

### **7.3.1 Portray the performance of the Institution in one area distinctive to its priority and thrust within 1000 words.**

#### ***STUDENT FIRST***

**Hindu College was established in 1935**, by a group of highly educated, patriotic and philanthropic gentlemen of Guntur, with the loftiest ideal of *"Tamasoma jyotirgamaya"* (dispelling darkness) from the society and to prevent any further erosion of values and virtues from all walks of life. Most of the students of our College hail from rural background and some of them are first generation students. Since they lack appropriate guidance and support for building up their career, the institution decided to guide them in various aspects with our priority and thrust on **"Student is First"**.

**Vision:** *"We strive to produce intellectually competent, morally upright, socially committed products and motivate them to become responsible citizens that the country needs today and we also strive our best to usher in a new era of promoting quality education that is replete with human values"*. To meet this goal, we have been enhancing from time to time and while conducting any activity we check whether the activity benefits the student community or not. Some of those initiatives are:

#### **(1) Introduction of New Courses as per the industry demand:**

*"Change is the Law of Life"*. Since adoptability to Change is crucial in running any institution, we leave no stone unturned to mould the stakeholders as per the need. Hindu College, Guntur is one of the early birds to introduce new courses/combination both at UG as well as PG level. For example, we introduced MCA and MS (IT) in 1995 when the software industry boom started in the state of Andhra Pradesh. Similarly the various Computer combination courses at UG level were also introduced in the year 1993. Our college is the first college under Acharya Nagarjuna University, to introduce Bio-

technology, Microbiology, food and nutrition, Bio-informatics etc courses in 1990s. In 2011, we introduced Agriculture, Horticulture, combination in B.Sc., and Computer applications combination in B.A. from 2017 onwards, we increased our pace and started 10 new UG/PG courses in different industry related courses like Food technology, seed technology, Bio-medical, Land Scaping, Home Science etc. with different combinations. We started 03 NSQF Skill courses at M.Voc., and one PG Diploma level. From 2023-24 onwards we are going to introduce single main UG courses in the place of the present 03 mains system.

## **(2) Career guidance and placement:**

In today's competitive world to choose the correct path in match with students interest and potential is not an easy task for the students. Lack of awareness among students, parents and even some teachers on career opportunities is what necessitates career guidance and placement. Hence, the Hindu College took the responsibility of creating awareness and building programmes to the students by establishing a separate cell in the name of SAADDHANA (Career Guidance and Counseling Cell) in 2004. Since then it has been conducting various programmes under this banner along with Jawahar Knowledge Center of the college.

The following are the some of the initiatives in this direction.

- The department of English arranges certificate/add-on programmes to improve LSRW skills
- The departments of Mathematics, Economics, Physics, Statistics arrange courses to improve the Problem solving skills of the students.
- The department of computers arranges good number of events to increase the technical skills of the students.
- Mock tests, Mock interviews and Personality development training programmes are conducted at regular intervals.

### **(3) Student Centric Activities:**

Apart from curricular activities, the college also encourages co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. We train/mould the student by conducting student seminars, guest lectures, quiz, debating, group discussions, field works, field trips, conducting exhibitions etc. Similarly, the college has been giving special emphasis on cultural and sports activities. We have trained our students in acting on stage and they have excelled and bagged 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the last 3 years in the Youth Festival conducted by Acharya Nagarjuna University and many of our students/events selected for South Zone. On every Third Saturday, we conduct a programme in the name of “*Srujana Sandhya-College Calling Creativity*” (Open dais) to showcase their talents. In sports, our efforts have paid success. During the post-accreditation period 03 of our students have participated in national /state level in Taekwondo, body building, power lifting. Our students have won medals and trophies in cricket, volley ball, Kabbadi, Hockey, Chess at University level. The college has also organized university level sports meets. We have MOU with AP Cricket Association and we have APCA Cricket nets in college. Our cultural forum regularly organises many events starting from singing, mono-acting, dramas to *mehandi*, *rangoli* and many other such competitions for students.

### **(4) Moulding Him/her as a Responsible Citizen:**

The major thrust of the institution is to mould the students as responsible citizens. To achieve this task we organize good number of activities. Some of them are celebration of days of national importance, arranging motivation lectures, flash mob on social issues, encouraging them to participate in dramas and mono-actions on social evils and importance of human relations etc. Similarly, to bring out a sense of responsibility towards society and environment and there by infuse patriotism in them, we have strong 3 NCC (01 women), NSS, Scouts Units. These units have conducted numerous extension activities in near community. We have received awards and appreciations for blood donation camps and environmental awareness programs. Our students have arranged

various service activities during pandemic lockdown times. These units bring sense of oneness and selfless service attitude among the students.

### **5. Outcome and Role of Hindu College in Nation Building:**

All the above mentioned ‘**Student First**’ activities enhanced the face of Hindu College and today many of our students are in top positions in various fields and enhanced the prestige of their *alma matter*. The Hindu College is proud of its alumni who occupy various positions of distinction in different fields. Prof. N. Ganga Prasada Rao, a former Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Swaminathan, member, Planning Commission, Sri G.V.G. Krishna Murthy, former Election Commissioner, Prof. B.H. Briz-Kishore, I.E.S., Member, University Grants Commission, Sri. J. Satyanarayana, I.A.S., Former Chariman, UDAI; Former Chief Minister and Former Governor of Tamil Nadu Late Sri K. Rosaiah, Prof. Podili Appa Rao, Vice- Chancellor of University of Hyderabad, Sri M.S.K. Prasad, Former Chairman – Selection Committee BCCI, Prof. KRS Sambasiva Rao, Former Vice-Chancellor, Mizoram Central University and a host of others have spread the fame of the Alma-matter far and wide.

### **Conclusion:**

However, we are conscious of many of our shortcomings and have been taking the required corrective measures. Competition is the order of the day in any industry or profession. The institution is aware of the dynamic, revolutionary changes sweeping the academic environment in the form of global Competition, nature and content of education as well as more demanding expectations from the society and industry. Being a socially responsive corporate organization the institution is forever looking at improving the society through neighborhood Management and other community based activities.