

## Institutional Distinctiveness

As the saying goes, “If you educate a girl child, you educate a generation,” and this quote is applicable to Raha college when we perceive it in terms of women empowerment. In this context, Raha College is distinct in the entire Nagoan district, as the number of girl students enrolled has outnumbered the boys. This uniqueness of the college is not only viewed as an institutional achievement but it is a step of the society towards women empowerment. This distinctive characteristic of the college offers us with ample scope to accomplish and promote India’s Honourable Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi’s campaign “Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao”, so as to generate awareness and encourage women empowerment, not only in the academic level but also in the socio-political sector. The Women Cell of the College celebrates International Women’s Day every year to create awareness amongst the girls. Through the programs the female students are made aware of various social evils which can only be eradicated by education. The Women Cell stresses on financial independence of women which also contributes towards decreasing issues pertaining to domestic violence.

Another feature associated with women emancipation which is distinct to Raha College is that over the years the number of girls enrolling in NCC is increasing. The girls of our college participate in all the activities conducted by NCC. By choosing to be a part of NCC the girls prepare themselves for jobs in Police, Defence services thus breaking the stereotype of girls opting for jobs meant only for boys. The girls of this rural area seem to be prepared for any hurdle in their lives. The women cell plays an active role in organizing such programs for instilling confidence and preparing them to live a life of dignity, be it at home or at workplace.

There is a provision in the college to address issues related to women harassment. To counter this a separate box is placed adjacent to the Principal’s room titled “Sexual Harassment Complaint Box” The college also has a grievance redressal cell to safeguard any kind of harassment related to women within the campus.