

### **Institutional Distinctiveness**

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

The Founder Secretary of this august Institution, a hardcore socialist, an aspirant of egalitarian society, moved by the miserable plight of the disadvantaged sections of Tenali & Repalle taluqs longed to bring a change in their way of thinking and living.

As a staunch supporter of the downtrodden sections, he reached out to them and preached them of the need to think in terms of equality and finally came to the conclusion that the change may be made possible only through education. He fought tooth and nail and established the Tenali College, Tenali in 1951, Lakhs of poor people took advantage of it over 68 years and even today 80 to 85% belong to SC/ST/minority sections.

As one of the missions of the college is to produce socially responsible, self-reliant citizens, who are useful to the nation, outreach programs are given importance besides the skill-based employability oriented education. Feeling social responsibility, students lead processions to create awareness on the burning issues like environmental pollution, prevalent corruption, food adulteration, anti-sexual harassment drives. As skills without values are of no use, value based education classes were organized every week till it was made part of the curriculum. The last hour of Saturday is allotted for Performing Arts and students are motivated to exhibit their histrionic talents, leadership qualities, organizational ability. This activity helps students gain knowledge on different issues related to life, away from curriculum. Guest lectures on cross cutting issues like Gender, need to protect environment Human Values and the need to gain spiritual knowledge find place in that platform. Every lecture is followed by interaction with the students, which adds strength to the speech find place on that platform. Every lecture is followed by interaction with the students, which adds strength to the speech.

Students, who feel diffident to stand on the dais at the beginning wait for an opportunity to exhibit their skills. Those who were reluctant to interact with the speakers eagerly wait to express their views. They present the advantages of the Pyramid on the campus which is meant for Yoga and meditation and praise the Alumni association for constructing it. And definitely it acts as a motivation for the future alumni.

Students convey important messages through skits. Speeches, debates and discussions find their way in the program, thus improving their calibre and paves way for their personality development.