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### ***7.3.1. Portray the performance of the Institution in one area distinctive to its priority and thrust within 1000 words.***

Our ancient Sanskrit texts have emphasised on power of knowledge. Michel Foucault, one of the most famous philosophers of 20<sup>th</sup> century, had also said “knowledge is power”. The college’s motto, ‘*Gyan Mev Shakti*’, written in Sanskrit, translates to ‘Knowledge is Power.’ It signifies how acquiring knowledge makes one powerful in terms of leading a better life. Knowledge helps to control things around us as well as produces new ways of thinking about ourself and society we live in. The Sanskrit proverb tells us how knowledge is enmeshed with power and inseparable from it.

In tandem with the college’s vision and mission, the college tries its best to achieve the motto enshrined in its logo. In the last five years, it has been the endeavour of the college to widen and strengthen various sources of knowledge. The college caters to students 30 to 40 km away from college, i.e., Ratanpur town and adjoining villages such as Belgahana, Khaira, Chapora, Pudu, Ranibachhali, Kenda, Khodari, Pondi, Gatauri, Lakhram, Beltara, Limha etc. It caters to educational requirements of students of all background- rural, tribal areas, socio-economically backward and disadvantaged groups, backward classes. Even meritorious students with high percentages who cannot afford education in the big colleges of Bilaspur, finish their education successfully in the college. Given the rural location and limited resources of college, it provides promise of education to underprivileged and meritorious alike, in the best manner possible.

Overall development of students is a priority of college staff and administration. Much efforts have been made to create a better educational environment in the college. Apart from imparting knowledge of their subjects, qualified, experienced and dedicated teachers appointed here, always motivate the students to exploit various sources of knowledge available in the institution. Eight more class rooms have been constructed in last five years to facilitate teaching large number of students. The laboratories in the college, such as Geography, Chemistry, Zoology, Physics, Botany and Computer science, are well equipped and updated with modern equipments. The college campus, rich in biodiversity and surrounded by various types of flora and fauna, provides itself a lively learning experience. The making of manure from the dry leaves and initiatives for water conservation like rainwater harvest and borewell recharge in the campus, also inspire students.

The college was well prepared to provide education through both online and offline mode, even before Covid-19 pandemic. The administration as well as faculty makes conscious and continuous efforts to update and upgrade their teaching methods. College faculty uses ICT tools wherever possible in combination with traditional teaching techniques to enhance understanding/learning of students. The college campus is enabled with Wi-Fi through broadband connectivity which faculty as well as students use regularly to access e-content. This improvement in use of ICT and other digital means has largely been witnessed over the last five years. Increasing use of ICT in teaching and learning will help to bring our students at par with their counterparts of urban areas.

There are more than 21000 books in the college library and SOUL 2.0 software has been installed recently. The library has N-list facility for the students and faculty. This has also opened vast treasure of learning in terms of free access to thousands of e-books and journals. English language lab is equipped with language software to assist and improve students command over the language.

As per the motto ***Gyan Mev Shakti***, it is the duty of the college to provide all tools at its disposal to enhance knowledge base of its students. For extra-curricular activities such as sports, facilities for both indoor and outdoor sports are available in the college under guidance of a trained sports teacher. Multi-Gym has been established and modern facilities like synthetic mat for Kabaddi, Karate etc. have been provided to students. A huge playground for various outdoor games is properly maintained in college. The field is used not just by college students but also open to local sports talent during morning and evening for running and jogging.

Various literary-cultural programs are held in the college. The annual college magazine “Srijan” is regularly published. Separate units of NSS for girls and boys operate in the college for personality development of students. Each unit has 100 volunteers. Voter awareness and to enhance sense of responsibility as voters, ‘SVEEP’ unit operates in college. During the annual functions, various kinds of competitions are organised – from cooking, hair styling, debate, poster, painting, dance and singing contests, among others. This also helps enhance overall development of students.

Gender inclusive education is an important part of inclusive education, which can be seen at college. Percentage of girl students increased from 50% to 57% in in last five years. It is important to note that more than 90% students are from SC, ST and backward sections.

Other steps taken for holistic and all-round development of students are as follows:

- Student enrolment in session 2015-16 was 944, which increased to 1390 in 2019-20, the last assessment year.
- Streams offered by college has increased from traditional courses to newer streams such as PGDCA, DCA and Masters in Commerce. In 2019-20 session, percentage enrollment of SCs was 18%, 27% in STs and 47% in OBCs.

- Placements are organised under the NUSSD, as a part of the wider National Skill Development Mission.
- Students are being guided and motivated to take up interviews outside college for placements.
- Some of the students have done well, cleared NET/SET, taken up various government and private jobs.
- College students get position in merit list of the University, represent university in various inter-university sports competitions. NSS volunteer also participate in a national level NSS camp.

Thus, inclusive education, inclusion of students from socially and economically backward sections, gender equality, intake of students from remote areas, tribal areas and disadvantaged groups is the hallmark of education provided by Government Mahamaya College Ratanpur. This is what makes the college distinctive in its approach to studies- providing best education possible to all students, within the available resources.



  
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