

7.3.1 Highlight the performance of the institution in an area distinct to its priority and thrust

Located in the Kalyana Karnataka area, which is considered economically and educationally disadvantaged and the area falling under the 118th Amendment to the Constitution of India, providing special status including "Local reservation in education and government employment", the University serves a larger purpose i.e. social engineering through and quality education. The one of the problems among the students of this area is many of them ending their education at undergraduate and post graduate level. Therefore there is a need to develop an ecosystem which would motivate/inspires students take up research programmes after their PG program.

In order to provide quality higher education coupled with quality research in this area, the University strives to promote research activities. The University has included research based project work for all Post Graduate students. Students are encouraged to conduct field studies which will highlight the societal issues. The University has admitted nearly 200 students during 2020-21 into Ph.D. program at various departments. A research ethics paper has also been included as part of the course work to create awareness of research modalities, research ethics and publication ethics. During 2020-21 University has provided seed money for various projects to 41 young faculty. The objective of seed money is to make young faculty indulge in solving national to local issues, be it scientific or philosophical, and provide solutions. Many faculty have published results of the research in reputed UGC notified journals and Scopus indexed journals.

Further to promote quality research in the University, a multi-disciplinary research facility centre "Centre of Excellence for Multidisciplinary Advanced Research Facility (CEMARF)" has been proposed. This centre shall facilitate the research for all faculty. The whole initiative is taken care by the internal resources of the University. Further, the University to promote multi-disciplinary research is planning to sanction projects wherein minimum of 2 faculty from different streams/departments are encouraged to take up research. Many national and state level lectures/workshops were also conducted by various departments wherein research results were showcased.