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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**

**Focus on Udyog**

As Gujarat Vidyapith follows Gandhi's educational ideal of training of head, hand, and heart, Udyog forms an important part of campus life of the students. The conventional meaning of Udyog is industry but in Gujarat Vidyapith it acquires a wider meaning. Udyog in Gujarat Vidyapith is understood as a pedagogic tool which develops the physical capability of students by training them work with their hands to create something new. Here, creating something new is linked to its usefulness to the society at large. Under Udyog, students learn to make different things and, in the process, learn traditional as well as modern skill set.

At Gujarat Vidyapith, traditional items which are produced in Udyog are candles, door mats, soap and detergents, and woven cloths. Most of these items are of daily use and students get not only what they have created out of raw materials but something which they can use in their daily life. This is also an experiment in self-sufficiency in certain daily requirements. In this process, their hand and feet get trained too which results in dexterity of the fingers and suppleness of the limbs.

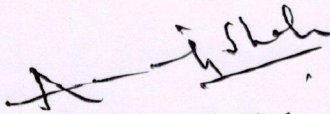
For last few years, newer items which have been introduced under Udyog are cloth stitching, hand bag manufacturing, ladies' purse and handbag, blow-glass items, pickles, juices of organically grown fruits and herbs, handmade paper, files and folders, wall clock, pen stand, different items out of paper and wood, etc. All these activities not only make students skillful but also opens a door of different career options. Being skillful in making some of the products may give students enough confidence to pursue it as a regular business for earning livelihood.

All the items produced by students under Udyog is sold at different times of the year such as during Kasturba Family Get-Together, Convocation Day Celebration, and during different gatherings in the campuses. Staff members and many regular outside visitors to Gujarat Vidyapith purchase



these products not only for their quality but also to appreciate the efforts taken by the students in producing these products.

In this way, Udyog training is a distinctive practice of Gujarat Vidyapith through which students acquire skills which can allow them be entrepreneurs in their own right without damaging the environment in the least.



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