

Shree Shivaji Arts, Commerce & Science College, Rajura

BEST PRACTICE – I

Title: Community outreach and social work

Objectives of the Practice:

The practice aims to foster the spirit of social service in our students so that they learn to recognize their responsibility as citizen. We aim to generate awareness among students towards existing social disparities in income, education, health and nutrition and to instill compassion and empathy in the mind of youth towards the need of underprivileged section of society.

Education without social commitment is incomplete. We work for the betterments of marginalized section of the society and help them through various outreach programs.

The Context:

Social inequalities and lack of opportunities characterizes the life of people from low socio-economic spectrum, be it lack of sustainable live hood or educational opportunities or be it the low access to

Healthcare and hygiene. Education, however, is only leveler of such disparities. Education can bridge these gaps by creating awareness among the youth of the nation. Our institution imparts holistic education with the aim of sharpening the social sensibilities of the students.

Various departments & cells develop a action plan to address social issues in the long run. Staff and the students are involved in the execution of these plans and are offered several opportunities to engage in community service empathetically.

The Practice:

The college creates synergy between community work and outreach platform such a NSS, Women Redressal Cell, Eco-friendly Cell and *Andhshradha Nirmulan Samiti Chandrapur* thereby creating a multivalent and mutually renewing forum for meaningful dialogues, action and interaction.

Events and Programme:

- During flood on Wardha river number of truck drivers, cleaners, labors and passengers were on road for two days on 14th & 15th July 2022. The NSS unit and NGOs collectively helped them, by the provision of food and shelter.
- On 28th February 2023 NSS unit of the college organized Blood Donation camp & Health Check up Camp in the village Bamanwada. Total 210 units of blood was donated to District Blood bank so that poor and needy patient hospitalized in government hospital should be benefited.
- Cultural department of the college organized visit to Matoshree Old Age Home Visapur, Ballarpur on 28 March 2023. During the visit, students of the college performed the cultural activities for the entertainment of old people. Students and the staff of the college interacted with them and distributed fruits and snacks. On this occasion, college donated few items as per their need.
- Department of Home Economics organized Health Awareness Programme and Distribution of Sanitary Napkins at Adivasi Girls hostel Rajura on 7th April 2023.
- Department of Physics and Department of Geography in collaboration with *Andhshradha Nirmulan Samiti*, district unit, Chandrapur organized awareness programme on 24 April 2023 at village Dhoptala Taluka Korpana. Awareness programme was aimed to irradiate the superstition like witchcraft, black magic, Occultism. On the behalf of *Andhshradha Nirmulan Samiti* some Magical tricks were demonstrated in front of villagers to develop scientific attitude.

Evidence of Success:

Programme and practices adopted by the college have been extensive successful in the intensity and reach of its vision and action. Villages old age poor people has not only been able to sensitizes it's Volunteers and other students and staff about need and nature of social work. The poor people in the old age home feel loneliness. Due to the efforts of students they became happy and performed some culture events. The students and faculties witnessed increasing interests in acting, dancing and singing.

Through health check up camp and distribution of sanitary napkins to tribal girls, superstition eradication concept, Green village concept, rallies by NSS Unit, river cleanliness drive and other events and programmes, we have been able to garner the attention of common people towards these issue.

The college has made continuous efforts to make a little difference in the lives of under privileged people and by for the college has accomplished these goals in small measures.


Problems encountered and resources required:

The mindset of the local and tribal inhabitant has to be gradually changed by students, volunteers and faculty advisors. The students and faculties of the college could eventually convince them of their well meaning, intentions and through their sustained efforts at social amelioration.

Illiteracy and poverty are interrelated and deep-rooted problems of our society as for poor person food is more important than education, cleanliness, health & Hygiene. Convincing people to send their children to school, personal hygiene and importance of trees is very difficult.

Planning visit to destitute villages, especially interior tribal villages, required resources. Hiring a bus or vehicles is also expensive due to lack of proper road for regular visit. A large amount of funding is required.

More financial resources and local partners in this comprehensive endeavor are required.


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