

7.3 Institutional Distinctiveness

7.3.1 Describe/Explain the performance of the institution in one area distinctive to its vision, priority and thrust

Response

D.A.V. College, Hoshiarpur envisages a society to ensure peace, harmony, dignity, justice and equal opportunities for development of individuals and communities- empowerment of students through higher education to all strata of society.

Mission:

- Providing quality to all irrespective of caste, creed and socio- economic status.
- Facilitating overall development of students to inculcate ethical values, and to produce dynamic and able- minded youth.
- Providing Education at affordable rates.
- Maintaining Good Academic Standards.
- Training students to develop their personality.

The institution plans and executes all activities so as to propagate its vision and mission. Keeping up with the teachings of Swami Dayanand Saraswati, D. A. V. College, Hoshiarpur aims at the removal of ignorance through the light of knowledge with special focus on women education. The very basis of education being ethical and moral, inculcation of Ethics, values and the propagation of Vedic Culture through Havan at the beginning of every session, Ved Saptah during the session and Swaraswati Vandana at the onset of every academic function are a regular feature. A bust of Swami Dayanand has been placed in the college campus for the students and teachers to pay obeisance. Engraved beneath the bust are the principles of Arya Samaj; besides these are also printed on college Prospectus and on college website.

Focus on Personality Development

The vision of the institution being the empowerment of youth through higher education to all strata of society, constant and consistent endeavors are made to develop students' personality.

- Being integral to education, all round development is ensured by assimilating curricular, extracurricular and sports activities, laying equal stress on each aspect.
- Though dealt with at length earlier, for the purpose of emphasis, it must be mentioned that the institution provides quality education to all- the humane principle of inclusiveness is adhered to. A large number of students belong to the reserved category and the marginalized sections of the society, as has been mentioned in Profile of the college. They are provided with financial aid, books and notes.

- Those students who could not produce good results at the lower level are not refused admission. Rather, special efforts are made by teachers to bridge their learning gaps- by teaching in Hindi or Punjabi medium and also by providing notes in simple form. They are also given extra time by teachers so that they are in sync with others.
- Departmental activities form an integral part of a student's education so that their knowledge on the subject is kept updated. They are exposed to experts from their respective fields so that they may understand the nuances of various topics.
- Tutorials and personality development classes are held regularly. Through these, students are guided on personal improvement with a view to improve their professional prospects.
- The institution provides ample opportunities to students for participation in Extra- curricular activities. Intra- college activities as Talent Show *Agaaz* and Departmental activities are regular features. Youth and Heritage Festival, Competitions at Inter- college level and Sports tournaments provide students to gain confidence and make their mark at a wider level.
- Students' Central Association is formed every year in a democratic way by electing Class Representatives, who in turn, elect the President, Secretary and other office- bearers. These students help in the organization of functions/ events and also in maintaining discipline in the institution. This provides them with Organizational Skills and Leadership quality, besides imbining them with a sense of responsibility.
- Through the aegis of NCC, NSS and Red Ribbon Club, students are trained to participate in Extension and outreach activities- organizing Cleanliness camps and Visit to nearby villages and Old Age Homes etc.
- As such the feeling of empathy is inculcated in them for the less privileged and neglected members of the society. Some of our students are members of N.G.Os, and they are motivated to develop a spirit of inclusiveness, belongingness, trust and productivity. The importance of teamwork is also understood better when such activities are undertaken.
- The institution regularly tries to bring in new courses as are relevant to the changing needs of the society and add to the employability of our students. Besides they are beneficial for the large number of students going abroad every year.
- The physical well- being of students is ensured through participation in Sports throughout the session. Annual Athletic Meet is held every year wherein a large number of students participate in a host of events. Best Athlete is chosen separately from Girls and Boys to encourage them for further participation.
- A friendly Cricket Match between Staff and Students is an annual feature to ensure good student-teacher relations.
- Yoga and meditation camp, besides workshops on self- defense are organized for the benefit of students.

The college fosters a spirit of belongingness and warmth, among the teachers and the taught, which is retained beyond the campus long after the students have passed out. Students have

been in touch with their teachers as is evident from the number of students visiting the institution during Alumni Meet. This bond is strong enough for old students of the college to return to their *alma mater* not only to celebrate their success but also to pay regards to their mentors. They have contributed for the benefit of the institution, be it in the form of cash, books or services. This is no mean achievement in the times of increasing consumerism. The institution has developed a sensitive and responsible youth force as have commitments towards society.

We take pride in the fact that our vision of empowerment of youth through education has borne fruit in creating a pool of environment conscious, socially responsible citizens who remain spiritually bonded to the college throughout their life. This is a unique attribute distinctive to D.A.V. College, Hoshiarpur.