

Title of the Best Practice I: Village Adoption Scheme (2022-23)

Objectives:

- To bring the Naxal-affected and socio-economically backward villages into mainstream.
- To help the villages for their development in various fields.
- To provide information to the villagers about the various welfare schemes of government.
- To sensitize people on important issues related to health, & hygiene, eradication of superstition, gender equality, open defecation, de-addiction, ill customs, women related diseases, malnutrition, female foeticide, child labour, caste bias etc.
- To encourage farmers to face all sort of challenges and refrain from suicide through special counselling on stress management.
- To be familiar with the life style of villagers and the challenges faced by them.
- To organize various programmes like speeches of experts, social reformers, intellectuals, doctors, agriculturalist, government officers etc.
- To organize various cultural activities like dramas, skits, street plays, dances, mimicries, singing competition, to create awareness and also entertain the villagers.
- To provide an opportunity to the students of the institute to have interaction with villagers.

The Context:

Our institution is located in naxal affected, and socio-economically backward, remote and rural area of Lakhandur in Bhandara district. Our institute is the only full-fledged one in the entire Lakhandur region. As the people of this region are economically backward, they can't afford to go to distant places to take the higher education after HSC. So they are dependent on our institution for the purpose of higher education. Being well aware of this, our institute shows full commitment to providing suitable environment to these needy students for the said purpose.

Most of the students at our institute come from villages. So to establish better connectivity with the villages, our institute took the decision to implement 'Village Adoption Scheme' from the academic year 2014-15. Accordingly the institute started to adopt a nearby village from the session 2014-15. We adopted the village 'Nanded' for the session 2022-23. This village is situated 15 km from Lakhandur. Nanded is the village where people are mainly dependent on agriculture for their economic source.

Practice:

As per the objective of village adoption scheme, the institute shows full commitment to do the best possible for the adopted villages. The institute, through NSS, organizes various awareness programmes and carries out several activities such as health & hygiene, eradication of superstition, gender equality, open defecation, de-addiction, social ill-customs, women related diseases, malnutrition, employment & self-employment, problem of farmer's suicide, dramas, skits, street plays, mimicries, dancing and singing competitions, interaction sessions with villagers, importance of collective labour, cleanliness drive, need of weirs for

water conservation, the environmental pollution, tree plantation drive, display of posters & banners with relevant slogans etc.

The institute started this village adoption scheme in session 2014-15. The institute adopted a village Bhagadi in the session 2018-19. The NSS unit of the college organized seven days university level NSS camp from dated 27-01-2019 to 02-02-2019 on the theme 'Swachh va Nirmal Bharatasathi Yuvakanche Yogdan' (The Contribution of Youth for Clean India). In the camp, 200 NSS volunteers and 10 faculty members of the college were present.

The institute successfully organized **state level seven days** NSS camp at village 'Bhagadi' on the topic 'Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat' from 02/02/2020 to 08/02/2020 in the session 2019-20. The NSS volunteers across the state vehemently participated in the camp. During the camp so many activities, programmes useful for the villagers were organized.

The institute adopted a village 'Khairi-Pat' in the session 2021-22. The NSS unit of the college organized seven days College level NSS camp from dated 04-03-2022 to 10-03-2022 on the theme '**Arogya Va Paryavaran**' (**Health and Environment**). In the camp, 200 NSS volunteers and 05 faculty members of the college were present

The institute successfully organized **state level seven days** NSS camp at village 'Jaithpur' on the topic '**Arogya Va Paryavaran**' (**Health and Environment**) from 22-03-2022 to 28-03-2022 in the session 2021-22. Nearly 200 students and 7 teaching staff members were present at the camp. Students from RTM Nagpur University, Nagpur, Gondwana University Gadchiroli, Kavi Kalidas Sanskrit vidyapith Ramtek, SRTMU Nanded, Savitribai Fule University Pune, Kaviyatri Bahinabai Chaudhari North Maharashtra University Jalgaon actively participated in the camp. During the camp so many activities, programmes useful for the villagers were organized. The other units of the institute also actively participated in the village adoption programme and offer their substantial contribution and active cooperation.

The institute has adopted a village 'Nanded' in the session 2022-23. The NSS unit of the college organized seven days College level NSS camp from dated 01-02-2023 to 07-02-2023 on the theme '**YUVKANCHA DHYAS: GRAM-SAHAR VIKAS**'. In the camp, 100 NSS volunteers and 05 faculty members of the college remained present.

The other units of the institute also actively participate in the village adoption programme and offer their substantial contribution and active cooperation.

