7.3 Institutional Distinctiveness

7.3.1 - Provide the details of the performance of the institution in one area distinctive to its vision, priority and thrust in not more than 500 words.

Institution has identified the following areas which is distinctive to vision, priority and thrust.

Vision: To provide higher education facility to rural and hilly area students.

Priority: Higher Education facility for girl students.

Thrust: Quality Enhancement Shripatrao Chougule Arts and Science College was established in the year 1998 with a view to provide higher education to the rural and hilly area students who were deprived of this facility for centuries. In this context higher education for girls is a crucial issue because in this area the girls could not take higher education because of the financial and cultural constraints of their parents. In the post independence era the Government of India seriously thought of this issue and encouraged the provision of higher education for girls. At present according to the AISHE (All India Survey of Higher Education 2020-21) Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of higher education is 27.1. it means still there is a major section of society which has been deprived of higher education facility. Taking this serious issue in to account our college is providing higher education to the students of which around 39.25% are girl students. The particulars of the girls student’s enrolment are given in the view documents.

Efforts taken by college for education of girl student

1) Counselling of Parents

2) Incentive for Girls Students for example: prizes, concession in fees for poor girls, etc.

3) Participation of girl students in Sports and Extra Curricular Activities.

\*1) Counselling of Parents

Most of the parents in this area are either illiterate or having very little education, naturally they are not easily convinced regarding higher education for girls students.Our faculty members visit the places in catchment area. They meat parents and convince them about the importance of higher education of girls and various facilities are provided by the college to students.

2) Incentive for Girls Students

i) The college helps the girl students in getting the monthly concessional rate bus pass.

ii) Girls students those who participate in the competitions of sports and cultural activities T.A./D.A. is provided to them.

iii) Management extended concession is some girls students those who could not pay the fees.

iv) Management and faculty declared prizes for students those who secure good marks in the University Exams. Our four girls students secure ranks in the General Merit List of Shivaji University, Kolhapur.( Academic Year 2021-2022).

v) Provision of Sanitary pads at concessional rates.

vi) Girl students actively participates in cultural programs.

vii) Program organized by ‘Saheli Personality Development’ for Girl Student.

viii) Mehndi competition organized for girls student.

3) Participation of Students in Sports and Extra Curricular Activities.

For the sake of overall development of the students college has organised number of activities for girls and they actively participate in them. They have made noteworthy progress not in quantity but in quality in curricular and extracurricular activities. Ladies Association (Saheli) a platform is provided to girls for their talent in extracurricular activities like defence training, health checkup and remedies.