

7.3 Institutional distinctiveness

In alignment with Kamala Nehru College's vision of going beyond academic teaching to work towards the overall well-being of all stakeholders and to instil a sense of responsibility towards fashioning an egalitarian society, the college has initiated several innovative and unique experiential learning processes for our students. The exterior walls of the college have been aesthetically enhanced by the creatively inclined students of the Fine Arts Society. They have used a variety of Indian folk art forms, designs and motifs, drawing on the likes of Madhubani, Warli, Gond and contemporary art traditions, as well as using empowering images of nature and women. Many of these paintings are around the Nature Square on the walls of the eco-friendly and environmentally sustainable bamboo rooms. This provides an outlet for our creative students to showcase their talents and instils a distinctive sense of pride and belonging. It also promotes an appreciative understanding among students, faculty, administration and visitors of Indian culture and the universal values linked to the interconnectedness of Prakriti and all life forms. Teaching, learning and working in an aesthetically pleasing environment also makes the college an appealing space and contributes to the welfare of the stakeholders and adds to the social media presence of the college.

This feeds into the teaching and learning philosophy of the college which focuses on transformative holistic development of empowered global citizens using vibrant print-rich department and society boards to highlight contemporary issues and trends in ways that seek to constantly engage critical and higher-order thinking amongst all stakeholders. As part of its climate change sensitisation, using digital technology, the college has a publically displayed weather board that is a visible reminder to all who pass the college of the impact of our actions on the environment in the form of information about temperature and humidity levels in the city. Further, there is a particular emphasis on a quotidian hands-on approach to meet environmental and societal needs through a plethora of community outreach programmes linked to education, nutrition, mental health, women's safety and empowerment, optimised accessibility, inclusivity, skill-enhancement and entrepreneurship, Swacch Bharat initiatives, waste management, botanical audit and rainwater harvesting within and outside the campus.