

Focus and Prioritization

The Expert Committee has had the opportunity to follow the development of Devgad College over the past ten years. It has interacted with various stakeholders of the College, including students, parents, faculty, non-teaching staff, management teams and regulators. Our observations as well as the feedback from theses various quarters lead the Expert Committee to believe that Devgad College is an institution full of potential for spectacular growth and regional importance. It is uniquely positioned to lead the way for the local community in topical areas that are critical for 'Konkanvasis' as well as to claim the role of the harbinger of a widespread connect with issues of national and international concern. Perhaps, its greatest strength lies in the rural roots of the College.

Keeping in mind its unique role and position, the Expert Committee would like to put forth two focus areas for Devgad College, that draw upon its rural beginnings and tap its potential and ambition for wider recognition:

- 1. **Environmental sustainability** beginning with the home (College) and native area (Devgad) and spreading to all of Konkan or even Maharashtra and beyond, and
- 2. **International connectivity** an opening of physical, intellectual, virtual and social links with ideas, people, organisations and institutions across state, national and international borders

The Expert Committee is convinced that if Devgad College can gear all its efficiencies, initiatives and energies towards these two areas, then it can ride the wave towards regional and national prominence very rapidly. The Expert Committee encourages you to open discussion with a broader audience on these two foci.

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