## 7.3 Institutional Distinctiveness

Provide the details of the performance of the institution in one area distinctive to its vision, priority and thrust Provide the weblink of the institution in not more than 500 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 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 are 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 one of the social-centric institutes in India, which is assisting students from economically and socially backward backgrounds in their 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 can say that, this scheme is a distinctive aspect of our institution. 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"