## 7.3 Institutional Distinctiveness

The inspiration to provide educational facilities to the general class of society from old city of Akola was instrumental in establishing the college in 1999 by our parent society Shikshan Prasarak Mandal, Akola (est. 1958) with the vision to mold the student into ideal, responsible and productive citizens dedicated to Nation with the motto "Education for life, Life for Nation". Establishment and functioning of college is aimed at achieving national goal. We believe that proper education can develop cultured, intellectual, self-reliantstudent committed to the nation.

Our Institution has established this distinctive approach towards achieving its comprehensive vision, aims and objectives while imparting need based education through our core value: Nationality, Honesty, Transparency, Adherence to rules and Cleanliness. Thus, we cater the educational requirement and aspirations of the people in the socio-economically backward area of the city irrespective of caste, community and religion. As the institution has firm belief that the student has tremendous potential, and if it is channelized in the right direction, we can find a solution to many a problem. So keeping students at focal point, the institution chalks out its policies and programs.

Our college is a main and prominent institution of higher learning in this area. Through quality education, we incessantly strive to empower the students to foster holistic development. Most of the students admitted in the college are scholarship holders from socioeconomically backward background like farmer's and daily wage workers' families. Even some are not eligible for freeship or scholarships. Every year, because of weak financial conditions, several deserving students are on the verge of quitting their education. For such students, the trust and staff members take the responsibility of their education. In spite of non availability of non salary government grants, institution provides a good infrastructure with women's hostel, all ICT Facilities like LCD Projector, Computer, Laptops, and Internet to the students in teaching learning process. Besides this, innovative methodologies are used by teachers in the dissemination of information, the state of art library, laboratories, building along with greenery and sports ground make a healthy and conducive atmosphere for the student. The institution has four U.G.Programs: B.A.,B.Sc.,B.Com. (Marathi & English medium) and B.C.A. and two P.G.Programs: M.Sc Chemistry and M.A. English, in addition so many Addon Courses based on different skills. The institution presents Academic Audit before the student since from its establishment. To make the student enhance their technical excellence we run earn and learn courses like stitching, DTP Courses. To make them aware about various social problems we have committee like Samajik Janiv Jagruti Samittee which takes over different drives like Cleanliness of the slums, health awareness programs by arranging street plays, visits to old age houses, orphanages, etc. This makes them intellectually alert, emotionally balanced, morally sound, and socially committed. To orient them spiritually and develop their personality we have study Centre like Swami Vivekananda Study Centre. Besides this, at the very outset of the academic year we decide a theme which is reflected in all the cultural programs of the year

right from our Welcome and Felicitation program of meritorious students: Prerna Sohala, Annual Sports day and Gathering. Students are prepared professionally to face their examination by providing remedial teaching, Competitive examination guidance, Placement activities, etc to fulfill the aim of making them employable or self employable.

The vision also focuses on development of the college into a premier Institution of Higher Education and be an active component of National Educational System. This is how the institution run with its broad prospective vision based on emphasizing quality and innovation to higher education and to deliver a good citizen to the nation.