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7.3 – Institutional Distinctiveness

7.3.1 – Provide the details of the performance of the institution in one area distinctive to its vision, priority and thrust in not more than 500 words

"To educate students towards an all-round development and empower them for a constructive and sustained engagement with society" is the vision of the College. Based on the Vision and Mission, the key thrust areas are: • All-round development of learners • Empowering learners for constructive and sustained engagement with society • Imparting progressive, liberal and relevant education to learners from all sections of society In line with the Vision and Mission, these key thrust areas provide the base for the academic, co-curricular, extracurricular and outreach/extension activities. The founders of the College are committed to the cause of providing inclusive and quality education. Despite the geographical disadvantage, the location provides ample opportunities to serve learners from diverse social, economic and religious backgrounds. Out of the total learners enrolled in the College, on an average around 65 percent are girls. Many of them are first generation learners. Parents / guardians mostly serve in the unorganized sector. Wards of rickshaw drivers, vegetable vendors, domestic helps, etc. also study in the College. The secular practices adopted by the College, encourages learners from diverse linguistic and religious sections to seek admission to the programs offered by the College. These also help in inculcating the values of acceptance among learners, faculty members and staff. In curriculum delivery the emphasis is on adding value by teaching application and relating the syllabus to the real world scenario. Team spirit, respect, discipline, punctuality and regularity are implicit in the conduct of teachers and non-teaching staff. As learners learn through observation as well, the behavior and conduct of faculty members and staff of the College help in inculcating these values in learners. Consistently, across all the UG and PG programs the academic performance of the learners of the College has been better than that of the affiliating University. To enhance skills and employability of learners, the College introduced Certificate Course in Banking and Insurance and continued to offer other Certificate Courses like Certificate Course in Advanced Excel and the Global Financial Markets Professional Program, Certificate Course in Retail Marketing. Students are actively involved in events organized as a part of Institutional Social Responsibility, like voter's awareness drive and water conservation drive for

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sensitizing the neighbourhood community. Students are sensitized to the needs and challenges of the underprivileged by encouraging their participation in extension activities. For instance, a number of activities are conducted for the inmates of Cheshire Home, a home for the paraplegic. Learners are actively involved in organizing co and extracurricular activities, which helps in improving their capabilities of organizing events and in building their confidence. In addition to the inter and intra collegiate events organized every year, the College organized "JalSaa" an inter collegiate event to highlight the theme of Water Conservation adopted by the College. The College is one of the most preferred in the neighborhood among parents and guardians as they feel that the College is safe and offers quality education.