



Shri Gajanan Shikshan Sanstha's
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Education in Environment of Spiritual Foundation - Institutional Distinctiveness

Shri Sant Gajanan Maharaj College of Engineering, Shegaon has inherited spiritual ambience from its esteemed parent organisation “*Shri Gajanan Maharaj Sansthan*” which has its motto as “*Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah*” (Let All Be Happy). In about four decades of its working the college has greatly succeeded in consolidating this inheritance into building a subtle spiritual environment in the campus as envisioned by our college in its vision and mission statements – education in an environment of spiritual foundation and through symbiosis of science and spirituality - for a holistic development of its inmates – students, faculty and staff members, administrators and workers and also inspiring guests, dignitaries and visitors to the campus. Here is a list of initiatives by the college in this direction.

Initiatives for evolving Spiritually Founded Environment:

- Every residential building in the campus and central library and sports complex named after Saints of our nation
- Prayer hall in boys and girls hostels with photos of *Shri Ramakrishna*, *Maa Sarada Devi*, *Swami Vivekananda* and *Shri Gajanan Maharaj* for 20-30 minutes daily morning and evening prayers voluntarily by hostel inmates with or without instruments
- Community / College prayer hall in the *Samarth Ramdas Krida Mandir* for 20-30 minutes daily evening prayers voluntarily by resident staff and their family members and visiting guests
- The working hour of our college commences by playing a record of musical instrument (*Shahnai*) for first 15 minutes for a quiet aromatic environment followed by National Anthem and Global Prayer through a campus-wide audio system fitted in every class room, laboratory and corridor and further followed by a 10 minutes *Vipasyana* meditation – *Aan-Apan* attended by all faculty and staff members and students in the respective class rooms / locations.



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- Celebration of *Shri Gajanan Maharaj Pragat Din* and *Samadhi Din* in the Community / College prayer hall with prayer, *pooja*, *bahajan*, *aarti* concluding with *Mahaprasad* (community meal) for all faculty and staff members and their family members (for boys and girls in their respective hostel messes)
- Voluntary participation in *Dindi* of *Shri Gajanan Maharaj Sansthan* during *Shri Gajanan Maharaj Pragat* and *Samadhi Din* by students, faculty and staff and their family members (now discontinued by *Sansthan* during and after Covid period)
- Celebration of religious days like *Swami Vivekananda Jayanti*, *Shri Ramakrishna Jayanti*, *Maa Sarada Devi Jayanti*, *Ramnavami* etc. in the community prayer hall by voluntary participation
- A book sale counter at the entrance of college library - named “*Sparsh*” - with low-priced books and booklets from Ramakrishna Math and Mission, Gita Press and others for dissemination of spiritual and religious literature and causing spiritual vibrations amongst youths – college boys and girls, faculty and staff members and their children and other college students coming to participate in various events and competitions organized by our college
- Spiritual discourses by monks, religious and cherished social workers at reasonable intervals with voluntary participation by students, faculty, staff and their family members
- All class rooms, cabins and offices have a photo of *Shri Gajanan Maharaj* and His *Aarti* is rendered by all departments respectively in its office on every Thursday.
- Yoga and meditation hall and trained Yoga teachers separately for boys and girls
- Spiritual and religious literature section in the central library with 3286 volumes



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Impact visibility in the campus culture:

The distinctive spiritual environment of our college reverberates in the lives, activities and overall culture of the campus as reflected through the following outcomes.

- Timely reporting to college by students, faculty and staff before National Anthem and prayer
- Campus remains free from noise, clamor, hustle-bustle, tumult or any such disturbances.
- Campus remains quiet despite more than 3500 inmates residing here.
- No crowding or uncalled for gathering in any part of the campus
- No gossiping by students, faculty and staff members
- No shouting behavior
- Anger and rage find no place amongst its inmates.
- Possibility of distraction reduced and extent of concentration increased amongst the inmates of the campus resulting in increasing number of merit students in university examinations, more prizes in national and international competitions by students and faculty and successful completion of Ph.D. works and guidance
- Sense of collectivism and team spirit visible in every act, task and work of our students, faculty and staff members.
- Individuals can be seen engrossed in their work wherever they are.
- In campus food is purely vegetarian including for those visiting it.
- Cases of indiscipline amongst students, faculty and staff are rare.
- Incidents of quarrels, fights and other similar abuses are not occurring amongst students, faculty, staff and even their resident family members.
- Students distribute Snacks and Sherbets (syrup) to thousands of devotees during *Shri Gajanan Maharaj Pragat* and *Samadhi Din Dindi* and *Pandharpur Palkhi Dindi* through their self-contributions depicting an act of selfless service.
- Students celebrate their birthdays with deprived and physically challenged children of the society.



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- Faculty and Staff members distribute *Mahaprasad* to devotees during *Utsavas* (celebrations) through their self-contributions showing service to society.
- Visitors including dignitaries of events, committees, accreditation peer teams etc. sense this spiritual fervour of the campus during their short stay in the campus reflected in their remarks, opinions, reports submitted / marked in visitors' diary.
- Executives visiting for campus recruitment have appreciated the spiritual culture of our college in their feedback / remarks in visitors' diary of our Guest House.
- Recruiters of our students have conveyed to us through their mails and feedback about strong emotional and spiritual quotients of recruits from our college.
- Students organize and celebrate *Granth Dindi* (walking barefoot while carrying religious books on head) in the campus.
- Campus is free from smoking, use of *gutkha*, *Pan* (betal) and alcohol.
- Cases of use of unfair means in examinations by students and any malpractices by faculty and staff are not found.
- Inmates of our college frequently donate to *Shri Gajanan Maharaj Sansthan* for conducting different philanthropic activities towards *Sarva Bhavantu Sukhinah* (Let all be happy).




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