

**Mahatma Gandhi Vidyamandir's
Samajshree Prashantdada Hiray Arts, Science and Commerce College,
Nampur. Tal. Baglan, Dist. Nashik**

Best Practices

Two best practices which have contributed to the achievement of the Institutional Objectives and / or contributed to the Quality improvement of the core activities of the college are given below. Details of them as per annexed format are given at the end in Presentation of Best Practice.

1. Plantation of flora on large scale so as to inculcate sense of commitment towards environment in students.
2. Priority for the value based education.

• BEST PRACTICE: 1

Plantation of Flora on large scale in order to inculcate Sense of Commitment in students towards the Environment

1. Title of the Practice: Plantation of flora fauna on large scale to inculcate the sense of commitment towards environment among the students.

2. Goal: To plant flora on large scale. This will help in increasing the knowledge of students and develop intimate relations with students as well as the vicinity which has agricultural background.

3. The Context: The College is situated in rural, hilly and drought prone area. The rainy season per year would be insufficient for agriculture and human being. Also the chief occupation of the surrounding people is farming. So we have got quiet natural environment for this practice. Also it will help us to develop healthy and intimate relations with various stakeholders along with the protection of environment.

4. The Practice: The College has planted different types of plants in the Botanical garden. There is a Forest tree garden, too, in the campus where various forest trees can be seen. The college has a quiet green campus with nearly more than 1200 trees. These trees are watered daily through dripping. Students work hard providing soil, organic fertilizers, removing weeds from around the tree trunk and it increase the beauty of college campus. As per the syllabus of undergraduate level, Students have been bringing the variety of plants which add beautiful touch to the botanical garden and campus garden. For the conservation of ecosystem, College have started certificate course in 'Gardening' and 'Mushroom-Cultivation' during this academic year. Because of this course, the needy students can start the Mushroom cultivation

and Plant Nursery Project in their shop, fields and villages .From this project, students can get self-employment. For that our faculties are taking more and more efforts. Under the guidance of college authorities, Department of Botany have organized study tours to study the different plant species, Tissue culture, Bio fertilizer plants, variety of Medicinal plants. Moreover through the extension activities of NSS, we planted trees regularly at various places in the surrounding area of the college. 1200 trees at Utrane, 300 trees at Tembhe and 450 trees at Kakadgaon. There are about more than 100 trees of various kinds in the campus.

5. Evidence of Success: Plants cute and standing in campus area do increase beauty of the campus and also provide fresh atmosphere. For planting , 1200 trees at Utrane, 300 tress at Tembhe and 450 trees at Kakadgaon village during NSS special winter camp, the college NSS unit has procured an Excellent Unit . Award from Savitribai Phule Pune University in the academic year 2012-13. Even today the alumini visits those places. It is also appreciated by the Sarpanch Grampanchyat of Tembhe, Nampur, Kakadgaon by giving us the letter of appreciation.

6. Problems encountered and resources required:- We do not face much of them due to the agriculture background in the vicinity. Therefore, so far there has been no problem for tree conservation. For care of the trees maximum financial support is provided by the college.

Best Practice -2

VALUE BASED EDUCATION

- 1. Title of the practice:** First concern in college for value based education.
- 2. Goal:** To give students value based education so as to make them competent not only academically but also socially and spiritually to face all type of challenges before them successfully and, thus make them good and responsible citizen of our nation.
- 3. The Context:** The purpose of education is overall development of human being. In present system, only academic skills of the student, based on marks obtained, is given importance. The consequences are seen in various forms of failures on many fronts as human being. Consequently, there is an urgent need of inculcating moral values in the youth of India. So our first concern in the college is, along with solid academic development, community development and value based education to students.
- 4. The practice:** This practice is a journey from human being towards being human. It is very important to give value education to the students. It includes the felicitation of working class women on occasion of World Women's Day, freedom fighters on occasion of Kranti Din, handicapped people on occasions of World Handicap Day, Equal opportunity-Human right on the occasion of Constitutional day, Reading motivation day on occasion of Birth anniversary

of Dr. A P J Kalam, 2nd October- Blood donation and Blood check-up camp. As per the announcement of Government of Maharashtra, college has successfully organized the programme on Healthy Health -Yoga at 21st June. All the faculty and students actively participated in this programme. Under the Bahishal education programme, in December 2018 the college has organized Barister Babasaheb Jaykar lecture series for the students. In the same way, Sant Gadgebaba Senior citizen Lecture series was organized for senior citizens of Nampur vicinity. All the senior citizens actively participated in this programme. As per the suggestion of Government of Maharashtra to spread the thoughts of Gandhi, the College has continued to run the 'Gandhi Vichar Sanskar Examination' with the collaboration of 'The Mahatma Gandhi research foundation Jalgaon.' Today this examination is taken on priority basis. As per the suggestion of Indian Culture Examination, Kanyakumari to spread the thoughts of Swami Vivekananda, the College has continued to run the 'Indian Culture Examination-2018' with the collaboration of 'Swami Vivekananda Centre Malegaon. Today this examination is taken on priority basis. Under the Nirbhay Kanya Abhiyan and Personality Development Programme of students, the college organized various programmes such as Lectures and Workshops for the awareness of gender sensitization and women empowerment. The National service scheme of the college had successfully organized health and cleanliness awareness programmes by repairing drainages in village, Cleanliness, Medical check-up camp for the volunteers and local people in winter camp at village Kakadgaon. The benefits of this camp, people and students will spread awareness in their village. Also the college has organized lectures of eminent people about current issue. On the occasions of birth anniversary and death anniversary of great people, the college has organized various motivating programmes. 'Yuva Saptah' is organized on the occasion of Swami Vivekananda Jayanti in this year whose ultimate goal is to inculcate value system in the student. National service scheme activities also contribute a lot in this drive. The students 'One Book for College' activity is very noteworthy. On occasion of their birthdays, Students donate at least one book to the college leading to 'Students' Book Bank for the students. It aims at channelizing students' festivity for social cause and maintain the growth of books useful for fellow students. The college authorities have taken initiatives to encourage the students from Poor and needy background to aspire for higher education. Through innovative project, '**Orphan Student Assistance Scheme**' unsupported and economically backward students of the college are given financial support. The college has accepted the parental responsibility of Orphan students by paying all their educational expenditure from the fund. The orphan and poor students have been assured with homely experience by providing them additional guidance, study material and reading room in order to pursue career building.

Addition to it, the college published the collection of poems by one of its female student. Through these activities and examples students get motivated spiritually to be good and responsible human beings. In academic year 2019-20, no such orphan students found as per the scheme. Therefore financial support is not provided.