

7.3 Institutional Distinctiveness - Additional Information

1. 136 year old campus established in 1886 - started even during the freedom struggle.
2. Visit by freedom fighters like Mahatma Gandhi and C.Rajagopalachari
3. Heritage symbols like Gandhi tree - tree where Gandhiji addressed people.
4. Statue of Smt.Indira Gandhi, garlanded by both Rajiv Gandhiji and Rahul Gandhiji.
5. Visited by Shri. R.Venkataraman, Former Vice-President of India.
6. Ancient buildings, built during colonial rule, are still in good condition.
7. Situated in the centre of the town / district
8. Steeped in traditional, cultural, religious, aesthetics of Trichy
9. Identified by both old and young citizens of Trichy
10. Although the look and feel of Trichy around the college has changed, the college ambience has not changed till now.
11. Establishment of the college for women empowerment through Education and Employment was a revolution in the days of history.
12. The same spirit has been carried down for the past 4 decades.
13. Past head of the institution has become the First Women Vice-Chancellor of our university.
14. Secretaries have been advocates and auditors.
15. The college and its blocks have been named after great leaders of the Nation.
16. Support from academic, spiritual, professional and social leaders sought to establish a well equipped establishment for a social cause.
17. Great leaders like Mahatma Gandhi and Shri C. Rajagopalachari visited our institution long back.
18. Leaders who have addressed our students are Shri R. Venkataraman, Former President of India, Shri. Rajiv Gandhi, Smt. Sonia Gandhi, Mr.P.Chidambaram, Thiru G.K. Moopanar, Thiru G.K.Vasan, MP Tiruchy N. Siva, MP Smt.K.Kanimozhi, Mr. Rengarajan Kumaramangalam, Thiru Pon Radhakrishnan.
19. In recent years we have invited Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan - Honourable Governor of Telangana & Puducherry,.
20. We have been blessed by Spiritual leaders like Sri Sri Sankaracharya Swamigal of Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam, Sri Sri Andavan Swamigal of Srirangam and Ahobilam Mutts.

21. Alumni have invested themselves in versatile domains to serve the nation. Some have become leaders in their own way. Many are working abroad.
22. Focus on serving the citizens of Trichy and surrounding villages, addressing their academic and social needs.
23. Offering job oriented programmes to support easy employment and entrepreneurship.
24. Demand based job oriented add-on and value added courses to supplement curricula provided by university.
25. MoUs with organizations to offer placement and placement-based training
26. Promoting Entrepreneurship through EDC, IIC, and orientation programmes from TIDITSSIA, IECD of Bharathidasan University for students of the college.
27. Special Training and Placement division addresses employment opportunities and upskilling.
28. Internships, case studies and projects enable placements.
29. Exposure to IPR through IPR cell, promotion of StartUps through Ideathons and design thinking, invited talks to promote patenting help in research promotion.
30. Focus on seminar content to address specific areas (classroom to corporate for motivation to achieve great positions, concepts for knowledge enrichment, women in leadership to nurture women leaders, excellence for achieving great positions in industry, Learn with leaders to get counsel from leaders in corporate and unicorns, Language Proficiency to promote Language Learning, Health and wellness to create health awareness, Alumni Spotlight to recognize already established Alumni as role models)
31. Average experience of staff members is 11 years. This shows that employees feel comfortable with the environment of the college.

VISION : To enable the students to acquire an integrated personality, endowed with character, culture, compassion and discipline.

MISSION: To foster higher education and the upliftment of women in society in general and the improvement of their Economic Status and Independence in particular.

Shrimati Indira Gandhi College has been creating history since 1984 by standing with women for their right to education and empowerment. In the last four decades, the college has transformed into a respected institution for women across all backgrounds. Shrimati Indira

Gandhi College was founded by Vidya Seva Ratnam K. Santhanam with a single-minded devotion to **educate** and **empower** women. The campus is situated in the heart of the city so as to be convenient for students to commute as well as to be one with the culture of Trichy. The College enables students to discover their capabilities and become strong, responsible, creative, and prepared to lead and serve their society.

Thrust areas in the past:

1. Academics

- a. Starting job oriented programmes like M.C.A, UG & PG in Computer science, Information Technology, Computer Applications, Biochemistry, Microbiology, Fashion technology and Costume Design, M.B.A, etc.
- b. Getting AICTE approval for M.C.A and M.B.A
- c. Becoming a nodal centre of IECD of Bharathidasan University
- d. Becoming a regional centre for IGNOU
- e. Getting UGC grants for career oriented courses and library upgradation
- f. Collaborating with CSI, BUTP, CII and professional bodies to conduct National level conferences, workshops and seminars for students and staff in emerging areas
- g. Nurturing research by establishing research centres in various disciplines

2. Service to Society

- Extension Activities through NSS, YRC, RRC, Rotaract Club, Youth Exnora and Nature club - Collaboration with MHMC, WISH, Gramalaya, SCOPE and SEVAI to reach the unreached - Awareness on computer skills, entrepreneurship skills and women health and hygiene - Identification and educating Child Labour School Children - Providing access to computers to rural school children
- Preparation of 10 different software for the specially endowed children and children with autism for easy learning.
- Establishment of a project named '**IT ON WHEELS**' wherein computers were carried to rural schools and panchayat offices to create awareness about digital media and computing among children and adults. These people were later invited for special training bootcamps at the college.

- Creating computer awareness and training professionals like doctors, lawyers, housewives, government officials, industry employees, and teachers in using the computer for their everyday needs.
- Catering to counselling school students on higher education through ‘Vazhikatti’ and ‘Jeyithu Kattuvom’ programmes and news columns in association with local dailies

3. Technology Upgradation:

- Establishing a student chapter of the Computer Society of India for getting current updates in the field. Students of Computer Science, I.T and Computer Applications were given awareness on trending topics in the domain through seminars and conferences.
- Our former principal was instrumental in establishing an ISP in Trichy through BSNL and installation of 1 Mbps broadband connection way back in 2000. She also established an **Internet club of Trichy** to create awareness about the Internet and its Applications in schools and colleges.
- Preparation of software for automation of admission system, examination system, hostel management system
- Establishment of 6 computer laboratories housing more than 600 computers with licensed software and peripherals to cater to training our students and people from various professions through free training programmes.

4. Collaborations:

- CII for learning about industry needs and getting expertise from them
- CSI for technology updates
- District Industries corporation, Trichy District Tiny and Small Scale Industries Association for offering consultancy, training and providing Entrepreneurship Development counselling to students.
- Local NGOs for offering social service and catering to their needs
- Local dailies, TV Channels and AIR, Trichy for offering technical advise and networking with people.
- Ladies Clubs to attract the women population of Trichy for providing technical training and women empowerment through counselling and hands on training. Celebration of **International Women’s Day** to cherish womanhood and bring women leaders to motivate staff and students.