## **Institutional Distinctiveness- 2019-20**

Our college is one of the pioneer colleges in Ratnagiri district to provide education to the students of hilly and rural areas. Since its inception, the vision of the institute is to work for the upliftment of socially and economically underprivileged aspiring students enabling them to go for higher education. The college has completed the third cycle of the reaccreditation process of NAAC in 2016 and secured an A grade with a CGPA of 3.06. It is the first college in the Southern Konkan region that has got autonomous status in March 2019. The college went for autonomy with the sole purpose to upgrade and update the curriculum to address the local needs and reap local advantages. The college is looking forward to enhancing learning ambiance and provides skill education to the students to increase their employability. The college has established a Ph.D. center in Chemistry. Centers in Physics and Geography are also in process. The college has started B.Voc courses in Banking and Finance, Sustainable Agriculture, Geoinformatics and rural resource mapping. The purpose is to opportune the students of the area to opt for skill-oriented courses and to make them employable in the related areas. In this academic year two MoUs are signed with industries to build industry-academia interface which will be beneficial for increasing employability of the students. As college is located in one of the great biodiversity hotspot, various programs on environment awareness are organized throughout the year so that students and society will realize importance of biodiversity of the area and will work for it's conservation.