

7.3.1 INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS

Portray the performance of the institution in one area distinctive to its priority and thrust:

Response:

Shivaji Mahavidyalaya Gadchiroli is located in the district place, surrounded by small villages inhabited by poor, tribal, underprivileged and naxal affected region of Vidharbha. Most of the population is depended upon the farming. Farming is their main occupation. In such backward region our institution is providing the quality higher education to the pupils of the region. Our college is a co-educational institution, imparts higher education in arts commerce and science to the students of this marginalized section of the backward society. From a long distance like *Sironcha, Bhamaragad, Etapalli and Dhanora* the students come to our institute to pursue higher education. And as our mission to provide higher quality education we provide all required curricular and co-curricular facilities to our students. Our institute is established in 1971 and the first priority is always given by the parents and students from all strata of the region for the admission in all faculties to our institute. Hence, the institutional distinctiveness of our college lies in rendering quality education to the deprived section. We provide them the required facilities.

01. Infrastructural Facilities.

Our Institute has sufficient numbers of class rooms. We have total 22 classrooms. We have separate labs for each department; like Dept. of Geography, Home Economics, Chemistry, Physics, Botany, Zoology, Microbiology, and Computer Science. We have Language Lab. Examination Section, Research Centre in four faculties, well equipped Gym. Sports and Cultural equipment, NSS Department, Garden, Botanical garden, YCMOU Nashik Study Sub-center. We have equipped with required facilities for conducting co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.

02. Central Library:

We have Library with more than 36 000 books and journals. It is automated with LMNS software. We have subscription for e-books and journals. Well-

furnished Study Room for the students is attached with the Library having 50 seating capacity. Our students regularly used it even after working hours of the library.

03. Qualified and experienced Teachers:

We have well qualified and experience faculty members in different departments. The students from all strata of society got benefitted by their experience teaching. Students feel free to interact with the teachers they also guide to the students on various issues. Our teachers always in touch with quality education and provided to the students. Some teachers are the members of Board of Studies and their experience in the field become very useful for our students. Apart from the tradition methods of teaching-learning our teachers used different types of innovative methods of teaching, for this we used ICT enables presentation through PPT, screening subject related films and documentaries, field trip and visit, industrial visit and educational tours.

04. Inclusion of Research Culture:

The college has been recognized as a Center for Higher Learning and Research in the subjects History, Political Science, Marathi and Commerce. The students of Under Graduate and Post Graduate participate in research festival of affiliating university. A Separate subject of Research Methodology is prescribed at UG (B. A. Final). Teachers also contributed in various research fields at national and international journals.

05. Holistic Development of the students:

Besides academic activities we conduct the co-curricular and extra-curricular activities to explore the hidden potential of the students. Students also eagerly participated in various extension and outreach activities and this exposure helps them to show their hidden talent. Numbers of outreach activities are organized and conducted by the college students. These activities conducted by the college students play a significant role in developing the personality of the student, increase their self-esteem, built their confidence, and make them socially aware of current burning issues in

the society and practically empower them. We have a big playing ground and our students make practice on it of various sports and games. The students who are interested in sports participate in intercollegiate and interuniversity tournaments and bring laurels to the college. We are also practicing and maintaining various best practices in the college and off the college for imbibing social, ethical, moral values among the students to make them better and responsible citizens of tomorrow. We organize various awareness programs rallies, guest lectures for the students.

