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Criterion 7 - Institutional Values and Best Practices

Key Indicator - 7.3 Institutional Distinctiveness

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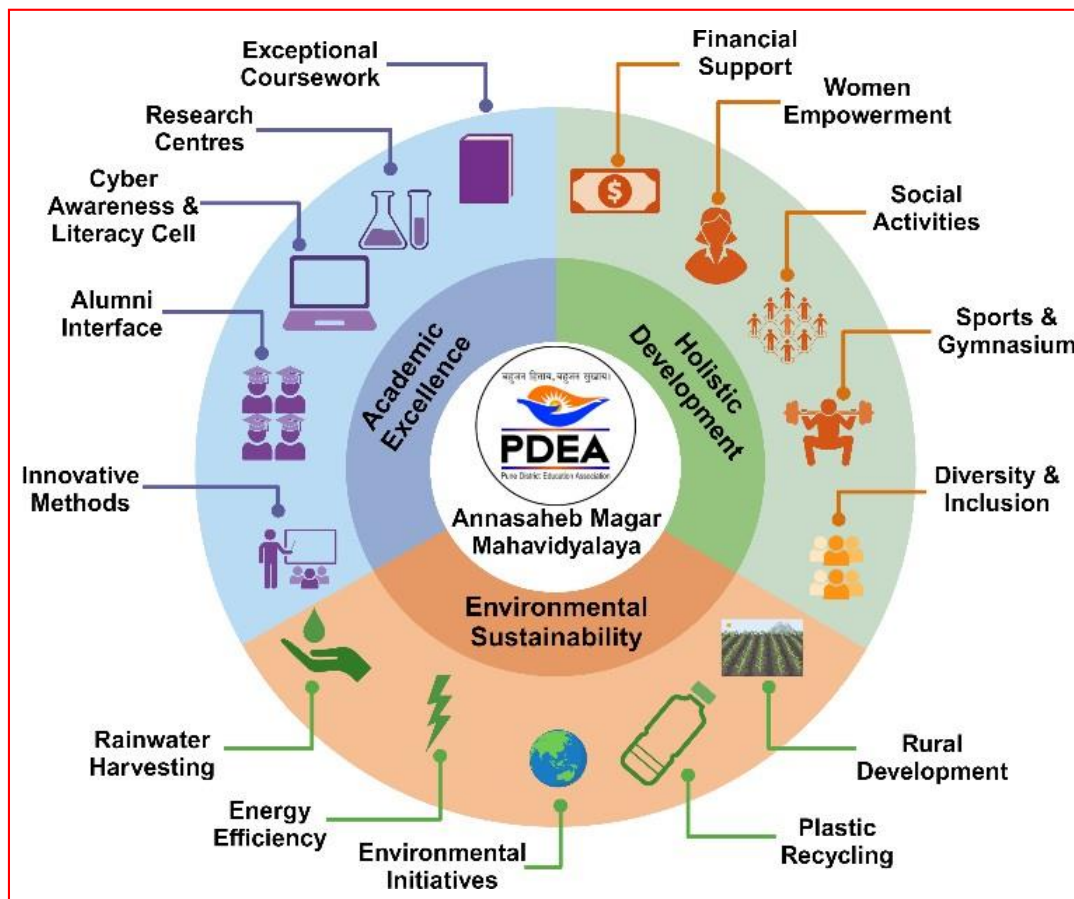
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Established in 1941, Pune **District Education Association (PDEA)** embodies the mission "**Bahujan Hitay Bahujan Sukhay**," dedicated to the welfare of the masses. With 18 Higher Educational Institutes, 54 Junior Colleges, and 55 Schools, PDEA combats illiteracy in rural sectors.

For over five decades, **Annasaheb Magar Mahavidyalaya**, a distinguished PDEA's branch, strategically bridges urban and rural domains. Committed to democratizing education, it is **DISTINCTIVE** in innovative pedagogies and resources for **Holistic Development, Academic Excellence, and Environmental Stewardship**. Recognized with the "**Best College Award**" from **Savitribai Phule Pune University**, the college embodies PDEA's relentless pursuit of academic brilliance and social enrichment.

The institute's **MISSION, VISION** and **OBJECTIVES** encapsulates three pivotal axes:

1. **Holistic Development**
2. **Academic Excellence**
3. **Environmental Sustainability**



1. Holistic Development

- **Financial Support to Students:**

The institute offers extensive financial aid for economically challenged students, including fee concessions, flexible payment options, and adherence to reservation policies. 87.7 % of reserved seats are filled, with three-quarters receiving scholarships. Faculty also contributed Rs.2,36,200 in financial assistance. Embracing SPPU's "Earn and Learn Scheme" promotes self-reliance and upholds the dignity of labour among our students.

- **Women Empowerment and Ladies Hostel Facility:**

Our institution passionately supports women's empowerment, enrolling on average 1940 female students annually, thus promoting inclusivity and challenging established gender norms. We provide a well-equipped ladies' hostel with capacity to house 84 students. This facility is particularly beneficial to those hailing from remote areas, ensuring a safe and supportive environment.

