



## **SREE NARAYANA GURU COLLEGE OF COMMERCE**

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## **Embracing Sree Narayana Guru's Vision: Sree Narayana Guru College's Commitment to Social Upliftment**

The vision of the College "Empowerment through Higher Education to all strata of society and the Mission "Quality Education to all irrespective of caste, creed, socio economic status and uplift the poor and downtrodden" are cemented on the thoughts propounded by the great visionary, Sree Narayana Guru, in whose name the College is known for. Guru's teachings like "One God, One Religion, One Caste for Human beings", "Gain freedom through education", "Become enlightened through education", "Whichever is the religion it suffices if it makes a better man" etc are followed by the institution as it prioritizes to provide education to the students hailing from the poorest of the poorest localities in the financial capital of the country.

When education is accessible to all members of a community, it serves as a catalyst for empowerment in several ways like enhanced opportunities, social mobility, improved standards of living, community development and cohesion, economic growth and poverty reduction, access to information technology etc. **Our institution directly or indirectly collaborates to achieve several of the Sustainable Development Goals like No poverty, Zero Hunger, Good Health and Wellbeing, Quality Education, Gender Equality etc** which are laid down by the United Nations which provides a framework for addressing pressing social, economic, and environmental challenges worldwide. Universalization of Education is a powerful tool for community empowerment, fostering inclusive development, and advancing social progress.

Below mentioned are some of the practices initiated in our institution distinctive to it's priority and thrust: -

- **A Certificate Course on human values relating to the teachings and philosophies of Sree Narayana Guru is conducted for imparting values to this generation of students.** The learning outcomes of this course include gaining a deeper understanding of human values, cultivating self-awareness and personal growth, enhancing interpersonal and leadership skills based on values, and applying learned principles to foster positive change in their lives and communities.
- **The affiliating University under its Department of Philosophy also have initiated a certificate course on the Philosophies of Sree Narayana Guru,** which again puts thrusts on the importance of learning about Guru and the institution's efforts in engaging the same.
- **The institution has also entered an academic collaboration with IIT, Bombay for**

**Digitalization of Literary Works related to Sree Narayana Guru which would be hosted at the prestigious SAOA (South Asian Open Archives) for the future generations to know and learn about Sree Narayana Guru.**

- Our admission statistics reveal that we welcome students from various academic backgrounds, **and our exceptional results highlight our commitment to supporting and empowering all students to succeed.**
- The College Management is known for its commitment to providing education to underserved communities. **A significant portion of our students are first-generation learners, and our institution takes pride in contributing to the education of many girl students in the local area.**
- The College Management provides scholarship to the deserving students in memory of the founding members of the trust which runs the institution. College also supports needy and deserving students by providing extended help by providing scholarships by entering Memorandum of Understanding [MOU] with Charitable Trusts and also from Religious Trusts. **More than 4000 students have benefitted over the last 5 years through such scholarships.**
- **We place a strong emphasis on fostering the holistic development of our students through Cultural, Sports, NSS, and DLLE activities.** These extracurricular pursuits are integral to enriching their educational journey, offering valuable opportunities for personal growth beyond the confines of traditional academics. Participation in these activities not only enhances skills like teamwork, leadership, communication, and time management but also ensures a well-rounded educational experience.
- **Health and wellness camps are conducted on a regular basis.** Blood donation camps are organized along with several agencies, which is one of the practices to show commitment to society. Students and staff participate in huge numbers here to donate blood.
- **Environment sustainability activities are encouraged** which includes tree plantation drives, seed collection drive, waste management workshops, sessions by external experts etc.
- **Gender initiatives are promoted** through various activities organized by Women development Committee and National Service Scheme Committee.
- **Celebrating local traditions and fostering community spirit is another important area which the institution prioritizes.** The institution continuously engages with the community by providing the space and premises for conducting various programs like for example Sessions by Police force, Celebrating various festivals for promoting

inclusivity like Ambedkar Jayanti, Sree Narayana Guru Jayanti etc.

- Skill development and vocational training activities and career counselling sessions are conducted through various certificate courses which are conducted both by in-house faculties and external experts. **A good example of skill development initiative undertaken by the institute is the Programming Analytics and Research (PAR) course conducted in association with Tata Institute of Social Sciences.**

The institution's focus on community engagement aligns with the principles of Sree Narayana Guru, emphasizing holistic education and social responsibility. The trust which manages the institution is **one of the biggest Educational and Charitable Trust established at Mumbai in 1963** with the aim to provide quality education, expand humanitarian services and improve lives of the people in this locality. The Trust has set up several educational institutions in various areas of Maharashtra and has strong vision to continue their services and expand in more areas. Through diverse initiatives in education, health, sustainability, skill development, women empowerment, and cultural programs, our institution not only enriches its students' educational experience but also contributes meaningfully to societal development. **The distinctive area of performance reflects the college's mission to promote Sree Narayana Guru's values, fostering a more inclusive and equitable society.**



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