



EWING CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

(A Christian Minority Institution of the Church of North India)

(An Autonomous Constituent College of University of Allahabad)

Institutional Distinctiveness (2019-20)

In 2004, when the first NAAC accreditation had already taken place in the college, and before the formation of the Lyngdoh Committee by the Supreme Court of India to curb and control criminalisation of students politics on the campuses, the college administration and faculty sat down to figure out ways and means to improve the situation on the campus in such a manner that the student representative body may be formed in such a way that external influence may be curbed and student leaders may not become puppets in the hands of their external mentors but may work for the actual welfare of the students. A full concept paper was prepared and the form of the student representation was changed from the directly elected presidential form of student union to indirectly elected presidential form based on the electoral college formed on the pattern of parliamentary form of government. After framing the constitution of the Student Council and getting it approved by various bodies of the college, in place of Student Union, Student Council was inaugurated in the college in 2005, which stamped out the external undesirable influence on the student politics altogether and gave opportunity to students to elect their representatives without fear or favour. Provision was made to elect representatives not only from classes demarcated as subjects, but also from all the student bodies like ten units of NSS, NCC, Tarun Shanti Sena, Student Christian Movement, etc. Also, toppers of various streams were nominated and representation to all religious communities and weaker sections was also provided for. The electoral college of about 116 students so formed was to elect their President and other office bearers numbering six. One of the positive outcomes of this process of election was that unlike in the previous case, when students used to take out processions all over the city, disturbing civil society in the process, they were constrained to now canvass inside their small classroom domains, restricting canvassing within the college. This brought about a sea change in the matters of discipline on the campus and diverted the energies of the students towards constructive activities. The impact of this innovation was profound on the campus and got reverberated in higher

educational institutions all over Prayagraj including the University. Ewing Christian College was the only college which was holding elections for the formation of Student Council since 2005. This student body has been active in bringing to the fore matters that are directly related with the improvement of academics and academic atmosphere on the campus. The college administration and the student body have been working together towards improvement of facilities for the students and to promote extra-curricular activities on the campus. An annual week-long cultural fest organised by the Student Council has become a regular feature of the college over the past many years ever since the Student Council was formed.