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

A distinctive feature of our institution is *Sparsha*, the Asutosh College Retired Teachers' Wellness and Well-being Cell, a unit of the Tea Club, itself a unique feature of the college which was established in the late 1980s to facilitate informal interaction between teachers over a cuppa and light refreshments in a relaxed atmosphere in the Professors' Room. The Tea Club Annual get-together, organized every year on 24 December, is a much-awaited annual event when former teachers reunite with current teachers for an informal cultural programme and lunch. Teachers are the architects of society and its well-being since on them lies the responsibility of molding the youth, not only as successful academicians, researchers, or professionals but also as good, sensitive human beings with leadership capabilities. It does not mean that the deep bond that teachers share with the institution must be severed upon their retirement from service. In fact, it ought to be nurtured even more after that. With this aim of reaching out to our retired colleagues in their times of need, the Tea Club formed a dedicated cell, *Sparsha*, the Asutosh College Retired Teachers' Wellness and Well-being Cell in 2017. A dedicated team from the unit maintains year-round contact with retired teachers, enquiring after their needs, especially medical ones, making arrangements accordingly. Some of the initiatives launched in this regard are, annual medical check-up, enquiring after their well-being through telephone, home delivery of essential medicines at a discounted rate, home delivery of essential supplies during the lockdown because of the pandemic.

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