5. Evidences of success:

1. In the village the rate of literacy has increased and there has been a change in the attitude of villagers towards higher education.
2. The villagers have become more conscious about health & hygiene, cleanliness, environmental sustainability.
3. There has been considerable decrease in social evils such as superstition, addiction, female foeticide, child labour, caste bias etc.

4. Most of the villagers are depended on agriculture. They got different useful ideas with regard to advanced farming.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

1. The area is naxal affected, rural & remote.
2. Poor transportation facility.
3. Poor awareness about ICT.
4. The villagers tend to abstain from communication with the outsiders.
5. Open defecation still continues to be a challenge.
6. State Transportation service required.

Best Practice II

Title of the Practice:

Academic Excellence Award and Felicitation of Prominent citizens

1. Objectives:

- To encourage the students to improve their academic performance.
- To provide economic help to top-scorers in individual subjects by the respective subject teachers.
- To inculcate competitive spirit among students.
- To felicitate the meritorious students by distinguished personalities.
- To inspire the slow learners for better academic performance.
- To felicitate the citizens for their outstanding work in respective area.
- To connect the institute with prominent citizens of the area.
- To inspire the students of the institute with the achievements of prominent citizens.
- To felicitate Ph.D. awarded faculty members of the college for their incredible achievements.
- To honour and inspire other faculty members for the academic achievements of the respective sessions.

2. Context:

The institution is committed to provide the quality education in rural, economically and socially backward area like Lakhandur. The institution takes every care to enhance the academic performance of the faculty members and students. The institution honour and inspire the faculty members for their research work in their subjects to enhance their quality in the teaching profession. We realised the importance of felicitating and honouring the students for their academic achievements and started distributing Academic Excellence Award to the top scorers and meritorious students. To inculcate the competitive spirit among the students and motivate them for better academic performance, the institution took the decision to introduce the Academic Excellence Award every year.

As the region is economically backward and most of the students come from poor families, not only the teachers but the top management also contribute prize money and memento for the event. Thus the institution ensures the involvement of maximum stakeholders in the programme.

In order to enhance the connectivity with the distinguished personalities of nearby villages and to recognize their outstanding works, the institute added a new dimension to the above practice in terms of felicitation of prominent citizens which is organized on 24th August of each year in the auspicious memory of late Shri Kisanrao Khobragade.

1. The Practice:

Taking into consideration the vision and mission of the institution, we have been organising the Academic Excellence Award ceremony for the last eight years and added the practice of felicitation of prominent citizens to it in the academic year 2021-22. Under this practice, as

far as academic award is concerned, the college publishes the details of Academic Excellence Award with prize money sponsored by the respective faculty members and the members of top management every year in the prospectus. The institution has formed the 'Academic Excellence Award' committee which finds out the top scorers of the previous year in individual subjects. The committee members collect the prize money from all the subject teachers. All the top scorers and meritorious students are informed by correspondence or through personal contact. In the presence of invited guests and dignitaries the prize money and mementos are given to the top scorers and meritorious students. The record of the same is maintained by the concerned committee.

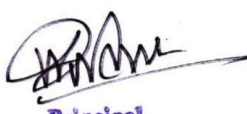
In the session 2022-23, the institute arranged 'Academic Excellence Award and Felicitation of Prominent Citizens' on 24th August 2022. The teachers, awarded Ph.D. in the session 2022-23, the top scorers and meritorious students and the prominent citizens of the region were felicitated and given the prize money sponsored by the teaching and non-teaching staff in the presence of the invited guests and dignitaries.

2. Evidences of success:

The faculties, students, invited guests of honour and the other stakeholders of the institute have become acquainted with the social work and inspirational contribution of late Shri Kiasanrao Khobragade through this event. For the last consecutive eight years, we have been successfully organising the Academic Excellence Award ceremony. It has come to our notice that there has been gradual development in students' academic performance. In this way, the institution has succeeded in inculcating the competitive spirit among the students through the distribution of 'Academic Excellence Award' to the top scorers and meritorious students. Due to prize distribution ceremony, the students are inspired for better performance in future. The felicitation of prominent citizens of the area has established a good rapport of the institute with the nearby villages. The major personalities of the area have appreciated this practice of the institute and students have got motivated. . Every year, nearly one or two faculty members complete their Ph.D. research work and they are felicitated by the institution. The other faculty members from our institution have got inspiration for the research work.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Available:

No problems are encountered in the implementation of the scheme. Human and other resources are available in the institution. As far as the financial resource is concerned, it is well managed collectively by the top management and all the teaching and non-teaching staff members of the institution.


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