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7.3.1 – Provide the details of the performance of the institution in one area distinctive to its vision, priority and thrust

Conscious, active and continuous community engagement

Community Engagement Gujarat Vidyapith has a conscious, active and continuous community engagement at multiple levels. Rural centres of Gujarat Vidyapith have adopted cluster of villages where variety of activities are carried out to make a positive intervention in the life of the rural society. The range of activities carried out in these villages are providing computer literacy to the school-going children, training in outdoor games and sports, providing computer repair services in the primary schools, soil testing and analysis, training masons in the villages in proper construction of toilets, etc. Engaging with the primary school is one way in which Gujarat Vidyapith can provide guidance in the education program being imparted in these schools. It also serves as a link between primary education and higher education. The teachers of the Institute understand the scenario of primary education and use that in thinking about the higher education. Providing training in outdoor games and sports in the villages encourages the kids and young people of the village to learn the game and sports in a scientific way so as to get the maximum physical benefit out of it. It practice is also helpful in spotting of outstanding talents in the villages. The expertise of the department of microbiology and Biogas Research Centre is utilized in helping the villagers with soil testing and analysis. It helps the farmers to understand the exact nature of deficiency in the soil and add only that mineral. This saves the soil from oversaturation of any kind of mineral. This practice helps in increasing the yield of the produce substantially. Awareness of cleanliness and hygiene is an important concern in the community engagement programs. The Institute has campaigned extensively in rural areas against open defecation. A teacher of Gujarat Vidyapith acted as a facilitator in the Government of India's scheme of construction of toilets in villages. More than two thousand toilets were constructed under this scheme. Given its expertise and reputation, Gujarat Vidyapith is approached by the state government agencies as a nodal agency to execute and oversee many government schemes aimed at the upliftment of the rural population. Above activities show case intensive community engagement of Gujarat Vidyapith. It also reflects the Institute adheres to its charter of working the rural society.

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