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College of Non-Conventional vocational Courses for Women, Kolhapur is the first college of its kind under Shivaji University imparting non-conventional vocational training to girl students with the objective of women empowerment since 1994. The Government of India and the State Government have passed different legislation to achieve equal rights to women and proper education for the women. Despite these efforts of the Government, more is to be achieved in respect of women's education, training, and employment. Priority has been given to education for women in the new education policy. The planning process in India intends to strengthen the contribution of women to economic development. Liberal education could not fully explore this latent course for development. The non-conventional programmes started by this college to ensure higher participation of women as one step closer to the task of national development and reconstruction in the Kolhapur region. These professional and vocational programmes are helping the girl students take up multi-dimensional roles in the changing economic world, where new opportunities are made available to them. This college has constantly tried to bring the ladies to the expectations of the Modern World with values, skills, and specific knowledge by undergoing professional and vocational training and education. The girl students will raise their socio-economic status in society by becoming self-supporting. Implementing the national policy of the Government of "Make in India" will provide good services to society and create millions of jobs. Suppose one looks at the College's history and our founder's vision. In that case, one will realize that we are far ahead of other contemporary colleges in creating new opportunities and business avenues to support these national causes for development.

The Vision of the College is to educate, enable and empower young women, including students from different states that form a significant section of the student community in the College. The College emphasizes the need to mainstream the marginalized and weaker sections of students to ensure justice and equity in society. The Mission is to steer the education it offers toward the pragmatic goal of employability. We believe college life is not all about academics, games, friends, and fun. It is also about learning to interact with others and being aware of social, environmental and gender issues and societal inequities. Accordingly, the college makes efforts to provide every student an opportunity to contribute to making the society in which they live a



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better place and grow as better individuals. Throughout the year, the NSS unit undertakes many events ranging from street plays, cleanliness drives, waste management drives, gender equity, field visits, and many more. We always try to function uniquely, innovatively, and distinctively. As far as our Mission and Vision are concerned, the college always tries to implement distinctiveness in work. College has a large number of students from the surrounding villages. Most students are from rural areas & poor backgrounds, but they are not poor in talent, knowledge, and skill. College staff members identify their talent and encourage them to bring the girl students into the mainstream of higher education. The college organizes women's empowerment programs to make them confident enough to struggle in the battle of life. Various eminent personalities are invited for guidance on several issues. Through the NSS, the girl students get a stage and dais to develop their academic and professional, cultural, social consciousness, alertness, and responsiveness.

The food technology programme offered by the college provides knowledge about good eating habits that should be inculcated in childhood. Interactive sessions with children help inculcate the importance of these food habits amongst students. Moreover, the programmes also give insight into how women should follow diet and healthy practices to maintain health during the physiological phases of life like- adolescence, pregnancy, lactation, and post-menopausal. Interactive health sessions with women help in imparting health-related knowledge amongst the women.



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