



Holy Cross Women's College, Ambikapur

Institutional Distinctiveness 2019-20

Distinctive quality of college: Women's Empowerment- Women play a central role in the stability, progress and development of any nation. Rural women especially play a key role in supporting their households and communities in achieving food and nutrition, income generation and improving rural livelihoods and overall well-being of their family and society. Therefore, women empowerment is a must to bring about changes in any society. Knowledge is the most powerful engine to empower women. If women are educated, they become the agent of change in the families and in the society. Holy cross women's college Ambikapur managed by Pavitra Cruz Sisters Association of Holy Cross Sisters, since its origin, has been active in the field of education. This is part of its effort to share in the country's educational undertaking. Holy Cross Women's College the first college for women in the region/District aims at the integral and personalized education of women and adopts a holistic approach to educate and empower women of the rural and tribal area of different districts of Chhattisgarh, where practices such as gender inequality, early marriage, domestic violence, persecution for dowry, rape, honour killing, female foeticide, human trafficking, witchcraft etc. still continue to exist. Women education is still perceived as unnecessary. When the financial issues rise in the family, it is the daughters who would be pulled out of schools or stopped from pursuing higher education. If the daughter wants to go for higher education, it becomes a matter of discussion in the families and among the relatives. In such a background Holy Cross Women's College, Ambikapur strives to produce intellectually well trained, morally upright, socially committed, spiritually inspired women for the India of today, and through value-based education. In our institutions, we empower and encourage them to strive after excellence in every field, to be selfless in service of their fellow human being and to become agents of social change. We achieve this goal by providing opportunities for their holistic development through various activities, competitions, cultural programmes, field study, internships, lectures,

seminars, awareness programmes on women rights, leadership opportunities, social activities, sports, promoting NCC / NSS units etc. in the college.

Almost all our alumnae get job opportunities in different government and non-government sectors, many of them are holding top positions in education sectors and other offices, Industry, even foreign countries earning income for the family to raise the quality and standard of living. While many others are serving as enlightened women in the family and society and contribute to the growth and development.