

S. B. GARDA COLLEGE (ARTS)



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P.K. PATEL COLLEGE OF COMMERCE, NAVSARI

INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS

HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT OF STUDENTS

MY STUDENTS

“Words written large in my heart. For them I have chosen the motto EXCELSIOR. May they in the company of their professors strive Higher and Higher.”

(A. K. Trivedi March 1946 *The Gardian*)

- The institute S. B. Garda College was established in 1945 with a prime objective of imparting education to all sections of the society irrespective of caste, creed or class. Since its inception the institute is committed to ensure an inclusive and equitable quality education and offer learning opportunities to all. Its mission ‘Education for all’ affirms and reflects the philanthropic attitude of its founders.
- The mission, motto and vision statements of the institution reflect and define its distinctive characteristics. They provide the basis, upon which the institution identifies its priorities, makes plans for future and evaluates its endeavours. The mission statements not only reflect the institution’s traditions but also its vision for the future.
- The institute’s motto ‘excelsior’ which denotes constantly rising to higher levels of endeavour and achievement motivates its stakeholders to strive towards excellence in all spheres of individual and collective activity. The institute is operating and

progressing ahead proving rightly its motto *Excelsior* which is never-ending dream of its founder members and is dedicated to the pursuit of creating a knowledge which is instrumental to assist the nourishment and cultivation of values and advancement of the society it serves.

- The institute is constantly trying to improvise the quality of education at all levels. The institute has encouraged and has attempted to serve and uplift the status of the disadvantaged section of the society.
- Though the institute follows the syllabus prescribed by the VNSGU University, the institute is conscious of the changing educational and social needs of the society and strived hard to meet the changing expectations of the society by providing ambient environment and keeping in mind the holistic development of the student.
- The institute has established its distinctive approach towards its comprehensive vision. The main thrust area is holistic development of the students by providing them quality and value based education. The College is striving hard to improve students support facilities and thus improving teaching and learning environment constantly. In the last five years support services for the students are made more students' friendly and special attention is paid upon their holistic development.
- Most of the students in the college are from marginalized sections of the society. Many schemes are facilitated for economically weak students. There are scholarship provisions for SC, ST OBC and economically backward classes. The institute facilitates to avail all the financial assistance of the Government for the benefit of S.C., S.T., O.B.C. candidates.
- Feedback system has been systematized and structured. Feedback is collected, analysed and is used for corrective measures.

- In 2018 The college has started coaching Classes for competitive exams for S.C./S.T., minority students which showcase the institute's concern for empowering the students from the marginalized class with assistance of Government.
- The institute has formalized the Mentor and Mentee programme to monitor the students' performance at all levels and to ensure that they perform academically up to their potential. The institute is committed to inspire students to recognize their potential; to strengthen their varied capabilities; to build an interpersonal relationship between the teachers and students and ultimately to pursue their destined dreams. Each teacher in all departments is assigned with the task of mentoring students. Teachers are directed to monitor the growth of the students assigned to them.
- Students' over all development is the core interest of the institute. In 2019-2020 after the internal exams extra classes were provisioned. Proper time table was made and remedial classes were organized to help the slow learners so as they could clear their ATKT exams.
- Protection of students is addressed by adherence to insurance. There is a provision of insurance for students.
- Differently abled students are taken special care and are facilitated with ramps, special facility in library, common room scribes etc.
- The institute is striving hard to strengthen the placement and counselling cell to attract employers and providing the right and relevant information to the students for career planning. There are many limitations in this area because most of the students prefer higher studies or part-time jobs along with their higher studies. The institute organizes various career counselling programmes and invite experts to guide and counsel the students. Since last two years the institute has been hosting a mega job fair in collaboration with Gujarat Government. This is an encouraging step because normally placement activity is conducted by the institutions restricted to their students and by

this mega camp, placement activity is taken to a higher level in which various companies and institutes have participated. The institution is providing all the facilities required for the conduction of these placement camps. Interviews are conducted by the experts and representatives of the institutes. Students are shortlisted and appointed as per the norms. Such mega placement camps have provided the students a platform not only to understand the whole procedure of the interview but make them aware of their strengths and weaknesses and thus have motivated and directed them to improve in their future endeavours.

- The institute attempts to create various opportunities and conducive environment for the multifaceted growth of the students. The College arranges seminar/workshop/lectures on personality development, time management, communication skill, interview techniques and group discussion for the development of the students. The College has a Physical Training Instructor who provides guidance for sports and games.
- The institution stresses on outreach programmes and inculcates in its students an awareness of the value of the community engagement and thus instilling empathy for the less privileged sections of society. Students actively participate in community engagement programmes through NSS, Community Service band and other events. The college always initiates and conducts activities like environment awareness, tree plantation, blood donation drives, health check-up camps etc. The college has contributed significantly in Swatchhata mission of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.