## D.S.T.S. Mandal's COLLEGE OF PHARMACY, SOLAPUR

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7.3	Institutional Distinctiveness
7.3.1	Portray the performance of the institution in one area distinctive to its priority
	and thrust

## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The most distinctive feature of D.S.T.S. Mandal's College of Pharmacy, Solapur is "Academic Excellence" for which the college is well-known in this region and all over Maharashtra.

The college, established by Late Shri V.G. Shivdare Anna is a pioneer institute for Pharmaceutical education catering to the needs of the students in Solapur region. The institute is catering to the needs of the profession with the modern facility and experienced faculty providing ample number of activities to achieve the holistic development of the students.

### **Excellent Academic Results:**

The college is known for excellence in academic results since inception. In the very first year of establishment, 1993-94 the college achieved 100% results. The first outgoing batch had three toppers in the university merit list. In the year 1998, Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS), Nashik was established by the Govt. of Maharashtra and all Pharmacy colleges in the state came under one umbrella. We had three merits in the state in the very first examination conducted by MUHS. Our one student was highest scorer in Anatomy, Physiology and Health Education, our overall result was second highest in the state and our results were highest in the state in the next examination. The state decided to revert the decision and we were back in Shivaji University, Kolhapur. In the year 2000, the gold medal was won by our student in Shivaji University, Kolhapur. In the year 2001-02 there were five rank holders in the Shivaji University, Kolhapur. Further Solapur University, Solapur was established in the year 2004 and we got affiliated with it giving the best of the academic results here too. Overall our college has always ensured academic performance par



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excellence in all the three universities it got affiliated to. Our performance in competitive exams for higher education viz. GATE, GPAT, NIPER etc also has been quite promising.

This achievement was possible due to following points:

## 1. Disciplined Academic Planning:

The institute emphasizes on meticulous academic planning with high priority to the discipline in the campus. Even during the co-curricular and extra-curricular programs, the duration of theory classes is reduced to 45 minutes instead of 60 minutes taking out 15 minutes from each class and 45 minutes from the practicals. Thus we save 90 minutes for the activities so that the events are conducted without affecting much of the academics. The attendance is stringently monitored and the status is conveyed to the parents every day. The academic discipline was particularly evident during COVIDpandemic when the classes were conducted online. The academic semester starts generally in the month of July every year. But we commenced the academics on 1st June, 2020 during the COVIDpandemic period. We may be the unique example in this context to commence the academic year in such adverse situation. This was particularly done because we were worried about the mental status of the students and parents in the pandemic situation when the students were left at home since March without academic engagements. So we decided to engage the students in academics by online mode even when such initiatives were not even advocated by the Government. In fact, the Government suggested beginning the academics through online mode sometime in September, 2020. The parents and the students in panic were quite relieved of the mental stress and happily welcome the decision and appreciated.

In the last five years many students have taken up 42 different types of Certificate/Value added courses and online courses of MOOCs, SWAYAM, NPTEL and Infosys Spring Board platforms. These courses have tremendously helped them improve their skills and avenues for employability. In addition, the institution also conducts various courses on computer skills, pharmacovigilance, clinical trials etc.

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#### 2. Conducive Infrastructure:

Our college provides modern infrastructure creating conducive learning environment. The laboratories are spacious and well-equipped with adequate supporting staff provide a conducive ecosystem. A pilot plant for solid dosage forms provides an industrial environment unique in nature. Hands-on experience in pilot plant and sophisticated instruments enormously contributes for excellent performance.

#### 3. Efficient Experienced Faculty:

The college has highly experienced dedicated team of faculty contributing for excellent academic performance of the students. The team encourages for imbibing in depth knowledge of the topics to give the best performance not only at college but also university. The college has a blend of youthful and experienced faculty catering to the demanding needs of the students. The faculty is given opportunity to upgrade themselves through quality improvement programs. The attrition rate of the college is negligible and the average teaching experience of the staff is more than 15 years.

#### 4. Training & Placement Activities:

Owing to excellent academic results and holistic development of the students, our placement record is excellent and excellent placement record in turn has been serving as a motivation for enhancing the excellence in academics. The placement cell conducted on-campus and offcampus drives with renowned pharmaceutical companies. The institute has undertaken capacity building and skill enhancement activities in career planning soft skills, language and communication skills, life skills like yoga and physical fitness, health and hygiene, and ICT/computing abilities.

#### 5. Alumni Contribution:

The association contributes significantly by guest lectures on recent trends in pharmacy and provides a platform for idea exchange. Alumni support for arranging placements, and internships and provide advice to convert job-seekers into job-creators creating entrepreneurs.

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### 6. Holistic development:

Art of Living's Happiness Programme consisting of light body exercises and yogasanas, pranayama, meditations, life-skill sessions, and the powerful, yet simple, breathing technique called, SudarshanKriya, effectively increases the concentration, reduces stress and thereby augments academic excellence.

The College is well known for its academic performance. We are amongst the first choices for admission by the aspirants owing to the quality of education, rich facility, experienced faculty, outstanding academic results, excellent placement records and highly disciplined safe atmosphere.

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