

Deccan Education Society, Pune

Willingdon College, Sangli

Institutional Distinctiveness

Deccan Education Society(D.E.S.); one of the renowned society serving for the various educational purposes was established on 24th Oct. 1884 by the great national leaders and patriots. The founders of D.E.S. were Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Waman Shivram Apte, Mahadev Ballal Namjoshi, Gopal Ganesh Agarkar and Krishnaji Chiplunkar. D.E.S. has started many educational institutes like schools and colleges. The Willingdon College is one of the oldest institute which was established by D.E.S on 22nd June 1919, with the noble intention of making education available in the regions of western Maharashtra. Chatrapati Rajrshi Shahu Maharaj was the first president of Willingdon college. During this period, centres of higher education and colleges were rare. Due to the establishment of Willingdon College, the students from western as well from southern Maharashtra including the districts like Belgaum, Dharwad, Karwar and Bijapur were greatly benefited. It is a matter of great pride and prestige for us that our college has completed hundred years in 2019 playing an imperative role as a huge resource of knowledge and has contributed in the upbringing of great personalities who devoted their lives for serving the society through various fields. In fact, to be a past Willingdonian has remained a bond of affection for many educated persons.

“Union is strength” is the motto of our parent institute and for practicing it; our college organized several activities and programmes to celebrate the completion of the centenary in 2019. The college has contributed a lot during the flood calamity in Sangli and Kolhapur region in August 2019, by providing shelters and food for flood affected people. The arrangement for providing shelters was done in the college campus. All teaching and non-teaching staff members were involved in this campaign to help by providing grocery, fruits, biselri water bottles and cans, clothes etc. For this work, our college was appreciated and honored by the chairman of DES, Pune. More than 1000 people were benefited through this campaign.

For the overall development of students and to create environmental awareness; college has conducted many activities as listed in the above sections. Our college is selected to conduct the P.L. Deshpande District level Stand up comedy competition by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India. This competition was organised by the college on 5th Aug. 2019. The departments of all Languages have successfully organized a National level Conference on

“Feminism” on 4th March 2020. This rich heritage and glorious history of 101 years is our Institutional Distinctiveness and we look forward to enable students and society to achieve glorious success in the years ahead.