## THE INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS OF SOPHIA SMT. MANORAMADEVI SOMANI COLLEGE

## FINANCIAL HELP GIVEN TO STUDENTS FROM LOWER INCOME GROUP FAMILIES

Both the College and its Management are committed socio-economic inclusiveness. Hence, we admit a number of students from lower income group families. The parents of some of our students work as domestic workers, auto-rickshaw drivers, office assistants and so on. They often find it difficult to pay the fees which, given the highly professional nature of our courses, are fairly high.

Help is given to such students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds in two ways:

Firstly, students who apply for financial aid are given some help in the way of scholarships. In 2020-2021, twenty students of the Hospitality Studies department received financial aid. The financial aid to the Hospitality Studies students was provided either by the Management or by the College contacting various Charitable Trusts that give help to needy students

Secondly, students are permitted to pay their fees in a staggered manner. Much leeway is given to them if they cannot meet the fee payment deadline. In fact, one Hospitality Studies student who could not pay the last instalment of fees was given a fee waiver for this last instalment.