

Institutional Distinctiveness-

Agasti Arts, Com and Dadasaheb Rupwate Sci. College, Akole, has been established by its great founders keeping in view its place. It is a college in tribal area. The girls from Adivasi area didn't have open opportunity of availing education. In order to bring them in main stream of education, the college has been founded. The motto is 'साहसे श्रीः प्रतिवसति' (Sahase Sreehi Prativasati) meaning- 'fortune favors the brave'. This exhibits determined mind, dedication of the college to the ideal of building personalities with transformative potential. Women Empowerment through its motto is the vision of college. This objective is achieved through imparting low cost but high quality education along with transformative environment. The students from tribal area, backward background are given ample opportunities for developing their intellectual, curiosity and crave for knowledge. So that they can develop themselves for a proactive role in effecting change in their own lives, their community and society at large. The institution is committed to give directions in the field of career focused quality education through its strong teaching learning process and has been offering different courses i.e. 07 at UG, 07 at PG and 1 Research Centre. These courses are taught by well qualified, experienced and devoted teachers. ICT is frequently used for making learning easy. Students have been motivated to participate continuous activities conducted by college throughout the year like academic, co-curricular, sports, NSS, NCC, leadership, cultural etc. students are provided exposure to advanced learning through research projects, exhibitions, seminars, PPT presentations, the students have been encouraged to take part in competitions, seminars, workshops, research competitions organized by other institutions. The expenditure for these has been borne by the college. The college also reflects its broad vision through its different units such as NSS, NCC, Women Empowerment Cell, Debate Council and all respective departments 'Nalalnda Study Centre' is one of the special/ unique activities in the college that facilitates environment of study and guidance for competitive exams.

Apart from this, special attention has been given on 'Women Empowerment'. Different activities have been conducted throughout the year like Nirbhay Kanya Abhiyaan, Nari Manch, and Women Empowerment cell, women grievance cell. Activity- Tansihka' has been undertaken. The details of this scheme is that, -Through it all lady teachers have been allotted, 60-70% are girl students. The lady teacher has to conduct at least 1 activity or informal meet once in a fortnight and information communication with those adopted girls student of college. Such activities help in building the confidence, of those girls. Their problems have been solved in an affectionate way.

Such initiatives contribute in overall, holistic development of youth of Agasti College, Akole. Overall development of students is possible. More emphasis has been given for women empowerment. As a result- The number of admissions of girl students have been increased remarkably. It can be understood through following table-

No. of Girl Students in 1974	Number of Girl Students in 2020
21	1507

Green Army Registration -Ours is a tribal area. The nature has gifted with natural resources. But recently the forest depletion has been observed. The college is undertaking the activity of Tree Plantation every year. The campaign is being completed with rigorous efforts.

More and more trees have been planted in surrounded area, mountains, plateaus etc. with the help of different units like NSS, NCC, Earn and learn scheme, etc this year also Plantation weeks, fortnights have been celebrated actively. This activity has been acknowledged and appreciated by Central Government, Forest Dept. and a Certificate of '**Green Army Registration**' has been issued to the college.

ISRO Study Centre- College has a tie-up with ISRO. ISRO has permitted the college as Nodal Centre. Through it, distance learning facility has been provided to the students free of cost. Every year near about 15 courses of ISRO have been run in the college. All courses are online. The study material has also been provided online. Short term courses from 7 days to 4 months duration are conducted. The students are regularly attending the lectures and completing all the assignments appear for online examination and passed students get Certificate from ISRO. Every year 3 one day workshops have been organized. This year more than 1600 students have participated actively. Students get its benefit in the higher education or for job purpose. If there is any vacancy related to course, the message has been sent by ISRO directly to the students.

UNNAT BHARAT ABHIYAN-In order to make the villages self-sufficient and self-dependent, the Government of India has introduced a scheme, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan. The college is implementing this scheme. For that purpose, five villages have been adopted named Ambad, Nimbral, Gardani, Takli, and Tambhol. First phase has been completed successfully by making survey of the village. Different activities have been done in these villages like cleaning, awareness campaigns about water conservation, voter's awareness, awareness about Covid-19 and precautions to be taken, tree plantation, Blood donation, No liquor, no smoking campaigns etc. this year, college has purchased and distributed the book 'Shaskiya Yojnancha Khajina' to each Grampanchayat in order to create awareness about different government schemes to be implemented by Grampanchayats.