## 7.3.1 Institutional Distinctiveness

Provide the details of the performance of the institution in one area distinctive to its vision, priority and thrust Provide the weblink of the institution in not more than 500 words

The performance of the University distinctive to its vision, priorities and thrust area is evident from its basic policies and programs followed throughout the year. Several steps are undertaken to enhance the quality of the education and research instead of quantitative enhancement and expansions of the existing facilities. To maintain national integrity and progress, the University has been concentrating on such initiatives which are very much relevant to the development and progression of the nations. Considering these aspects, the University has taken the following initiatives:

- (i) In the University, an atmosphere of communal harmony is preserved promoting the ideas of secularism, national integration and scientific outlook have been promoted with care.
- (ii) Considering the location of the University, students of all religions are admitted here and they promote & maintain a sense of communal harmony.
- (iii) Interdisciplinary subjects are introduced for teaching and research to ensure completeness of knowledge.
- (iv) The decisions regarding Syllabus review & upgradation, method of evaluation, compulsory coursework for Ph.D. students, are taken by the teachers themselves.
- (v) Admission to Ph.D. course is made through an entrance examination & viva voce of the qualified students.
- (vi) There are provisions for different scholarships for students. Students, as well as faculty members get financial support for field work in some subjects.
- (vii) The University has signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with a large number of National/International Institutions.
- (viii) The departments of Microbiology, Molecular Biology & Biotechnology have been organising Entrance Examinations for admission to PG courses.