

### 7.3. Institutional Distinctiveness

#### **Area of distinctiveness:** Safety of staff and students

The college has adapted the following safety measures for ensuring safety and physical and mental well-being of the staff and students:

- The college has constructed a 'gas-bank' in the open space at the back side of the college building, in order to provide direct gas supply to every laboratory and avoid casualties and mishaps during practical classes for lab-based subjects. The gas is distributed through pipeline with regulators at several levels preventing leakage and explosion as it would have been if individual cylinders would have kept inside the laboratories.
- The entire 2020-2021 session was under the Covid-19 pandemic period and all classes were held online. The primary focus was to provide all facilities to the teaching fraternity and students, for better implementation of online classes and other events. The parents and students were satisfied with the extent of online classes and activities that were being held during the pandemic.
- For all academic and administrative operations, following the Covid-19 safety protocols, the non-teaching staffs (office, laboratory and support) were present maintaining the Roster as given, time-to-time.
- All measures were taken to sanitize the premise and every department/room inside the building on a regular basis. Awareness campaign on Covid-19 precautions was done through sharing of different signage and message related to hand washing, sanitization, and maintenance of safe distance etc., and were displayed in various corners of the college.
- Free college bus service was provided to and fro from college to nearest metro/railway stations and bus stops to many staffs for safe and peaceful commute.
- The institution is careful about adhering to fire safety regulations and install an elaborate fire detection and alarm system in the college which consists of smoke detectors, heat detectors and fire detectors. The purpose of this fire safety system is to detect fire in the area at the initial stage and to alert occupants so that they can escape the building safely and to initiate automatic fire control and suppression system like water sprinklers. The set-up with the necessary sprinklers, pipe-lines with water connection have been installed in the building and are fully functional from the 2020-2021 session.
- The inside of the college campus has a lush green environment to maintain a peaceful and serene environment. Even during the pandemic, the gardener came everyday to take care of all small plants, trees, medicinal plant garden etc., and every care was taken by the college authority to maintain the nature-friendly and healthy ambience enjoyed by the students and staff.