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ADARSH VIDYA PRASARAK SANSTHA'S

# ADARSH COLLEGE OF ARTS, COMMERCE AND SCIENCE

(Permanently Affiliated to University of Mumbai & Recognised under 2(f) & 12B of UGC Act, 1956)

NAAC Re-Accredited B++ Grade with CGPA 2.84 (2017-2022)

IMC RBNQ Certified 2019, ISO Certified 9001:2015

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## Institutional Distinctiveness

The college was established to cater to the needs of the students, particularly from socially and economically backward sections of Badlapur and surrounding area, which largely consists of rural and semi-urban areas. The students used to go to the distant colleges or remained unadmitted particularly due to rural background. To encourage involvement of the student in higher education, the government has introduced several scholarships and financial aid programs.

The college provides wide publicity to the Government initiatives involving student scholarships, which helps us to attract the students from reserved category in large numbers. Admission of the reserve category students exhibits that the college has consistently played an active role in involving disadvantaged students in higher education.

Scholarship record clearly states that the number of reserved category students admitted in the last 5 years is above 50 % compared to general category students. The statistics implies that the college has maintained its distinctness in attracting students from the disadvantaged sections of the society.

The ability of the college to provide access to individual government scholarships has made it possible to make higher education all-inclusive for this city and areas around the same.

We are pleased to claim distinctiveness in the number of the admissions taken by the girl students in the college. The number of girls admitted by the college has always remained higher than that of boys. The initiatives taken by the college in the form of gender sensitivity, safety and security measures have created confidence in the minds of the parents of the girl students. For instance, the number of female students admitted in the Academic Year 2023-24 is 880 whereas the number of boys admitted is 414. This shows that the college has been able to work on its mission of inclusiveness in this regard.

Further, the college has been able to attract the students from the neighbouring district i.e. Raigad district as the number of the students admitted to the college in the present academic year from Karjat district is 223 out of 1294 students. The percentage of the students admitted from another district stands at 17.23% for the Academic year 2023-24. This is a factor that makes the college distinct because although there are 2 colleges in the area from the neighbouring district, the college has been able to attract the students from the said district.

The college claims the distinctiveness in providing higher education in the vernacular language in arts faculty. The students particularly from semi-urban and rural backgrounds face problems in getting education in English, the college runs a Bachelor of Arts program to cater to the needs of the students who are largely first-generation learners.

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