

### **7.3. Institutional Distinctiveness**

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

The college has adapted the following safety measures for the 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.
- Installation of autoclaves which are meant for sterilization purpose is done in a storage cage outside the different laboratories to avoid accidents.
- The institution is very particular 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 during the initial stage, to alert occupants so that they can escape the building safely and to initiate automatic fire control and suppression system like water sprinklers. This operation is fully functional from the 2019-20 session and all the necessary sprinklers, pipe-lines with water connection have been installed in the building.
- The College has reopened in the unlock phases from mid-June 2020 and the staff has started coming in as small groups. All measures were taken to sanitize the premise and every room inside the building on a regular basis and a free bus service for the staffs were arranged for easy commute to and fro from the College.

All these measures have been taken by the College to ensure safety of the staff and students and upgrade the college infrastructure for disaster risk reduction.