

## **Institutional Distinctiveness 2016-17**

S.M.D.L college is situated in Raigad region. The College was established in 1998, guided by the vision and mission which support the academic and socio-economic development of the rural students as well as those situated in the remote tribal belt of Raigad district. College is always known to perform accordingly to its vision. The college was established in this locality to ensure that it serve as a service to community in accordance with its vision “Ya Shika Mothe Vha” and “Kruti Phize Badbad Nako.” The college function on the principle and philosophy of SHISKSHAN MAHARASHI DADASAHEB LIMAYE who propagated human equality and universal brother hood

The college has “Zero Tolerance” to any kind of discrimination to any particular student they welcomes all the students with equal respect and dignity.

This institute serves to be an instrument of change to many households in the near by Kalamboli and Panvel area. The college shows pride in saying that our efforts have definitely uplifted the lives of several family especially those who were under develop and deprived from pursuing higher education.

Faculty helps them to improve their personality, especially the SC and ST Students so that they are prepared to face global competition. College in all its aspects such as increased number of programs and courses, well developed infrastructure, faculty guidance, library facilities, sports and extra-curricular activities plays a very significant role in the improvement of students’ capabilities. A majority of us students belong to rural families and socially marginalized groups. Many of them are first generation learners. They belong to illiterate families, suffer from cultural disorientation and sometimes have migrated from their native places at the First Year level. Many of them hesitate even to talk in the local language to the faculty members regarding their difficulties. However, we identify such students and help to solve them problems at the departmental level or at the individual level. We help them to correspond with government authorities like scholarship issues, filling online forms, availing book bank schemes, concessions, installment facility in fees etc. With encouragement and support these students gradually develop into confident and responsible citizens of India. We are happy to see them complete their graduation and post-graduation and secure placement. Half of the student strength consists of girl students. Our College undertakes various measures for the empowerment of girls through imparting higher education and enhancing their employability skills. The list of past students pursuing further studies or those who are gainfully employed at various important positions and capacities is evidence of their enrichment through education. Some courses have been added in order to make available opportunities for skill development and value addition to the students. These courses include hands-on-training in some areas and have helped the students to enhance their employability skills. This institute is trying to bring together the best global practices, corporate thinking and accountability, the standards of higher education to create a model of sustainable rural development, which is a benchmark in the academic sector. The institute believes,

in collaboration and working with multiple partners, including other foundations, NGOs, corporate and the government, hence joined through an MOU with various institute & industries.