



C-Edge College

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INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS TO ITS VISION, PRIORITY & TRUST

Canaan Hands

A distinctive component of C-Edge College is the “**Canaan Spirit**” program which is in actualisation of the College Mission Statement which posits “**Quality Education for – Poverty alleviation & sustainable development.**” The volunteers are called the **Canaan Hands**.

For ages, the tribal Nagas had lived a dominantly agrarian life with the entire cycle of life linked to agricultural activities in the appropriate seasons. A sea change came barely two centuries ago with the arrival of formal education and westernisation. Cultural loss and traditional shifts with a high literacy rate have produced generations of youth who are only after white collar jobs and dependent on highly saturated Government jobs. The more than seventy years political imbroglio has retarded developments leading to a weak economy where Nagaland has the highest rate of unemployment in India today.

To attempt to mitigate this, the “**Canaan Spirit**” and the **Canaan Hands** has been conceptualised to inculcate the principles of work ethics and entrepreneurship based on the Biblical principle of “*If any man would not work, neither should he eat*”. The College actively works towards mindset training in this direction, and collaborates with various organisations for training and programs on work ethics and livelihood skills.

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