

7.3.1 Institutional Distinctiveness (Year 2017-18)

Loksant Shri Gadge Baba, great visionary, devoted his entire life for gram swacchata (village Cleanliness), social awareness and education. As a sense of gratitude towards his great contribution for social upliftment, our university is named after Sant Gadge Baba. He is a perennial source of inspiration to this university. *Ten Commandments* of Sant Gadge Baba is the basis on which Sant Gadge Baba Amravati university has been continuously working for the community. Vision and mission of this university is based on Ten Commandments given by Sant Gadge Baba for elevation of the society. This is the distinctiveness of the University. Our University has adopted five villages from each district under it, to support “**Clean India Campaign**” of Hon’ble Prime Minister. Our University is working hard to face the big challenges before us to convert villages into *Adarsha Gram* (Ideal Villages). University stands committed to intervene strongly in the local region that is adopted villages by implementing various programmes for socio-economic development. Activities undertaken, taking forward the vision of the university in these adopted villages are health awareness camps, awareness programme on solid waste management, women entrepreneurship programme , tree plantation programme and kitchen gardening training programme. Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Pro Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Various departments of the university, Affiliated colleges of the university , Officers of State Governments and Office bearers of local authorities are major contributors in these venture. Distric wise special camps are orgnised in the adopted villages to support clean India campaign. 397 NSS volunteers participated in these programmes and 3570 are the beneficiaries of these programmes. The issue of *Kumari Matas* in Yavatmal district testifies to the sexual exploitation of tribal women by nontribal men and subsequent stigmatization and boycott within village society and tribal community. The university is working determinedly in Yavatmal district to adopt preventive and rehabilitative measures for *Kumari Matas*. University has been continuously engaged in organizing programmes for tribal girls in Yavatmal district These programmes are organised through *National Service Scheme* of the University by various affiliated collages in the region. Affiliated colleges of the University involved in this venture are Shri Gajanan Maharaj Arts and Commerce College, Mukutban, Nurjaha Begam Salam Ahmad Arts and Commerce Collage Wani, Shri Babasaheb Deshmukh Parvekar College , Pandharkawda, Shivramji Moghe Arts Commerce and Science College Kelapur and Rajiv Science and Commerce College Zari. 1080 tribal girls have been instructed about preventive measures to be taken against sexual exploitation.