## 7.3.1 Institutional Distinctiveness

The Centre for Skill Development has been in the college since 2016-17. In accordance with vision and mission of the college, which emphasises empowerment through self-reliance among students, the centre gives training of employment generating skills at a nominal fee of Rs.1000/- by conducting skill oriented training programmes to equip students with entrepreneurial attitude, qualities, skills, and thereby encourages self-employment and entrepreneurship among them. Attempts are made to secure funds under CSR. In 2020-21, the concession of Rs. 500/- each was given to 400 students.

The college runs a year-long Balwadi Teachers' Training course approved by the University since 2004. Many trainees have opened up their own Nursery / Play schools.

Some of the students after completing the courses - Fashion Designing, Beauty Parlour, imitation jewellery, etc. have started their own enterprise which fulfils objective of the centre.

In 2020-21, the centre conducted Fashion Designing and Beauty Parlour courses by strictly adhering to the COVID guidelines.

This academic year the college has received university and government approval to conduct 3 UGC funded skill based courses- Diploma in Food Processing, Certificate in Communication Skills in English and Certificate in Yoga and Fitness which will benefit not only the college students but off-campus young aspirants for start-ups as well.