## 7.3.1 Institutional Distinctiveness

## Portray the performance of the institution in one area distinctive to its priority and thrust

## **Special Care for Women Students on Campus**

Women students get special attention in the institution. Most of the women students are hailing from rural background and they are mostly first-generation graduates. The institution offers the best and efficient higher education to the rural poor women.

Entering the premises, the girl students go straight to the retiring hall. The Girls' Retiring Hall is beautifully situated in a quiet and peaceful spot. A common room is exclusively provided for the girl students. There is something special about this place. It has a resting place to sit and study, to rest and relax, to build and establish a good rapport with other department girls, and to inculcate religious zeal.

The trees in the resting room provide shade for the students. During the free time the girl students sit down in the shade of the trees. They breathe in fresh air.

The surroundings make them feel stronger and when the bell starts ringing, they leave the retiring hall and go to their respective classes and take their place. Again, after class hours, they get back to the retiring place.

Special attendants keep a close watch over the girls and the staff members who are in charge of the premises take great care of the girls. So the women students are absolutely free from harassment and physical and emotional abuse on campus.

In the Girls' Retiring Premises an open shed is constructed for the girls to work and rest. Additional amenities such as purified drinking water, good toilet facilities and a shed for the two wheelers to girls in their resting place, make the girls premises pleasant and comfortable to study and rest, and give a safe and secure environment.

A Meditation cum Counselling Centre for girl students in the Girls' Retiring Premises infuses and instills Christian values and moral values in the minds of the students.

The girl students are invited to air their grievances to the Principal at any time.

Mentors take special care of the women students. The mentor has a special role to play in moulding the girl students' character. They pay attention to the girl students' studies and health. They meet the students at regular intervals and they monitor their progress, attendance and behaviour.

Counseling programmes, skill development programmes and career guidance programmes are arranged to refresh and give new strength to the girl students.

They are encouraged to create and write original works.

Spoken English Courses enable the girls to face the interview confidently and communicate with conviction and courage.

Girl students are getting more attention and the institution provides good medical care for the girls. In the Retiring Hall the sick room furnishes accommodation for the girls who are in indisposition. If the girls fall sick, they are taken to the hospitals immediately. Thus the institution has distinctive style in its way of life.