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Introduction:

Nation Building Through Holistic Education; Andhra Christian College Voyage Towards Empowering Youth addressing these issues by providing opportunities for underprivileged rural students to access education.

Andhra Christian College, a Christian Minority Institution, was established in the year 1885 by Christian missionaries with vision to extend God's love through good quality education. It is the oldest institution in the State which witnessed the freedom struggle. The institution is a pioneer in enlightening the society in the State of Andhra Pradesh. The Institution is founded on Christian ideals of Charity, Mercy and forgiveness. Being a non-profit organisation our fee structure strictly adheres to the fee fixed by the Government. We promote secular values and hold moral classes for Non Christian Students and Bible classes for Christian Students.

We host a staff Christmas, Fellowship Dinner for Teaching and Non Teaching Staff and present clothes to all non teaching staff.

Our management sponsors tour for the Non Teaching Staff along with families every year.

The college offers education to all students irrespective of caste, creed, gender, or religion. It has four components; intellectual, social, physical, and emotional development namely.

Objectives of the Institution:

- To implant in the students, those truths that can raise men and women to an empowered , life, for building up of character apart from academic training.
- To strive for women empowerment through co-educational system.
- To train the students to become academically competent and technically conversant to adapt themselves to any new challenges.
- To encourage students to accept a sense of civic responsibility as a natural complement to the privilege's they enjoyed during their study.

Academic Sphere:

Academics as the major priority has been providing high quality academic programme in varied domains. The institute has implemented the NEP-2020 curriculum through well planned and student centric methodology, blended with latest pedagogical approaches.

In addition to academic offerings, the institute stands for its focus on multidimensional development of the student. The College offers certificate courses that go beyond conventional classroom experience.

The college strives to prepare competent professionals for the country and provide a firm grounding in human values to emerge as well rounded and conscientious citizens. The students are committed to the vision of the institution.

The College has spaces well equipped laboratories established several decades ago. Our labs are distinct and unique. Our Botany and Zoology labs have a collection of rare specimens found nowhere else in the nearby colleges or surrounding areas. Students of Schools and Colleges visit our College to observe the rare specimens in our Laboratories. Our College is place for collection of leaves and flowers for herbarium. Students from different colleges visit our College to collect herbarium materials.

The general public of Guntur visit our college for rare medicinal herbs/plants to collect leaves of plants like *Wrightia indica* (Pippenta leaf for dental issues) *Azadirachta indica* , *Bryophyllum* (for Kidney related issues), *Aloevera*, *Ocimum sanctum* (Thulasi), *Piper betel*, *Costus igneus* (Insulin plant) etc.,

Our Physics lab has state of the art equipment apart from antique pieces obtained from the United Kingdom about 100 years ago of which some are still functional.

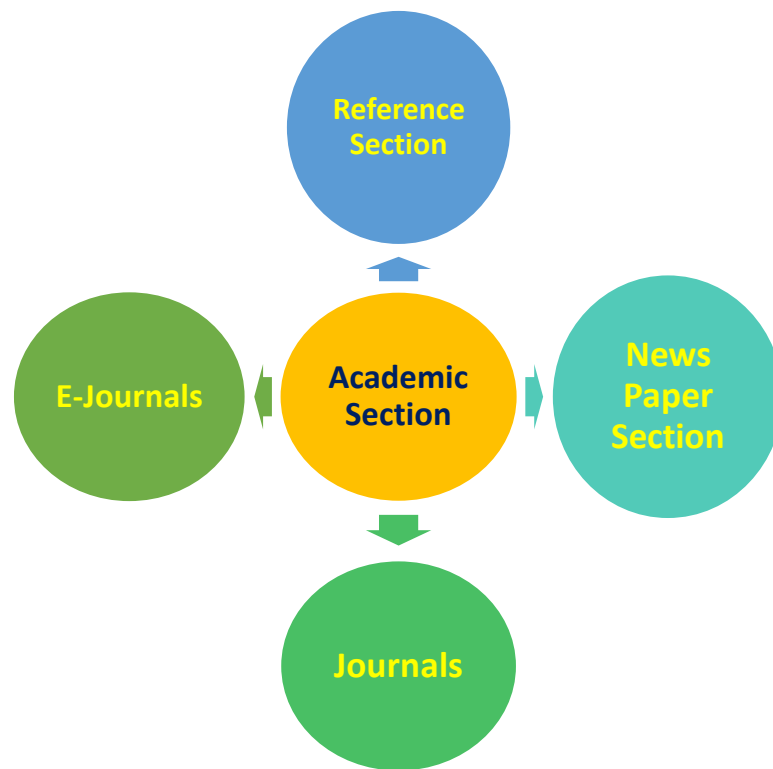
Our Chemistry labs huge and well ventilated. The labs were renovated in 2018 with funds donated by Mr. John Mc Donald of USA great, great grand nephew of Dr. L.B. Wolf, first Principal of Andhra Christian College in 1885.

