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Performance of the Institution in one Area Distinctive to its Priority and Thrust

The noble cause of encouraging women community to pursue higher studies prompted the founder President Shri Mohanlal Jalan, a noted Industrialist and benevolent social worker to form the Seth Soorajmull Jalan Trust. Shri Jalan had in mind the all-round development of Marwari Society. He understood that without women's education, the society cannot move forward. The Trust was founded in 1941. The College has actualized this educational vision with the dedication of competent and committed faculty members.

Academic excellence may be achieved in many ways of which the elementary route is the combined effort of experience of senior and enthusiasm of juniors. Its vision includes a desire to achieve the academic and all round excellence. We are confident enough that we will be true to our commitments and reach our cherished goal i.e. upholding the prestige and dignity of womanhood at large. Our College is committed to be an instrument of positive change in women's education for the benefit of society. We would like to mention here that a significant section of our students are Hindi speaking and our College is one of the few ones in Kolkata that caters to their academic needs with offering Honours in the subject of Hindi. Many of our students are the first generation learners and that makes our task more challenging and at the same time make us more determined to help tham bringing about a positive change in their life and make them believe in a brighter future with our pertaining of education. We are happy and determined in being instrumental to make them strive for a better future and understand various aspects gender relation and women empowerment.

In the pursuit of this mission, the College endeavours balanced education and all round development of the students, motivate, guide and pursue excellence in various fields of education, creates an atmosphere of academic excellence, facilitates creative skills enhances opportunities for further studies and research activities through the able guidance of the College Staff, develops a system for conscious and consistent effort for improving the academic and administrative performance of the institution as per the guidelines of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC). All these purposes, visions and mission are made known to the various stakeholders through the College website and prospectus.

In order to focus on the spiritual and cultural heritage of our country, the students assemble every day for prayers. An atmosphere of secularism is inculcated through the singing of the National Anthem every Monday. The mission of the College also includes the idea of transferring education downwards. This is done when students from the College impart knowledge to those in schools. Proper values are given to these juniors who are our future. As our students belong to various communities, irrespective of caste, creed and religion they inculcate in themselves values



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like religious tolerance, social unity and cultural harmony. They are able to shoulder larger responsibilities as ideal citizens.

But to highlight one particular area, we would be happy to mention that we strive to create empowered citizens who are emboldened and yet humble, concerned and ready to take on the future at the same time. And we get to do that almost from the scratch, as a large section of our students is the first-generation learners. The makes the area challenging but, at the same time more worthy of going after it. We want them to realise that they are at par with their male counterpart in the society - a truth many of the female students, even in the current society tend to forget. Inequality at times becomes very subtle and seems so normal in the life of a woman. We want our students to be aware of it. We strive to help them debunk the patriarchal myth of superiority. In this attempt we also aspire for a better civilization, as the position of women in a society has always been a yardstick to determine the position of a state in the hierarchical structure of civilizations.

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