## 7.3 Institutional Distinctiveness:

## 7.3.1 Portray the performance of the Institution in one area distinctive to its priority and thrust.

## Socio-Economic and Educational Upliftment in Rural Area

Shri Shivaji Arts, Commerce and Science College Motala is run by Shri Shivaji Education Society Amravati. The college is located in educationally backward district at this remote place by running a Arts and Commerce Streams. The institute has been started four decades with a humble and genuine vision given by our founder president, first agricultural minister and a great social reformist Dr. Panjabrao Alias Bhausaheb Deshmukh.

From more than three decades our college has been striving hard to provide education, especially to those students coming from rural background and poor families. Arts and Commerce faculty already established in 1990. Science faculty was introduced in 2009. The college is situated in an undeveloped rural area of Buldhana district of Maharashtra but standing upright firmly with its core values. The college location is endowed with natural beauty and serenity. The college provides education that helps them in being independent, along with the academic curriculum. The departments organize expert lectures on creating awareness regarding the legal rights, train them with self-employment.

Our college has a large number of students from the rural areas & poor background, but they are not poor in talent, knowledge and humility. Girl students of this region has distant dream of higher education so college staff motivates parents for encouraging their daughters to pursue higher education. Now the number of girl students is more in number than boys. The college organizes the women empowerment programs for encouragement of women. The renowned women are being invited for the guidance and motivation of the girl students. The college is handling successful programs through various methods like classroom management, positive disciplining and skill based training. The career counselling activities are effectively being implemented regularly.

The college affords sports, cultural and other extra-curricular activities to the students from different streams to socialize together. The output of these activities creates social and environmental consciousness amongst students. Various courses are being made available for skill development and value addition to the students. These courses include hands-on-training that helped the students to improve his skills. Collaboration of college with various organizations, institutes& industries through an MOU and interact with them for different purposes like visit, practical etc. An NCC and NSS unit impart the sense of social responsibility among all the students. College provides distance education facility through Yashwantrao Chavhan Maharashtra Open University (YCMOU) Centre.

Our college is collaborated with American India Foundation Trust that provide skill-based training programme for students. They provide training for Logistic and Software development. We trying to place our student as well as built for self- employability. Our college run the courses

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under National Skill Qualification Frameworks (NSQF) which is sanction by UGC during the academic session 2020-21. B. Voc. diploma course on "Information Technology and Web Designing" and one B. Voc. certificate course on "Organic Farming" that affiliated to SGBAU Amravati and Skill India. Both the courses were provide golden opportunity to the student for skill based knowledge.

Tree Plantation Drive was organised by Department of Botany, NSS and NCC. The plantation of trees was carried out with pledge to nurture the nature. The Club has also extended its tree plantation move off the campus in nearby locale to ensure greenery in future. College organizes various activities related to nature and environmental conservation. In ecological concern, college has been paid a special attention through various practices throughout year. Air and water pollution, global warming, Ozone depletion, hazardous effect of use of plastics and polythene on natural resources. These major factors are responsible for environmental imbalances. It is needed to address the issues for environmental awareness.

College is devoted in conservation of nature and natural resources so Nature Club conducted many activities regarding it. The Botanical Garden is well constructed and maintained in the college premise. The plants are properly labelled with their botanical names with QR code in college campus. After scanning the code plant relevant information opens. All the departments of the college form association through which various activities get conducted throughout session. The college has opened 'Student Bank' for economically weak student. This bank provides refundable loan but they don't apply for any interest against loan. So, such students can pay admission, examination fees and other expenses.

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