The institution has 6 digital classrooms and 3 virtual rooms, equipped with modern digital facilities like Projectors, Digital Podium, Computer labs with Wi-Fi/Internet facility for best teaching-learning process.

The College has an ETS Centre, Authorized Centre for TOFEL and GRE

Library:

A Central automated library in a built-up area of 7602.48 Sq. Fts with 67698 books gives a British look to the college. Journals, free e- Journals, Videos etc., also share a major part in the collection.



The Andhra Christian College is having two independent centralized libraries accommodated in two different spacious buildings. The New library building was constructed in 1960 is named after former principal Rev Dr. C.H Swavely ,M. A., D. D as Swavely memorial library with plinth area of 8668 sq meters constructed in the year 1960. The second centralized library is meant exclusively for students of Eight PG Programmes located in the big hall of the Tower Building. Library is an integral part of the College which attracts the staff and students and even the outsiders who are preparing for the competitive exams, with a well-established registered entrance system.

A thoughtfully partitioned major hall, sectioned for girls, boys and staff attracts the readers helping them to equip themselves with knowledge and face the competitive world for a successful career.

The college library is bestowed with rich collection of valuable books, reference and text books, journals, covering a variety of subjects and newspapers.

- The books for the library are purchased on recommendation of Library Committee as per the recommendations of Heads of the Departments with the approval of the Principal.
- Majority of the library books are purchased as per the library annual budget.
- The Management provides necessary funds as and when requires.
- Some of the alumni and other stakeholders also donate books to the library.
- UGC also provides special grants for the purchase of library books.
- Department libraries are equipped with books from faculty contribution, and from stake

holders.

Library committee under the chairmanship of the Principal supervises the functioning of the library services.

- CCTV Surveillance is provided in the library for continuous monitoring of visitors.
- Free Wi-Fi is available in the library for students to access open e-resources.
- The library is equipped with 6 computers with the internet to enable students to search for the book availability, read e-books, e-journals and provide access to open resources.
- The Central Library provides both manual and digital textbooks and printed resources for all types of information.
- The library has a subscription to N- List, ILMS and Magzter Subscription which enable students and faculty to access 5000 E-journals, Magazines and database.
- Books on Personality Development, Communication and Soft Skills and Employability Skills are made available at the Library.
- 145 Rare books and manuscripts' are available.
- The library is accessible from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m on all working days. Students and staff members can utilize its resources. A maximum of three books can be issued to each student at a time and they can be retained for a fortnight

Socio Economic Sphere:

The college has been striving towards the evolution of the socio economic scenario of the surrounding remote and rural areas. The college has played a pivotal role in laying a strong foundation for development of the city in the past century while educating and enabling the rural poor.

About 80% of the students come from agrarian and low-income families. They look up to the college for their social upliftment. First generation learners from thousands of rural families converge on A.C.College for their socially upward mobility.

