

## **Institutional Distinctiveness**

Every Establishment has a distinctive trait. It is due to the unique vision and mission of the founder. Largely founders start their foundation with a dream in their eyes and zeal to realize their passion. The realization of the founder's dream brings the distinct distinctiveness to an establishment. Padmavibhushan Dr. Durgabai Deshmukh established, Andhra Mahila Sabha, a unique voluntary organization, to empower the downtrodden and destitute women.

Dr. Durgabai realized that literacy is the most important quotient for self reliance. During her confinement in the prison she understood that the women convicts had no inkling of their imprisonment. Hence, the founder decided to start educational institutes for girls. The strong belief of the founder that, woman teacher is closer to her wards, drove her to establish College of Education, one of the educational institutes in Durgabai Vidyapeetham.

The college was established to empower girls to attain self reliance. The college which was established as a College of Education in 1971 was elevated to the status of College of Teacher Education, a unique privilege conferred on a private aided college in 1997. The College has now grown into an Autonomous college offering, four Teacher Education Programs. The college prepares teachers for all levels of education i.e. KG to PG.

### **What makes College of Teacher Education gain its distinctiveness?**

The vision of the founder was to see the college to grow as a centre of excellence in Teacher Education. College of Teacher Education Andhra Mahila Sabha is the only college that offers Post Graduate Diploma in Early Childhood Education (1984). The college started M. Ed. Program in 1991 and B.Ed Spl. (HI) in 2000.

Today the Institution as an Autonomous College offers four Teacher Education Programs. The college was conferred the status of Autonomy in 2007. The college is accredited by NAAC with B++Grade. In its pursuit to grow as a centre of excellence in Teacher Education the college leaves no stone unturned. As a College of Teacher Education, the college receives grants from MHRD to organize Orientation Programs, Workshops and Seminars to the in service teachers.

The college has been identified as study centre for DR.BR. Ambedhkar Open University B.Ed course (DM) from 2009 onwards. The college was also the study centre for Sri Padmavathi Mahila Viswavidyalayam B.Ed. (DM) till bifurcation of the state and Kakatiya University M.Ed. for two summer workshops.

The college offers its services to the community, for example it signed an MOU with Pallavi Educom for a three month certificate course in ECCE. The college is proud of its distinctive distinctiveness and it is attained due to the cultural and ethical values imbibed by the founder.

The Gandhi Satabdi Bhavan programs are organized on every fourth Friday of the month as such the campus reverberates with Gandhian values of honesty, non violence and sacrifice.

The Management, administration and faculty treat the students with love and affection