

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

Agasti Arts, Com and Dadasaheb Rupwate Science College, Akole, has been established by its great founders keeping in view its place. It is a college in tribal area. The girls from Adivasi area didn't have open opportunity of availing education. In order to bring them in main stream of education, the college has been founded. The motto is 'साहसे श्रीः प्रतिवसति' (Sahase Sreehi Prativasati) meaning- 'fortune favors the brave'. This exhibits determined mind, dedication of the college to the ideal of building personalities with transformative potential. Women Empowerment through its motto is the vision of college. This objective is achieved through imparting low cost but high quality education along with transformative environment. The students from tribal area, backward background are given ample opportunities for developing their intellectual, curiosity and crave for knowledge. So that they can develop themselves for a proactive role in effecting change in their own lives, their community and society at large. The institution is committed to give directions in the field of career focused quality education through its strong teaching learning process and has been offering different courses i.e. 07 at UG, 07 at PG and 1 Research Centre. These courses are taught by well qualified, experienced and devoted teachers. ICT is frequently used for making learning easy. Students have been motivated to participate continuous activities conducted by college throughout the year like academic, co-curricular, sports, NSS, NCC, leadership, cultural etc. students are provided exposure to advanced learning through research projects, exhibitions, seminars, PPT presentations, the students have been encouraged to take part in competitions, seminars, workshops, research competitions organized by other institutions. The expenditure for these has been borne by the college. The college also reflects its broad vision through its different units such as NSS, NCC, Women Empowerment Cell, Debate Council and all respective departments 'Nalanda Study Centre' is one of the special/ unique activities in the college that facilitates environment of study and guidance for competitive exams.

Apart from this, special attention has been given on 'Women Empowerment'. Different activities have been conducted throughout the year like Nirbhaya Kanya Abhiyaan, Nari Manch, and Women Empowerment cell women grievance cell. Activity- 'Tanishksha' has been undertaken. The details of this scheme is that, -Through it all lady teachers have been allotted, 60-70% are girl students. The lady teacher has to conduct at least 1 activity or informal meet once in a fortnight and information communication with those adopted girls student of college. Such activities help in building the confidence, of those girls. Their problems have been solved in an affectionate way.

Such initiatives contribute in overall, holistic development of youth of Agasti College, Akole. Overall development of students is possible. More emphasis has been given for women empowerment. As a result- The number of admissions of girl students have been increased remarkably. It can be understood through following figures-

No. of Girl Students in 1974-75	Number of Girl Students in 2018-19
21	1495