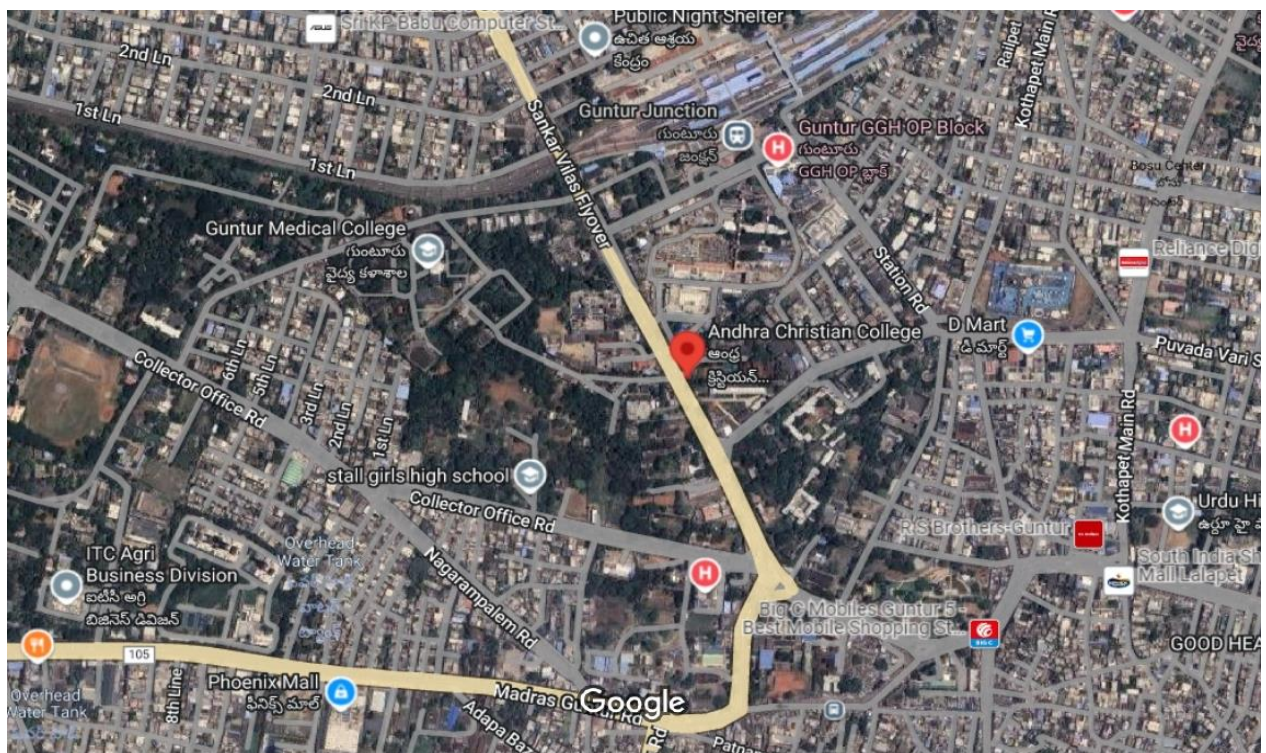
To this end, the institution has implemented various extension activities like community service projects, volunteer work, internships, and social awareness campaigns that aim to inculcate social skills in students.

Location:

The college is centrally situated in the heart of the city, with good infrastructure. The institution is easily accessible, not only to our college students but for candidates appearing for various competitive and other examinations. It is easily approachable from the Railway Station, Bus Stand and Market centre (Bus alighting, city bus and auto stand).

Watts memorial building constructed in 1842 still retains its pristine glory and remains as monument in city of Guntur. The Departments of Mathematics and Physics are housed in the building. The College Tower used to be and continues to be the tallest monumental construction and is a land mark in the city of Guntur.

Our college is the first in Guntur and only one to have attached hostels for almost hundred years. These hostels are managed by the college under the supervision of management. We have separate hostels for boys and girls located in different campuses supervised by individual wardens. We collect a minimum amount Rs 2500 for year as establishment fee to meet electricity water and salary to the employees in the hostel. Mess charges are adjusted against the scholarship amount.

