

Institutional Distinctiveness

Pavanatma College is located in the village Murickassery, which is pitifully backward even by the standards of the educationally and financially backward district of Idukki. During the inception time of the college in 1982, every human being in the region participated in the construction of the building with utmost enthusiasm. People labored without taking any wages, those who had timber contributed that for making furniture and the women even saved some rice every day from the meals of the family and contributed that too. The college opened the doors of higher education for the first time to the poor settlement farmers and the tribes of the region. Ever since its inception, Pavanatma College has been committed to fulfil the aspirations of the founders and the local population. Of late, a few colleges have been established in the high- ranges, some of them residential targeting the students of other parts of the country, but the local population still look at Pavanatma College as the only answer to the educational needs of their children because it offers high quality education for tribals and low-income farmers. The campus is free from politics and the College offers a serene, cool, calm and pollution-free environment for academic pursuit.

One of the objectives of the college is to encourage higher education among the economically weak and poor sections of the community, irrespective of caste and creed. In accordance with its vision and mission, the college has always given utmost importance to the educational upliftment of the local population, especially women. Except for the first three years, the majority of the student community of the college comprised of women. They all were from the educationally and financially backward families of the region. Through the education they obtained from the college, many of them were able to secure jobs within the country and abroad leading to substantial financial progress of their families and the region as such. The following measures are taken by the college for promoting the education of women in the region. 1. As the transportation facility of the region is very insufficient, the girl students find it difficult to join an academic programme.

To target this, the college has built two women hostels in the campus. In addition to this, one more women hostel authorized by the institution is functioning near the campus. This is a relief to many girl students in their effort of pursuing higher studies.

2. The college gives preference to girl students in admission through management quota. As a result of the above initiatives, the new admissions of the college are predominantly women. In 2019, out of 484 new admissions, 309 were women which accounts for 63.84 percent of the total admissions. The proportion of the women employees in the institution is also significant. Out of the 60 full time faculty, 35 are women which comprises 58 of the total faculty.

As the college is committed to women empowerment of the region, we give free training to self- help groups of local women in areas like computer accounting, paper carry bag preparation etc. Through its efforts like these, the college acknowledges the importance of the role of women in the effort of the nation for an Aatma Nirbhar Bharat.