- **NCC, NSS, Social Activities:**

Our institution prioritizes holistic student development through programs like NSS, NCC, and Board of Students Development. Engaging in national initiatives such as

Swachh Bharat Mission, YIN, YRC, AIDS awareness, and blood donation drives, we foster socially driven and value-oriented students. Seven NCC cadets participated in Republic Day Parade since 2018, with two selected for the prestigious "**Thal Sainik Camp.**" In 2023, **Golden SUO Mr. Shivanand Pujari** was appointed as "**All India Parade Commander,**" a distinction accompanied by the esteemed "**President Commandant Card,**" highlighting our cadets' consistent success in the Armed Forces and Maharashtra Police Services.

- **Outreach activities:**

Our institution consistently excels in **Kirloskar Vasundhara Project Competition.** Our dedication to environmental stewardship extends to cleanliness drives, engaging over 3000 students in the Mula-Mutha Cleanliness Drive. We actively promote environmental awareness, health, and safety through initiatives like free Covid Vaccination Drives and Health Check-ups. The "**DNYANSETU**" initiative has benefited over 1000 students from nearby schools. Our students also visit Old Age Homes and Orphanages.

- **Cultural activities:**

The Cultural Club is a vibrant hub for fostering student talent, organizing a variety of competitions that hone their skills. Notably, in 2021, our college triumphed in the "**State Level Youth Trophy**" in drama category, a testament to the club's dedication and our students' artistic prowess.

- **Sports and Gymnasium:**

Sports department is a hub of athletic excellence, featuring state-of-the-art facilities including a multi-gym with free-weights and cardio equipment. The expansive 11,463 sqft synthetic and 15,069 sqft clay ground, coupled with a 5,159 sqft yoga center, underscores our commitment to physical wellness. In the past five years, athletes have secured 2 international, 17 national, 15 state-level awards and 47 divisional medals. Our notable achievements include Yogendra Tapkir's silver medal at the **Khelo India Tournament.**

2. **Academic Excellence**

- **Outstanding Curriculum Flexibility and Enrichment:**

Our institute is a beacon of academic excellence, utilizing innovative teaching methods, ICT tools, and a robust infrastructure. We provide diverse undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs, including **UGC-NSQF** sponsored courses like Computer Science, B. Voc., and BBA. Our curriculum combines traditional and professional courses, fostering employability, entrepreneurship, and communication skills. Offering 129 successful courses, we have positively impacted over 13,988 students with certificates, short-term, add-on, and value-added courses. Awards have

been received to the institute for Career Katta program. Participation in workshop “Center of Excellence” under Career Katta organised by Sinhgadh Institute of Technology, Lonavala has benefitted the Institute.

Research:

Our college is a hub of scholarly activity with eight research centres with 44 recognized research guides spanning Sciences, Commerce, Languages and Humanities propelling Ph.D. programs and a multitude of research publications. Students earned scholarships like MAHAJYOTI, SARATHI, NET-JRF, and JRD TATA. We also host annual science exhibitions and “AVISHKAR” research competitions. There are 104 functional MoUs for student-faculty exchange, internships, field trips, and practical training, contributing significantly to the academic and research landscape.

- **Cyber Awareness and Literacy Cell (CALC):**

To embrace the challenges of the digital era, our Institute has collaborated with **QUICK HEAL FOUNDATION** to establish **Cyber Awareness and Literacy Cell (CALC)** which has benefited 85,810 students from neighbouring colleges and schools through student volunteers. These efforts were recognized with the prestigious "**CYBER SHIKSHA CHAMPION OF THE YEAR-2023**" award.

- **Alumni Interface:**

“**STORIES of SUCCESS**” (“**YASHOGATHA**”) features success of our alumni that brings pride nationally and internationally in several fields. Registered Alumni Association actively support the institution with scholarships and donations, reinforcing its enduring impact.

3. **Environmental Sustainability**

- **Energy and Water Management:**

The Institute fervently promotes environmental sustainability through eco-friendly initiatives, including solar power plants, solar streetlamps, wastewater treatment, and rainwater harvesting.

- **Green campus committee:**

It conducts diverse environmental audits, focusing on tree plantation, waste management, and a botanical garden with medicinal plants.

- **Initiatives:**

We have M. Sc. And Ph.D. in Environment Science. Notable events are organized such as Earth Day, Mountain Day, Tree Census in Villages, Ground Water Conservation, course on Watershed Management, Vasundhara Week etc. “Plastic Recycle Policy” in collaboration with “**Sagarmitra**”, ensure monthly recycling of an average 25 kg plastic, showcasing the institute's commitment to nature conservation.

- **Scientific Approach for Rural Development:**

Over the last five years, students immersed in scientific surveys of rural villages like Ketkawale, Dive, Pimpri Sandas, Pingori, and Wade Bolhai, embodying teaching, research, and extension principles. Reports submitted to higher authorities were recognised by **Deputy Chief Minister Ajitdada Pawar** and **Hon. Scientist and Padma Vibhushan Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar**, affirming the institute's dedication to rural development and environmental sustainability.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS:

The Institute, faculty, and students have been accorded by many awards in academics, research, sports, culture, and social services, underscoring the **DISTINCTIVENESS** of our institution. These achievements emphasize holistic growth, inclusivity, academic excellence, and environmental sustainability and bear witness to the institution's unwavering dedication to its mission and values, aligning with the vision of a **SELF-RELIANT INDIA (ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT)**.