



Gondia Education Society's
J.M.PATEL ARTS, COMMERCE & SCIENCE COLLEGE
BHANDARA – 441904

INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS

The institution is located in the extreme eastern part of the Maharashtra State in one of the backward districts of the region. It is a part of the Gondia Education Society which was started by the great visionary and philanthropist Late Shri Manoharbhai Patel way back in 1958. Though a man of very little education, Late Manoharbhai Patel realised that the people of the region could be pulled out of the mire of poverty only through education. He and his co-trustees strongly believed that it was the light of knowledge that could defeat the darkness of ignorance and poverty.

Thus 'Prajwalito Dnyanmaya Pradipah' became the mission statement of the College. The earnestness and missionary zeal of our founding fathers have given us our core values – 1. Social responsibility and commitment, 2. No discrimination in terms of gender, caste, class, faith or ethnicity 3. Pursuit of excellence 4. Respect for nature and 5. Moral uprightness.

The College has been in the forefront of providing broad-access higher education to the masses of the region, equipping them to face the challenges of the job market, bringing about a change in the lives of the region and shaping a better future for them. Since the mission of the founding fathers of the Institution was to provide the education to the masses, especially the underprivileged and marginalised sections of the society, the institution has in place various support systems to ensure that students don't have to discontinue their education for want of financial resources. The needy students are provided assistance from the Students Welfare Fund and the Alumni Association Scholarships. The Students are informed about the assistance available from other sources, guided and supported to apply for these assistances. In case, all sources are exhausted, the Principal of the College uses his discretion to waive off the tuition fees of the disadvantaged students. This has resulted in 13 students getting support from the Students Welfare Fund set up by the teachers, 18 students getting Alumni Association Scholarships, 50 students getting concessions from the Principal and 104 students getting assistance from R.T.M.Nagpur University's Vidyarthi Sahay Nidhi.

Knowing fully well that conventional education is not sufficient; the College has started B.Voc Programmes in Software Development and Retail Management for enhancing the employability of the students of the region. Add-on Courses like Certificate Course in Spoken English and English for Competitive Exams and Certificate Course in E-Commerce help the students face the challenges of the job market confidently. Starting of Diploma in Fashion Designing Course, Workshops on Pickle making, Chutney making, Fruit Jam and Sauce-making, Envelope and paper-bag making, Warli and Madhubani painting; and setting up stalls for the sale of products made by the girls contribute in empowering the girls and instilling in them the importance of financial independence.

We continue to march on the path shown by our founding fathers to fulfil the dream of lighting the lamp of knowledge for making a positive change in the lives of the people of the region.