

Rayat Shikshan Sanstha's

Mahatma Phule Mahavidyalaya, Pimpri, Pune-17

Criterion VII-

INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS

7.3.1 Portray the performance of the Institution in one area

Distinctive to its priority and thrust

Our institution offers education to all socioeconomic groups, but notably to the underprivileged, economically and socially disadvantaged group of people. This is done to help the pupils become independent and self-assured. The college assists these students in continuing their education through a variety of programmes, including

1. Student Aid Fund
2. Earn-and-Learn Program
3. Concession in fees
4. Concessions offered by college library

1) **Student Aid Fund:-** 09 students benefited from financial aid totaling 21,650/- rupees from the Student Aid Fund in the academic year 2023–2024. The primary goal of the Student Aid Fund (S.A.F.) is to provide financial assistance to eligible students in need, helping them cover essential academic expenses. This aid can be used for tuition, examination fees, and the purchase of necessary college supplies and stationery. By addressing their specific needs, the fund ensures that students can focus on their education without undue financial burden.

Students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds are encouraged to apply by submitting the required application form as early as possible at the beginning of the academic year. Applicants must briefly explain the reasons for their financial need and detail the specific expenses for which assistance is required. In cases of unique circumstances, additional supporting evidence may be requested.

The Student Aid Fund. is designed to provide occasional financial support for course-related expenses such as books and other educational materials. It also offers assistance with examination fees, subject to recommendations by the S.A.F. Committee. These recommendations are based on factors such as a student's academic performance, class attendance, parental income, and involvement in extracurricular activities, including sports and the arts.

The fund aims to empower continuing students by providing the resources they need to pursue their studies, ensuring that deserving and motivated students can access the support necessary to achieve their academic goals.

2) Earn and Learn Scheme:- Dr. Karmveer Bhaurao Patil, the visionary founder of Padmabhushan Rayat Shikshan Sanstha, established the organization with the mission of educating the underprivileged and disadvantaged sections of Maharashtra. He astutely recognized poverty as the primary obstacle to widespread education. To address this, he initiated the establishment of boarding schools that welcomed boys from all castes and social backgrounds, enabling them to continue their education under a unique agreement.

In the academic year 2023-24, a total of 63 students were admitted under this scheme. These students contributed by working in various college departments, including the library, administrative office, and other units. The college allocated

₹3,40,600/- towards this program during the year. This initiative, which stems from Dr. Patil's vision of providing free residential education, plays an integral role in the Sanstha's mission and continues to be successfully implemented at the college.

The scheme has proven to be immensely beneficial, allowing numerous students to complete their education. It not only supports those in financial need but also fosters independence and self-reliance among participants. By providing gainful employment opportunities alongside education, the program has made higher education accessible and attainable for deserving yet underprivileged individuals.

Currently, this initiative is being actively implemented at the undergraduate level on the college campus. Interested students must submit the required application forms, which are carefully reviewed by a dedicated committee to select the most deserving candidates. This program stands as a testament to the positive impact that civil society can have in transforming lives and promoting inclusive education.

3) Concession in fees:- Deserving and financially disadvantaged students admitted to the college are offered fee concessions to support their education. Additionally, exceptional athletes are encouraged with similar benefits. Students who are not eligible for E.B.C. or other freeship may still qualify for specific concessions based on their individual needs.

These educational concessions are thoughtfully provided to address the unique challenges faced by each student. Eligibility is determined after a comprehensive evaluation of the student's overall behavior, academic progress, character, class attendance, and financial circumstances. This approach ensures that assistance is extended to those who genuinely require it while fostering a sense of responsibility and commitment among beneficiaries.

4) Concessions offered by college library: -The library provides book bank scheme to students without a deposit based on their needs. Students with disabilities and meritorious students are also given books without a deposit. Poor students are provided with books based on the Principal recommendation. Students who are physically challenged can use wheelchairs. For pupils with special needs, there is a dedicated seating area in the library. Such pupils receive individualized support from library professionals.




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