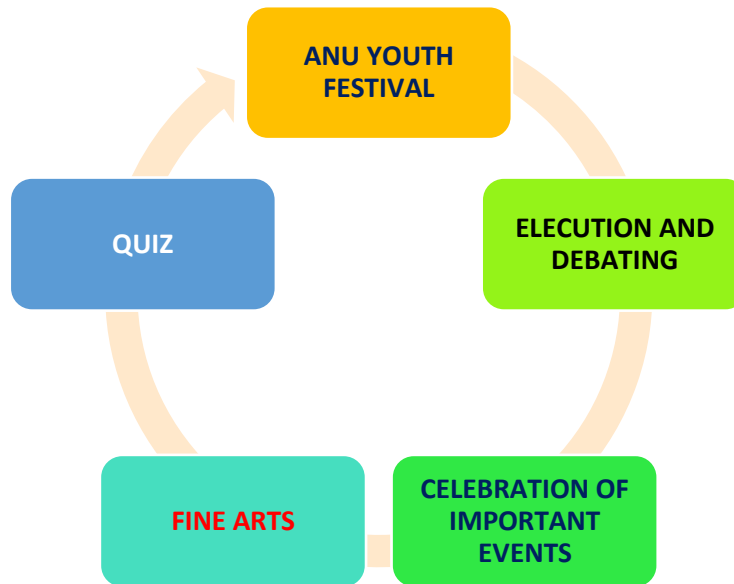




The College and hostels are located within walking distance of Govt General Hospital St Josephs General Hospital, Ramesh Super speciality Hospital and Ruth Sigmon Memorial Hospital (Affiliated to CMC Vellore and located in Heyer Hall Hostel Campus)

Cultural Sphere:

Another important aspect of the institution's distinctiveness is its support for sport and cultural activities. Recognizing the students' need for platforms to develop their physical, social, and cultural skills, the institute provides a range of sports facilities and opportunities for students to participate in various cultural events and activities like debating quiz and sports competitions and other sports related competitions.



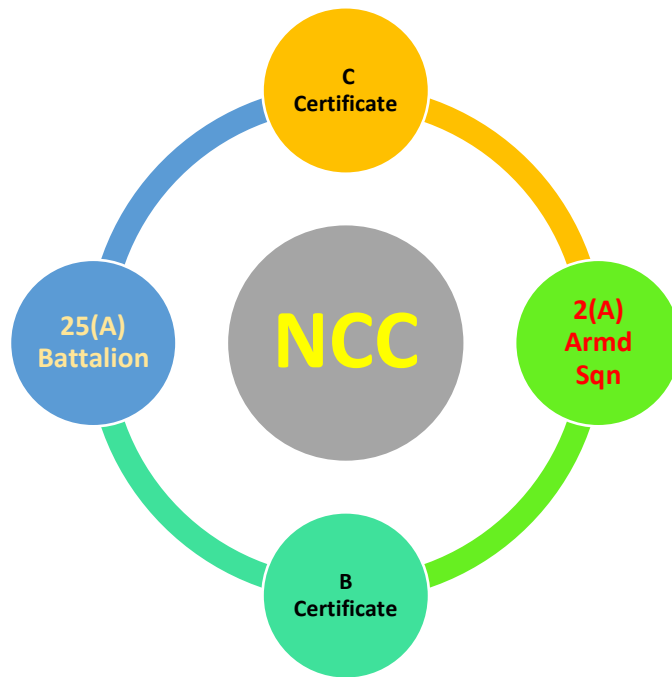
Physical Development:

The Institution has adequate facilities for sports, games, gymnasium etc., The institution has a large playground called Gunta Ground of 6.15 acres. The students are well trained to participate in different games.

The institution has Indoor and Outdoor Auditoriums for conducting various Cultural activities, National Festivals etc.,

NCC UNITS:

National Cadet Corps (NCC) is one of the vibrant units of the college. The College has two NCC Units 25 (A) BN and 2(A) Armd Sqn. It has emerged as an organization under the aegis of the Ministry of Defence. As a second line of Defence, it has been playing a significant role in grooming the youth with the noble objective of nation building since its inception. It has been playing a vital role with its motto "Unity and Discipline"(Ekta aur Anushasan). The Cadets are encouraged to complete 'B' and 'C' certificate examinations and are also encouraged to take up career in the Armed Forces.



