

## SREE NARAYANA COLLEGE, PUNALUR. INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS.

Sree Narayana College, Punalur founded in the name of the great seer and philosopher, Sree Narayana Guru is a centre of excellence and a catalyst in promoting a holistic development of youth with international standards. The College ensures the development of the students in the academic, co-curricular and extracurricular aspects, as well as in grooming them to be responsible citizens with social commitment, keeping up ethical standards based on Guru's ideals. The College has a set of high values and standards for the improvement of community living. Combination of learning and curiosity of actions from the institution from years provide good actions for the betterment of the marginalized and economically backward community.

The College caters higher education needs of average and below average income groups of northern part of Kollam district of Kerala State. Moreover about 70% of the students at the College belongs to the backward castes like OBC, SC and ST categories. They are financially and educationally backward in the state. About 65% of the students at the college are girls and so we promote women's education in the region. We teach the philosophies of the great saint Sree Narayana Guru through the Sree Narayana study centre, which enlighten the horizon of all categories of students.

We aim to deliver an exceptional education and to make significant contributions to society-locally, nationally, and internationally. Institution consistently inspires students and provides a platform for methodological skill development, multidisciplinary scheme development, ethical and human value development. The college has enrolled in a specially designed program under Kerala Development and Innovation Strategic Council (KDISC) namely YIP (Young Innovators Programme) in the academic year which focusses on empowering future innovators. The college has been categorized as a premium Institution. Dr. Divya V (Nodal Officer) and Dr. Bijo S. Anand have been selected as the facilitators of the program. The college is also funded with DST-FIST besides that of UGC, RUSA and the State Government. National Conferences, workshops, seminars, and lectures are organised regularly to impart the latest developments in academic and research fields. The College has a set of high values and standards for the improvement of community living. Combination of learning and curiosity of actions from the institution from years provide good actions for the betterment of the marginalised and economically backward community.

Our students excel in arts, sports and other extracurricular activities. Students of our college have become members in several national, state and university teams of sports events. Various co-curricular 'new initiative' programmes like scholar support programmes (SSP) for giving special training to needy students, walk with scholar (WWS) for mentoring a few students with good academic record, additional skill acquisition programme (ASAP) for giving training on additional job skills etc. are undertaken by the college in its full spirit. NSS, NCC and various clubs like literary, debate, sports, theatre, media, science etc. fully functional in the campus.

With the belief of academic and technical excellence, institution stimulates and support students to participate in various rural developmental activities like Samardhan, Vimukthi etc. The rural area where a higher educational institution of this magnitude, can contribute greatly towards local development and promotion of the rural public. Besides the Certificate course in Spoken English, the college offers Certificate course on the philosophy of Guru titled "Gurudarshanam" that aims to promote Guru's ideals among the students . Focus of the institution is always on following its vision, mission and working methodology to assure the standard of the communities' performance through value added education and interdisciplinary research.