform to develop the students into a multifaceted human resources

CORE VALUES

- Foster the service motto
- Strive for excellence
- Inculcate ethics and values
- Foster universal brotherhood
- Respect for nature and environment

INSIGNIA

The college logo consists of the Rising Sun in the backdrop symbolizing enormous energy giving light and enlightenment the 'Purna Kumbha' symbolizing prosperity and completeness the Veena, representing goddess Saraswathi – goddess of education and learning and two branches of leaves representing love for nature and environment. The logo comprises a line extracted from the Shanti Mantra from the Brhadaranyaka Upanishad '*Thamaso ma jyotir gamaya*' which means "From darkness, lead me to light". This Upanishadic line is adopted as the motto of the institution in order to inspire the students and the teachers to acquire knowledge which leads them from ignorance to enlightenment.

The GDC Gajwel has strived, is striving and will strive for the moulding the democratic mind set among our students. In order to achieve the objective, the four NSS Units in association with other Departments have organized many outreach programmes among the community and tried

to inculcate the democratic and citizenry values among our students and people in the community. The activities of our NSS Units include Summer Special Camps and the Regular Activities and outreach programme such as AIDS Awareness rallies, Voter Awareness, Clean and Green, Swachh Bharath, Telanganaku Haritha Haram, Water Harvesting measures, National Integration Rallies, Campaign against social evils are some among many. Whatever the GDC Gajwel organizes aims

- To inculcate Participatory Democratic, Citizenry values among the young minds.
- To create awareness about Constitution and its core values such as equality, liberty, justice, rights and duties.
- To educate about voter enrollment and electoral participation.
- To imbibe Public Policy making processes among the students.
- To create awareness about the functioning of democratic institutions such as Parliament and other legislative bodies.
- To bring awareness about citizen's rights and duties,
- To train youth to be national asset,
- To bring about change in the rural masses on social evils, etc.

India is the largest democratic country in the world. Democracy is considered as the best form of the government in modern times. The success of democracy depends on the active participation of the citizens. The vigilance of the citizens makes the democratic governments to formulate the policies which are useful for the betterment of the country as well as the people. In this context the department of political science has undertaken the responsibility to create awareness about the importance of constitution, democratic institutions, and the active participation of the people in the policy making and implementation process.

The Department of Political Science in association with the NNS units has been organizing voter enrollment campaign in the campus and nearby community. It initiates actions to motivate the voters to utilize their right franchise in fair manner through rallies and public meetings. It gets involved in creating awareness about the facilities provided by the electoral authorities to accessible to all; visiting State Legislative Assembly for practical knowledge; and conducting mock polling, organize mock parliament.

Here are many visible and concrete evidence of the performance of our institution in the field of social and democratic change:

1. The voter enrollment is improved both in campus and community.
2. Voting percentage improved.
3. Student's participation in the mock polling and mock parliament improved.
4. Awareness among people has increased due to the activities of our college.
5. Students who were involved in these activities have grown into a responsible and environmentally conscious citizen.
6. The villages adopted as part of the NNS Winter Special Camps have been in forefront in development.
7. The students who studied in the institution have secured seats in higher education in the universities and even qualified the state and national level examinations like, NET/SLET/SET etc.
8. Many students of our college have been into the government and private services

Our students have succeeded in getting state level recognition in the Jignasa-Student Study Projects competition and hence we are also planning to establish a Central Research Laboratory (CRL) in our college to encourage research among students and teachers. The college library will also be strengthened to be better learning resource. The GDC Gajwel is a public funded institution and is always in the forefront in propagating the democratic principles. Our institution is planning to open a Voter Enrollment Center in order to encourage to the students participate in all activities which are helpful to learn the democratic ideas and ideals.