

## **Institutional Distinctiveness**

### **Contributing to society and the environment**

The Sapkal Knowledge Hub (SKH) is the realization of its founder, Dr. Ravindra G. Sapkal, who had a dream of building a comprehensive learning facility where the future leaders of society might be prepared from their earliest years. SKH has vision "To nurture children in a multi-dimensional and subtle manner right from their childhood to adulthood in a caring and enriched environment with the best qualified, accomplished, experienced and beautiful human being around them". Kalyani Charitable Trust's Late G. N. Sapkal College of Engineering (LGNSCOE) is an integral part of SKH as a technical educational institute.

LGNSCOE has come a long way since its inception in 2009. Within this short span of time, it has emerged as one of the most preferred destinations for the students in this region by establishing world class infrastructure and creating an academic milieu with an emphasis on human, cultural and ethical aspects of a human being and an aspiration to "groom a talented and diverse student body for a life of purpose, personal fulfillment and the rigors in the life ahead in a caring and enriched environment with the best qualified, accomplished, experienced and beautiful human beings around them". Our goal is to prepare all to confront adversities, confidently take challenges of the fiercely competitive business environment and in the long run come out as winners. To strive to harness a collaborative partnership with industries and build team players. To maintain a collegial, supportive and diverse environment that encourages our students, faculty and staff to achieve to the best of their abilities.

Since the past five years, the institute has adopted a reduced paper drive. When possible and acceptable, all communications are conducted only by email or WhatsApp. Staff members and students are encouraged to print documents on both sides of the page and to reuse one-sided printed paper. All of our event registrations are paperless and done exclusively online thanks to the students' participation in this project. The usage of thermocol is also completely forbidden for any creative endeavors, and the majority of creative work is produced through the reuse of pre-existing materials.

We contend the developing social skills, becoming aware of gender, social, and environmental injustices, learning how to communicate with people and inequities in the society. Every student has the opportunity to contribute to improving their community and developing

personally through our programs. The LGNSCOE has made it a priority to educate its students about social responsibility and principles.

The LGNSCOE has made every effort to contribute back to the community in keeping with its mission to strive for the socioeconomic growth of the nation. To carry out the responsibilities towards society, several student committees are formed. Freshmen gain insight into the institute's beliefs and vision through the intensive induction sessions.

The National Service Scheme (NSS) unit organizes events like tree planting and field trips in addition to various sporting, cultural, and technological activities to introduce the students to the current social issues. For the students, a number of activities are conducted to introduce them to the critical environmental problems afflicting us. They are encouraged to engage in contests addressing environmental issues and taken on field trips to connected enterprises. The poster competition event was launched specifically for the engineering students to present their solutions to environmental problems.

Through the active NSS unit, which performs numerous services to implant ideals of society. Development in society is also instilled on a significant scale into the students as a special focus. The NSS unit organizes a wide variety of events throughout the year, including

- **Donation drives** for social trusts and relief funds, Diwali Celebration with Ashram Schools, Dindi Seva, Swachh Wari- Swasth Wari awareness and food distribution, etc.
- **Voter Awareness and Voter's Day Celebration.**
- **Cleanliness campaigns** like Swachhta Pakhwada, Swachhata Hi Seva, and Swachh Bharat Summer Internship, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Water Reservoirs Cleaning: Water Sanitation.
- **Health Awareness programs** like Blood Test checkup and HIV Awareness Sessions, Dental Checkup Camp, Eye checkup Camp, Millet Awareness Program, Menstrual Hygiene for girls students.
- Keeping in mind the concerns about mental health during the lockdown, the NSS also served as a platform to showcase student initiatives, such as Pandemic awareness through posters/digital banners, mask preparation and distribution, food and sanitizer distribution, and so on.
- **Street Play** on Girl Child Education and Female Feticide, Wall Paintings on Girl child education, Ekta Daud and Unity Pledge, Fire and disaster management practical training, etc.

- **Tree planting campaigns** like Mazi Vasundhara Programme and Continuous Contour Trenches for Water Harvesting (Watershed Management), etc.
- Donation of clothes, blankets etc. to tribal people of tribal hamlets around the college periphery.

All the student clubs also do their bit by organizing several charity events under their banners and contributing to society and environment.

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