## Provide the details of the performance of the institution in one area distinctive to its vision, priority and thrust

From the Central Government to the State Governments all over the country, the slogan that has captured the nation's imagination is 'Beti-bachao', and 'Beti-padhao'. As a College that provides education to the girls of the state, it is indeed looked upon as an opportunity to contribute to the nation's progress. The vision statement of the College from the very outset makes it clear that the effort is to provide education in such a way that it enables our students to become responsible and sensitive citizens of the nation. When the visionaries who set up this college, first thought of an educational Institution, they immediately of coming up with a College for girls only. Their effort was to, and has always been, to carry forward the vision of Gandhiji, that in the empowerment of women only lies the progress of the nation.

Education is however, not achieved overnight. It is a long process. And it only spreads further if it is given to the others as well. Education is a constant exchange of knowledge, a give and take of information. It cannot be spread if an educator confines himself/herself in a closed ivory tower. At our college too we believe in the same ideology.

For this reason, we have been very active in spreading awareness regarding girls' education. Not only within the college premises, but in the neighboring communities also, we keep on spreading the message about educating girls.

For this, the College has an understanding with a few schools in the vicinity of the College. They invite students from our College to go to these schools regularly and teach a particular subject, mostly either the languages or the social science subjects. The students of our college who go thus to teach at the schools, not only teach the given subject, but also informally encourage and inspire the students to obtain a degree of higher education. They explain the significance of higher education in today's world, both for gainful employment and for being able to differentiate between right and wrong.

This practice has been going on since the last five years now. The students of our college in turn gain very useful insight and experience of teaching. They

understand the problems of a teacher, and also of the taught. It gives them an insight in the way children have to be tackled, and of the ways teaching has to be made more interesting and attractive. The main purpose of the practice is definitely served, as the students of the schools get a first-hand sharing of experience and knowledge from a person involved in higher education.