## 7.3.1 Details of the performance of the institution in one area distinctive to its vision, priority and thrust

St Aloysius Evening College (SAEC), Mangaluru, is a Jesuit institution of higher education institution in the service of the students of Mangalore guided by its motto 'Lucet et ardet' which means 'Shine to Enkindle'. Most of the students studying in SAEC earn during the day and learn in the evenings. Since its inception in 1966, SAEC has been a beacon of light to the hundreds of men and women who would otherwise be denied the opportunity of collegiate education. In keeping with the traditions of the Society of Jesus which runs the College and the vision and mission of the College which is to empower the youth to shape a better future for mankind by forming them into effective and responsive individuals and to foster professionalism through commitment, cooperation, creativity and innovation without distinction of caste or creed, but decidedly with a slant in favour of the marginalized by providing opportunities, the SAEC admits all those who apply without any discrimination based on caste, creed, language or economic status. Women students are also admitted on par with their male counterparts. Whenever differently abled students apply they are given all the support and extra facilities they need including shifting the classrooms to make them more accessible, arranging scribes for the visually impaired and even making the necessary arrangements for transport for those with multiple disabilities. Appreciating the zeal and industry of the students and realizing that poverty is a major stumbling block to the dreams of higher education of a vast percentage of students, appropriate strategies have been put in place to help such students. The College offers various management scholarships/fee concessions to enable students from the lower income groups to pay their fees and continue their education. In fact the Management has gone out of its way to help students hailing from the lower income groups by giving fee concessions and in many cases fee waivers. In addition to this, the College has helped many students to procure the government scholarship for Minorities, Arrupe scholarships, OBC scholarships and SC/ST scholarships. The Udaya Holla Scholarship is a new initiative instituted by the Management as part of the Golden Jubilee Year exclusively to help meritorious students who are in dire poverty and cannot continue their studies due to lack of funds. The College conducts remedial classes for the academically weaker students. Students who fail in the internal exams and slow learners who require additional classes are called to attend remedial classes regularly and are monitored by subject teachers through extra classes, tests/assignments /group discussions. Serving the cause of social justice, ensuring equity and increasing access to higher education are some of the ways by which the College contributes to National Development. All the activities of the College are oriented towards the realisation of the mission with added incentives to toppers, cash awards and suitable financial incentives for needy students etc.

