




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

Hanuman Shikshan Prasarak Mandal's Late Ramesh Warpudkar ACS College, Sonpeth is in the service of the vicinity since 1994. The location of the present institution is at a small town which is recently declared as a Taluka place. The town Sonpeth literally means a '**Store of Gold**'. The town had a significant status in the region of *Nizam* of Hyderabad. After independence, the town lost its administrative importance and remained neglected. It is again far away from the district place without having frequent means of transportation. After 12th it wasn't possible for the rural youths, particularly to girls to migrate to district place for higher education. It is because, most of the students belong to agrarian community whose parents won't afford to keep their wards at district places for further education. Due to the non-availability of the higher education in the vicinity, the parents usually marry their daughter by discontinuing their education after 12th and boys were taken to farm for their help. In 1990s, people of the region were expecting somebody to initiate and begin senior college for the students of this area. Keeping in mind the charitable attitude, the founder President, Late Rajabau Kadam, established Hanuman Shikshan Prasarak Mandal in 1993. Since the very inception of the institution, we tried to reach the families where higher education hasn't reached. So our priority was to mainstream the marginalized section of the society by awakening them as to how the higher education is important for their wards and why should they allow them to continue their education. The management thought that the GER of the area will not rise unless we reach to rural people and tell them the importance of education. Therefore the institution has set its vision as '**Reaching to the Unreached**'. Late Ramesh Warpudkar ACS College is the first unit of the Mandal which started in 1994. The very objective behind establishing such unit was to bring the Ganga of higher education to a small town like Sonpeth which is backward in terms of higher education. Hanuman Shikshan Prasarak Mandal, with the motto '*Gyanat Dharma Tatah Sukham*', has undertaken to provide quality higher education to the youths of Sonpeth taluka. The institution's first unit, Late Ramesh Warpudkar ACS College has recently completed twenty-five years and the progress of the college till date is destined to lead towards excellence. Our institution has entered into its 30th year of establishment and we are satisfied that the institution could reach up to more than 80% citizens of vicinity. The vision is being concretized. Our mission had been to offer the opportunities of the empowerment to the rural learners by imparting quality higher education within the

capacities. The institution geared co-curricular, extension, research and other such activities in collaboration with *Grampanchayats*, Municipal Corporation, and other Govt. and Non-Govt. organizations that contribute to the accomplishment of the vision/ mission of the institution. College administration and all the faculty members persistently strive for achieving the objectives, vision and mission of the institutions. Some of the significant elements of our college which make us distinct from other colleges having same background are as follows:

1. The college has received four consecutive awards for the annual magazine i.e. ***Pradnya***.
2. The college has best NSS unit having university level Awards for Programme officers and Volunteers.
3. The college has been organizing state level elocution competition since last five years in the name of founder president Late Shri Rajabhau Kadam.
4. The college has signed twenty-five functional MoUs with govt and non-govt organizations in the vicinity.
5. As a part of the energy conservation, we have set up Solar Power Greed which made us independent and we need no more energy from Mahavitaran.
6. 95% faculty possesses PhD as the highest educational qualification and they are research supervisors.
7. Most of the faculty received state, national and international level recognition awards and honors.
8. To facilitate distance learning, we do have established distance learning center i.e. Yeshwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University (YCMOU) Nashik for UG and SRTMU Nanded for P.G.
9. The college has best sports department which supports the students to play at university and inter-university level.
10. Most of the teachers has been working as BoS Members of SRTMU Nanded.
11. One faculty received travel grant to present research paper at Bangkok in 2017.


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