

Smt. Devkiba Mohansinhji Chauhan
College of Commerce & Science
Managed by –Lions Club of Silvassa Charitable Trust
(Affiliated to University of Mumbai)

7.3 Institutional Distinctiveness

In the fast-paced and ever-changing world, the role of higher education institutions has evolved significantly. Today, colleges and universities are not just centers for academic learning; they have transformed into platforms that shape individuals into well-rounded and competent citizens. The success of any educational institution lies in its ability to foster the holistic development of students. One such institution that stands out for its exceptional commitment to overall student growth is our College- Smt. Devkiba Mohansinhji Chauhan College of Commerce and Science, situated in Silvassa the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu. This institution's distinctive approach to student development has had a profound impact on the lives of its students, enabling them to excel not only in academics but also in various aspects of life. Inclusion and Diversity: One of the primary elements that make this college unique is its location in Silvassa, a semi-urban city with people from diverse regions of India settling there for their livelihoods. The college takes pride in embracing this diversity, creating an inclusive environment where students from different backgrounds come together to learn and grow. This diverse student body fosters mutual respect, understanding, and tolerance, nurturing a broader perspective on life and preparing students for the real-world challenges of working in multicultural settings.

Quality Education and Academic Excellence:

As the sole college in the Union Territory of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu which is affiliated with the prestigious University of Mumbai, the institution upholds high academic standards. The faculty selection process is rigorous, ensuring that only qualified and experienced educators join the team. This emphasis on quality education ensures that students receive a strong academic foundation, laying the groundwork for their intellectual growth and success in their chosen fields.

Focus on Rural Students:

Given its geographical location surrounded by tribal communities, the college attracts students from rural areas. This focus on rural students not

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Personalized Support and Mentorship:

The management committee's approachability and accessibility to students play a significant role in creating a supportive environment. Students feel comfortable seeking guidance and assistance, knowing that their concerns will be addressed promptly. This personalized support ensures that students can overcome challenges and focus on their overall growth and development.

Skill Enhancement Initiatives:

The college recognizes the importance of nurturing students beyond academics. To achieve this, the institution regularly organizes cultural activities, motivational lectures, Internship and industrial visits. These initiatives aim to enhance students' communication, leadership, and teamwork skills, instilling in them the confidence to face real-world challenges head-on.

Convenient Payment Options and Support:

To highlight, during COVID the fees of the students were waived off due to their inability to pay. The college's adoption payment of Fees in instalments through various online modes of transactions, such as UPI, QR code, credit and debit cards, and online banking, simplifies financial transactions for students and their parents. This modern approach to payment ensures a seamless and hassle-free experience, saving valuable time and effort. Also, the institution's efforts to provide 24X7 call support and ease the transition for these students demonstrate its commitment to catering to diverse student needs.

Supportive Events and Extracurricular Activities: To encourage student participation, our college ensures that every event conducted provides lunch/dinner and transport facilities. This thoughtful gesture eliminates logistical challenges and allows students to engage wholeheartedly in extracurricular activities. Such events play a vital role in fostering a sense of belonging and community among students. The Add-on and Short term courses complement the regular academic curriculum and contribute to the students' personal and professional growth which leads to Enhanced Skillset, Real-world Applications, Career Opportunities, Industry Relevance, Professional Networking, Confidence Building, Entrepreneurial Spirit, Multidisciplinary Approach, Personal Development and Competitive Advantage among the students. In conclusion, our College's institutional distinctiveness is a testament to its unwavering commitment to the overall development of its students. The college's focus on inclusivity, academic

excellence, personalized support and skill enhancement initiatives sets it apart as a beacon of educational excellence. By embracing diversity, providing quality education, and fostering holistic growth, this institution has positively impacted the lives of thousands students. As they leave its premises, graduate and postgraduate students are not only equipped with knowledge but also with the necessary skills, confidence, and values to thrive in the global landscape. The legacy of Smt. Devkiba Mohansinhji Chauhan College of Commerce and Science in nurturing well-rounded individuals continues to shine bright, inspiring generations to come.

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