



BHARATI VIDYAPEETH'S COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, KOLHAPUR

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Criterion 7	Institutional Values and Best Practices
Key Indicator 7.3	<i>Institutional Distinctiveness</i>
7.3 Portray the performance of the Institution in one area distinctive to its priority and thrust within 1000 words	

The state of Maharashtra is inspired by various great social transformers and revolutionary philanthropic leaders such as Mahatma Phule, Savitribai Phule, Karmaveer Bhaurao Patil, Rajarshee Shahu Maharaj and the likes. They have devoted their lives for the educational and social revolution in Maharashtra. Founder of Bharati Vidyapeeth and founder Chancellor of Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be) University Honorable Dr. Patangraoji Kadam has followed the same path. He was one of the great visionaries in educational reforms in Maharashtra and all over India. Since the foundation of this esteemed educational institution, the founder envisioned strengthening the economically and socially deprived families in Western Maharashtra as many economically and socially backward families were lagging behind in education. The Founder focused on the upbringing of these strata of society and made traditional as well as professional education easily accessible to them through huge fees concessions and free education also. Bharati Vidyapeeth is considered as one of the largest multi-discipline and multi-campus educational institution in India. It covers nearly all the existing branches of knowledge and tries to impart guidance in every emerging academic discipline for the wellbeing of the student community. The distinct humanitarianism is the guiding philosophy of us which guides multi-disciplinary and cross-disciplinary academic programmes as well as all the social-cultural initiatives it works in.

Bharati Vidyapeeth is one of the socio-centric institutes in India, which is assisting students from economically and socially backward backgrounds by providing admission and fees concession. Under this scheme, students are asked to apply for fees concession along with their relevant documents. Students have to furnish their mark list, income certificate and attendance record from the particular department (branch). They need to fill a form which is especially for the fees concession purpose. These forms are sent to the Bharati Vidyapeeth's Head office, Pune for the final sanction. The committee appointed by Bharati Vidyapeeth addresses all the applicant students with their parents. By discussing students' academic progress and parents' financial background, proper concession is given in academic fees. Such fees concession report is forwarded by the Bharati Vidyapeeth central administrative office (Bharati Bhavan, Pune) to the Principal of the respective college.

Many students are getting benefit of this fees concession scheme every year since the establishment of Bharati Vidyapeeth and realizing their academic goals without difficulties. We claim that, this scheme is a distinctive aspect of our college. This scheme has benefitted the diverse sections of society. This is really a big achievement of the Bharati Vidyapeeth and complies to its motto: “Social Transformation Through Dynamic Education.”

Bharati Vidyapeeth’s College of Engineering, Kolhapur as a constituent unit of such an acclaimed parent institution is driven to deliver its mission and convinced of the transformative power of education and research for the betterment of society. We aim to deliver an exceptional and age-relevant education and to make significant contributions to society-locally, nationally and especially on the inter-state levels. The college consistently inspires students and provides a platform for methodological and multidisciplinary skill development and development of ethical and human values.

Bharati Vidyapeeth collectively seeks solutions to address the issues relating to a comprehensive and all-encompassing strategy for the development of society. This emphasis is to create an enabling ecosystem of equal opportunities for education, health and livelihood and to ensure sustainable development of the rural community. Various charitable trusts and foundations are working with the institution in community development initiatives like employment generation, agricultural development, agro-based industry, micro and macro financing, skills training, sustainable rural development and the like. In its vision to further upgrade the technological knowledge, employment generation, women empowerment and holistic development of the social periphery where its constituent units are functioning, Bharati Vidyapeeth runs various outreach programmes in Western Maharashtra and tribal belts like Palghar, Vikramgad, and some regions in Konkan. Bharati Vidyapeeth’s College of Engineering, Kolhapur, as a constituent unit of Bharati Vidyapeeth extends all the required assistance and expertise in them time to time.

To carry this mission forward, the college stimulates and supports students to participate in various social developmental activities. Along with academic and technical excellence, Bharati Vidyapeeth’s college of Engineering, Kolhapur, strives to incorporate the sense of social accountability among our students. Our students and staff volunteers, through NSS, contribute in the relief operations in the flood affected areas in Kolhapur and nearby districts. A special bond has been developed by them with certain villages in this manner.

The college has at all times shown willingness to adopt new dealings for the enrichment of values among faculty members and students in order to make them better citizens. Thus all faculty members and students of our college are fortified to participate in social activities. Bharati Vidyapeeth's College of Engineering, Kolhapur, is known as an active and influential contributor in various initiatives of environmental protection and mass awareness of them. During NSS camps, various programmes like village cleanliness drives, tree plantation. We rendered commendable services in the flood affected regions in Sangli and Kolhapur districts and worked shoulder to shoulder with the Government and other Health Science units under Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University). The college tries to set examples of social service for students through the drives like these. We endeavor to inculcate scientific mindset and rationality among the people celebrating traditional festivals like Ganeshotsav for encouraging them to saving the river by donating the idols for artificial immersion. The college has conducted some noteworthy eco-friendly initiatives to spread awareness regarding rules and regulations as laid down by regulatory bodies and try to practice them on campus. Conducting tree plantation on campus, decreasing use of plastic on campus, initiation of paperless administration, energy saving individual habits of staff and students, observance of no vehicle days etc. are some of them. Bharati Vidyapeeth is recognized on state and national levels for its extension activities aimed at social responsibility. The college has encouraged staff and students to plant a sense of social accountability through some regular charity and philanthropic activities. We visit the orphan houses and old age homes in the nearby localities every year and offer the necessary stuff that fulfils the season-specific needs of the residents there. Our continuous growth towards excellence have been ensured by innovations, advancement and best practices in the key areas of knowledge incubation, social immersion, result oriented governance and state of the art infrastructure.

