## **Institutional Distinctiveness**

The institution has always prioritised a gender sensitive model of pedagogy which is not only traverses disciplinary boundaries but also sociocultural ones. The constitution of a social outreach committee 'HUM' has allowed the college to transcend institutional structures and forge a more humane and compassionate bond with society. Not only does this sensitise students to the material infrastructure of education that excludes the disenfranchised and distressed but also makes them conscious of their social responsibility in shaping the world around. Student aid fund and faculty sponsored scholarship programmes further allow the college to extend a helping hand towards those who are unable to foreclose the gulf between their aspirational self and empowered self. The enabling committee further helps pierce the pre-established silence around stigmatised identity and through its timely intervention expands the structural boundaries of women's education. In an effort to reorient liberal education along less structured and participatory modes, the college has a specifically constituted North-East Cell. Students from North-East India often experience a growing sense of alienation owing to distinctive linguistic and ethnic identity. In order to facilitate a seamless cultural transition and to help acclimatise students, members of the North-East Cell serve as constituent parts of the enabling committee and oversee the process of admission. The North-East Cell further attempts to demythologise the idea of an insular "North-East" to reinforce and naturalise the fluidity of cultural adaptation and translation. In the past, the faculty of the College; Ms Radhika Srinivas, Dr Rupalee Verma and Mr. Amit Kumar have worked on a research project focusing of female entrepreneurship in Manipur. The North-East Cell has organised an inter-college folk dance competition to preserve and promote the aesthetic heritage of the North-East. A fashion show exhibiting the hand spun traditional attires of North-East was also organised.