## **Institutional Distinctiveness**

Our College, Government Science College, Chikhli, Navsari is situated in southern region of Gujarat State and is surrounded by many villages. As far as our Mission and Vision is concerned, college always try to implement the distinctiveness in the work. Our college has a large number of students from the surrounding villages. Though some of the villagers are educated, superstitious beliefs are still prevalent among them. College organises Superstition Prevention Programs at nearby villages and schools, where our students perform various experiments and explain the science behind it. The practice is to spread awareness among villagers, to show people science behind superstitious beliefs, and to motivate them for thinking scientifically and logically. This practice gives exposures and opportunities to our students to get a stage and dais to develop their academic as well as scientific and social consciousness, alertness and responsiveness. By using this practice, we succeeded in changing mind of villagers, who had earlier believed in superstitions. Some of the villagers are our college students at present and this proves that people from villages now want to be educated and join the modern and scientific mainstream for progress.