

7.3 Institutional Distinctiveness

Provide the details of the performance of the institution in one area distinctive to its vision, priority and thrust
Provide the weblink of the institution in not more than 500 words

Providing Scholarship to students from poor economical family background in the form of concession in fees. Education is the 'Driving Force' to make life prosperous. The Institution, called as the "Temple of Education", serves the very purpose of providing education to all the aspiring students. KDK College is in the service of the society since more than 3 decades. We have been nurturing the aspiring minds with technical education, with the vision, "***Service to the Society through Quality Technical Education***". It has been noticed from the perspective of geo-economical characteristics of the region, that was considered to be backward, many students faced difficulty in acquiring technical education due to their poor economical family background. Some students admitted to the college may not fit into the requirement to receive scholarship from the Government.

Aligning with the institutional vision, the authority of the KDK College, felt the need to uplift the students of economically weaker section, irrespective of their caste and religion, who are enthusiastic to get into Engineering studies, but are unable to pay the requisite fees. A decision was taken to provide scholarships/ concessions to such students, so that they can achieve their dreams . Accordingly, every year, college earmarked a corpus fund for providing scholarships in the form of concession in the tuition fees for the aspiring students coming from poor economical background. Hence, college started giving concession in fees and also made sure to impart them installment facility to pay the fees. These students are given scholarship/concession for all four years of their study. The college has been providing this facility to students from poor economical background since last three years. This gesture of the college has relieved the parents and students from financial stress. Students are getting good education with all round personality development and skills, making them ready to face the challenges that life would put to them in future.

The details of scholarship provided to students during the last three academic sessions is shown in the table below:-

Session	Total number of Beneficiaries of college Scholarship (From First to Final Year)	Total Amount of Scholarship Provided
2017-18	321	Rs.55,61,816
2018-19	368	Rs.66,54,978
2019-20	606	Rs.1,19,63,918

This has led many general category as well as backward category students from poor economical background irrespective of their caste and religion, to enroll for the courses of their choice, at KDKCE and get benefited. They are also provided free library book-bank facility to cater to their need of reading & learning. The college has taken this step looking into the poor financial background of students taking admission in the institute. This venture of college, providing concession facility and provision for paying the fees in installments, has given them a great relief. This institutional distinctiveness is now, helping more and more students of the region to acquire technical education and make their life more prosperous. To make students aware about the institutional distinctiveness, college holds counseling sessions for students of

the region.

College also reaches to various organizations under its 'Outreach Program' to extend helping hand to the needy students from economical weaker section.