

## **Institutional Distinctiveness**

Vivekananda College, Agasteeswaram has been established to educate the rural people who don't have the opportunity to avail education. In order to bring them in main stream of education, the college has been flourished with the vision "to reach out to the best of its ability to impart world class education to the youth of this country in general and educationally and economically backward community of the locality in particular". As per our vision, College has taken initiative to educate the youth of this locality and committed to give directions in the field of career focused quality education through its strong teaching-learning process and has been offering 11 UG, 06 PG, 02 Pre-Doctoral, and 04 Research Programs. The College arranges free as well as paid hostel facility to the socially deprived students of both genders. Since our institution is situated in rural area, the girl students in and around the locality prefer our College for education and get benefitted, even though it is co-educational. The students have been constantly motivated and provided platform for standard Higher education, Skill development, Placement, Entrepreneurship and Human value development. They build up the tendency to compete globally and experience their physical fitness by utilizing facilities like Olympic swimming pool, Indoor shooting range, Gymnasium and Volleyball court. They are provided English Language Lab to improve their communication skill, and also to learn ethics, team building, technical skills and presentation skills. The institution not only encourages students to participate various programs but also provides financial support via Government Scholarships for reserved category and Student Aid Fund to economically poor and educationally promising students. The college also reflects its broad vision in community services through its different units such as NSS, NCC, YRC etc. In order to render service to the larger community, our

institution has adopted two nearby villages and taking efforts for the development of rural public. Our Alumni also work hand in hand with the college for its progress and donated an air-conditioned Conference Hall for the sake of students. One of our alumni has donated a well-equipped Zoology Research Laboratory to improve the research skills of students in the concerned field. Our institution also enables the socially oppressed students to have access to higher education. As our College is situated in a village, its pollution free and eco-friendly green campus provides good mental and physical health to both the students and teachers. The institution is moving to achieve excellence by providing quality education to the downtrodden and backward people in and around Kanniyakumari District and to develop Vivekananda College into a modern centre of higher education, with the best available faculty, infrastructure and equipment.