

### **7.3.1 Portray the performance of the Institution in one area distinctive to its priority and thrust within 1000 words**

#### **Conservation of Local History, Culture and institutional Social Responsibility**

##### **Introduction:**

Arts and Science college is the only grantable higher education institute in the town to fulfill the educational needs of nearby students. Eight acres of land of the college is donated by the management. Most of the people of this taluka are under uneducated and unaware about the importance of the education. So it's the moral responsibility of the institution to make hard efforts to empower the nearby rural youth. For this, CDC, IQAC, all stakeholders and committees working in the college are constantly working through various programmes and activities.

##### **Areas of Priority and Thrust –**

In keeping with the motto '**Education to all for beautiful life**' the mission of the College in the past and in the present is to help students grow into better human beings with the ability to transform within. The college is strongly committed towards the development of youth especially girl students, the history and culture of the Gaganbawada Taluka. In the heart of the town an ancient historical temple like Ramling and Gagangiri is located. These places are famous as tourist point.

College is situated in Gaganbawada taluka which is near to Western Ghat. College campus and surrounding area is enriched with endemic flora and fauna. Various rare and medicinal plants found near college campus. This taluka is gifted by nature by many historical places like Ramling cave, Gagangiri math, Shankar mandir at Mutakeshwar village. Many sacred grooves are conserved. This taluka is also gifted by wild vegetables which are used by local people and vaidya to cure many diseases like skin disease, menstrual problem, dysentery, vomiting, jaundice, herpes, kidney stone etc. This taluka is gifted with various plateaus like Moarjai Palteau, Tamjai Plateau, Borbet. These areas are enriched with medicinal plants, wild vegetables, rare endangered and threatened plants. So our college has started activities like wild vegetable recipe competition and food stall, exhibition of medicinal plants, poster presentation of medicinal and rare plants and introduction of biodiversity of this taluka by Today's plant activity by Department of Botany.

The college has conducted examination on Gandhi Vichar Sanskar by Gandhi Research Foundation, Jalgaon to inculcate the universal values of peace, love, liberty, fraternity, non-violence and compassion among our students. Every year, the college conducts an examination to test the knowledge of these values, the students were also participated in large number. It has very positive impact on the behavior of the students and their families. They are working as our goodwill ambassadors in the society.

Saheli Vyaktimatv Vikas Manch and ICC conducted various 'Gender Sensitization' Programme'. Various guest lectures were conducted for students especially girl students regarding women empowerment, personal cleanliness and hygiene.

The students of this taluka are from rural and illiterate family background. The language used to speak at their home and school is Marathi only so they have English language phobia. To overcome this problem college has started certificate course of Basic English Grammar for students.

Most of the students of the college are from rural background. Therefore, the motive is to make them aware about the various entrance examinations by running special coaching for B.Sc III (Botany and Chemistry) students. The vast paradigm shift in the global market has brought pressure and responsibilities on the educational institution. The traditional educational system and its curriculum are found to be impractical and unemployable to some extent. Considering the situation, the college embarked on enhancing the special coaching to students of B.Sc III to qualify M.Sc and MBA entrance which will enable the students to meet the new scenario by acquiring the employable and communicative skills by Bridge Remedial Committee. This practice is for creating interest about all the entrance examination after B.Sc like M.Sc., MBA and various competitive examinations. For this practice teachers design the course syllabi with the help of entrance examination syllabus and put efforts sincerely. No special fees are collected from the students. The duration of the course is of ten days just after the B.Sc III theory examination. Selected important topics are revised for these students. Special tests are conducted for these students. Guest lectures are also arranged for these students so as they get more information to crack most of the entrance examination.

We are doing various activities in college campus as green initiatives but our college motivated all teaching and non teaching staff for conducting such activities beyond the college campus so in this regards all staff members are communicated with notices to conduct such green practices beyond the college campus. Due to conducting such activities we got best result that one of our faculty from Arts wing Shri A. B. Mohite got award for his terrace garden by well-known NGO Nisarg mitra, Kolhapur. He established terrace garden on terrace and very nicely he conserved it and conserve the seeds as seed bank. Faculties of our college motivated by his work and started green practices at home like use of kitchen waste for the preparation of compost.

Many students from our college got admission for M.Sc and MBA course. One student stood first in subject Botany and got Tare Prize Award in the year of 2017-18 and more than 15 to 20 students secured positions in the merit list of University Entrance Examination every year. Due to this employment opportunities widened.

‘Nari Atmanirbhar’ is the way for upliftment of girl students that we are working in the taluka Gaganbawada. Till 1990 there was no any higher educational source. In the year 1997 first girl student graduated from Gaganbawada taluka because of our institute.

It is the aim of our college to embolden the talent of students and let them emerge. This can be achieved only through systematic education which college is providing.