## 7.3 - Institutional Distinctiveness

A carefully cultivated heritage of values and academic discipline makes our institution exemplary in the Ramtek region. We, at Vidyasagar Kala Mahavidyalaya, aim to live to the vision of our founder President Late Dr. Vinod Kumar Jaiswal to be a secular institution and facilitate students to be responsible citizens. All the stakeholders are continually working towards creating a conducive atmosphere for students to acquire insight into their academic pursuits to make them more skilful and scholarly. We conduct curricular, co-curricular, and extra-curricular activities to develop the wholesome personalities of students. Facilitating students all the way, we established functional MoUs with academic institutions and some small-scale industries. Our college is located in a pilgrimage zone, hence there is no option to have linkage programmes with large-scale industries, but we try to provide training programmes to some of our students through our association with the owners of small-scale industries. We also promote research and innovative programs for students and teachers. We are involved with our collaborating institutions in academic activities like developing e-content and making video lectures, developing online Quizzes on curricular items. It has proved to be of great importance during lockdown periods. The mentor-mentee committee not only provided administrative and academic information but also conducted Yoga and counselling sessions with the assistance of the Sports and Games Department of the college. The Librarian circulated e-newspapers and e-books daily which kept our stakeholders updated and engaged during the critical period of the corona pandemic.