

7.3.1 Describe / Explain the performance of the institution in one area distinctive to its vision, priority and thrust

Answer:

Performance of Palamuru University in shaping and strengthening its constituent PG Centers has been quite encouraging and noteworthy.

The PG Centers constitute an integral part of the academic structure and unique legacy of Palamuru University.

The very establishment of Palamuru University, as a state run Institution is in furtherance of enhancing the access to Higher Education in predominantly backward and tribal areas of Mahabubnagar District in Telangana State, with equal emphasis on equity.

In accordance with this strategic thrust, Palamuru University has embarked upon nurturing its three PG Centres as leading Centres of Learning.

It was due to the initiative of the University that the erstwhile PG College of Osmania University at Gadwal, defunct for more than 13 years, got reopened and became its constituent unit during 2012-13. The University had set out with the creation of basic infrastructure and introduction of Two PG Courses, M.A.(Telugu) and M.Sc.(Physics) for launching this PG Centre.

P.G Centre Wanaparthy, started under the aegis of State Government, has been brought under the fold of Palamuru University during 2013-14 with five ongoing courses (viz. M.A., English., M.Sc. Physics., M.Sc. chemistry., M.Sc. Botany., M.Sc., Zoology).

P.G Centre, Kollapur, has been established by Palamuru University during 2014-15 with Three courses (viz. M.Sc. Mathematics, M.A. English, and M.B.A.).

While taking care of regular instruction and day to day functioning at these Centres, the University has paid specific attention to their long term growth and planned progress.

Towards this end, Palamuru University has adopted a distinctive developmental strategy for strengthening the PG Centres.

The University has been specifically enlisting the support of local Public Representatives (Ministers and MLAs) and District Administration in securing funds, land and posts for strengthening the PG Centres. It has been successful to large extent in this regard.

The University has been following up with the State Government on issues related to PG Centers. As a result, it could secure the sanction of :-

- a) Rs.3.20 crores and 14 posts for PG Centre, Gadwal
- b) Rs.4.50 crores and 12 posts for PG Centre, Wanaparthy and
- c) Rs.4.65 crores and 21 posts for PG Centre, Kollapur

This strategy of active involvement of the significant stakeholders in the system is showing positive results.

The University has accorded due priority for the creation of academic facilities and student amenities through Construction of Permanent Buildings (Academic Block and separate Hostels for Boys and Girls) at these PG Centres at a cost of Rs. 26 Crores.

The University has been playing a proactive role in introducing need-based courses from time to time at the PG Centres. M.A. English and M.Com. were launched at PG Center Gadwal during 2013-14 and 2017-18 respectively. Similarly, M.S.W., M.A.(Telugu), M.Com. courses were introduced at PG Center Kollapur during 2015-16.

The University is also actively pursuing the augmentation of regular faculty and staff at these Centres.

These interventions are in tune with the ethos of Palamuru University as an upcoming regional university with deep social commitment for expanding the avenues of higher education at far off places in its hinterland.

Palamuru University considers nurturing the PG centres as a unique experience and distinctive contribution to institution building in higher education.