

7.3 Institutional Distinctiveness:

Rayat Shikshan Sanstha is one of the leading educational institutions in Asian continental. The institution itself is regarded as a noble mission, having a noble cause, so earnestly and so endearingly pursued by its founder- father Padmabhushan Dr. Karmaveer Bhaurao Patil, the educator of the educators and his legendary wife Sou. Laxmibai Patil with her exemplary sacrifices made to turn the mission into a reality. The value of its contribution to education in general is enormously great as it has, from the very beginning, tried all its best to lay emphasis on the education of the down-trodden, the poor and the ignorant that really form the major bulk of society. The founder of the institution, late Dr. Karamaveer Bhaurao Patil, had an incisive understanding of the social ills that beset his times and fully realized the dire need of the spread of education. He believed that education alone could correct the social ills such as caste-hierarchy, money-lending, illiteracy, untouchability, superstitions and social and economic inequality. He laid the foundation of the Rayat Shikshan Sanstha by opening a Boarding House at Kale (Tal-Karad, Dist-Satara) in 1919. Soon, however, in 1924 he shifted the head-quarters of his educational institution to Satara.

Karmaveer Bhaurao Patil Mahavidyalaya, Pandharpur is well known educational institute providing education to the students from remote places, rural, rural ban areas of Pandharpur since 1960. As per the Vision and Mission, the college imparts quality education in the fields of Arts, Commerce, Science and B. Voc. to the students from remote, rural and socioeconomically deprived strata of the society. To fulfil the motto (self-help is our motto), our college runs Earn and Learn Scheme for poor, needy and economically deprived students. It inculcates the dignity of labour among the students. In the academic year 2019-20, there were 40 students including 22 boys and 18 girls benefited by the scheme.

Our institution is honored for being selected as mentor institution for the scheme *PARAMARSH* by University Grants Commission, New Delhi among 167 institutes across the

country. Our institution is the single college in jurisdiction of Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Solapur University, Solapur who have got the *UGC-PARAMARSH* status. We are mentoring to non-accredited as well as accredited with average score colleges which are lagging behind and helping them in improving the quality of education and to acquire the *NAAC* accreditation. As part of this scheme, we are mentoring to the following mentee institutions.

- 1) Madansinh Mohite Patil Science Mahavidyalaya, Mangalwedha, Dist. Solapur.
- 2) New Satara College of BCA, Korti, Pandharpur, Dist. Solapur.
- 3) Vitthalrao Shinde Arts College, Tembhorni, Tal. Madha, Dist. Solapur.
- 4) Mandesh Mahavidyalaya, Junoni, Tal. Sangola Dist. Solapur.
- 5) Arts and Commerce College, Madha, Dist. Solapur.

During this academic year, our institution has signed MoU with all these five mentee institution on 18th September 2019 and meeting was organized to discuss the action plan. We scheduled a visit to Mentee College: Mandesh Mahavidyalaya, Junoni Tal.Sangola Dist. Solapur on 12th December 2019. To impart knowledge of construction of COs, POs and PSOs among the teachers of mentee and nearby colleges, two days National Seminar on “Learning outcomes for Quality Enhancement in Higher Education” was organized on 17th to 18th January 2020 in collaboration with NAAC, Bangalore under this scheme.

In the academic year 2019-20, UGC has conferred “Autonomous Status” to our institute which is the most prestigious status across the country. Our institute is the first Autonomous College under Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Solapur University, Solapur jurisdiction.