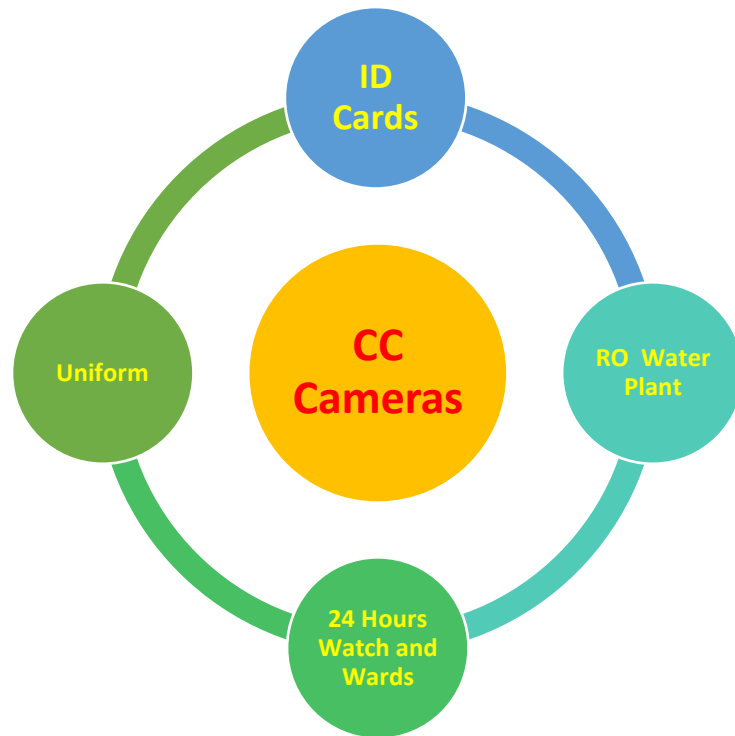
From 2018-2023, 75 cadets awarded with B Certificates and 48 with C certificates.

With the active participation of NCC and NSS students plantation drives taken up and efforts were made to turn the college into a green campus.

Safety and Security:

As **Andhra Christian College**, the **safety and security** is of **prime importance** and the measures are taken to provide

- 7 feet height Compound wall
- Day and night Security guards or watchmen at the College Gate to ensure protection round the clock.
- Proper access or permission for entry / exit of Students and visitors.
- Log-in registers to maintain the particulars and purposes of entry / exit.
- ID cards to the Students and Staff to prevent the entry of outsiders..
- CCTV Surveillance at every strategic points.
- Adequate LED electric lights or Solar Plants.
- Safe drinking water through RO Water plant



Concession of Fees:

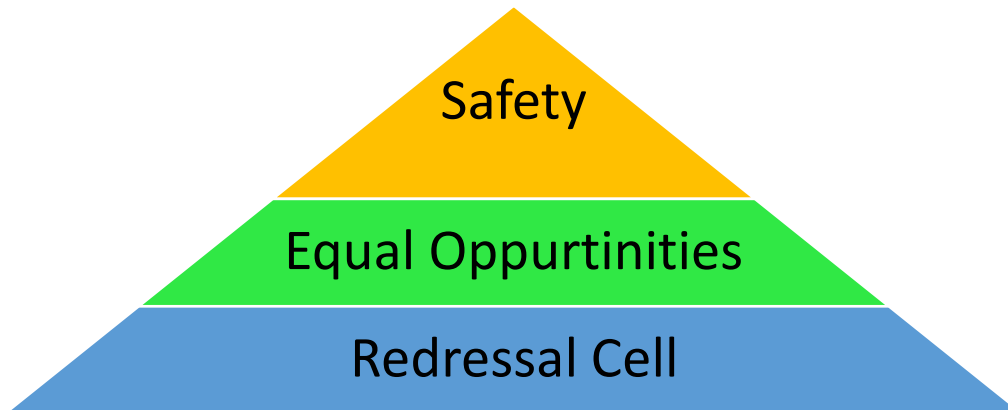
The Institution provides good amount of financial assistance having the objective of providing financial and other assistance to

- needy and deserving students of the college who are under privileged
- Financially weak and victims of natural disasters
- Interrupted progress of study due to financial constraints.
- All the deserving students without any discrimination of caste, creed or region.
- Get maximum benefits and learning outcome during their course.



Empowerment of Women:

Women empowerment is an essential aspect of social development. Empowering women with a social conscience involves creating awareness among women about their rights, responsibilities, and potential for becoming agents of change in society.



The Vision of the Institution has it's main focus on Women Empowerment through

- Enlightening and sensitizing certain National and International concerns in connection to gender related issues.
- Imparting Capacity Building Skills with values, ethics and creativity
- Developing and harnessing core competencies.
- Rendering Service to the society.
- Propagating compassion to the fellow human beings in society.