

**Sahakar Maharshi Late Bhaskarrao Shingne Arts College, Khamgaon,
Dist-Buldana**

Best Practices

2019-20

1) Environment protection and conservation

Objectives:

- 1) To create environment friendly campus.
- 2) To create consciousness regarding environment protection and conservation among students and the society.
- 3) To keep college premises clean and plastic free.
- 4) To improve bio diversity.
- 5) Optimise utilization of resources.

Context:

We are all aware of activities for environment protection and conservation of resources done by NGOs, other organizations or individuals. But our efforts more often than not, stop at a nominal activity or two. Our college is however inspired to make continuous, focussed efforts in this regard. Only collective efforts will be able to bring about positive changes. The soil on the college premises is *murrum* - gravel type. A few years ago, it was difficult for instance, for students coming to the college for university examinations to find a shady place to rest awhile until allowed inside.

We planned to make the premises green, conserve water and make optimum use of available resources.

Practice:

Digging of huge pits, filling with black soil and then planting trees; irrigating with drip system has already been done by the college management. The Environmental committee plans the activities every year. A separate nursery has been set up in the college. The college nursery provides saplings of fruit-bearing plants, ornamental and flowering plants to schools, villages, neighbouring locality apart from planting in college premises. On the occasion of the celebration of Environment Day on 5th June, Shri.Vasantrao Patil, an organic farming practicing person gave a lecture and on preparing organic fertilizer from organic waste.

A 48 feet long and 16 feet wide and 8 feet deep water conservation pit in the college for rain water harvesting.

Biodiversity register, water and feeders for birds, presentation on snakes, exhibition on local vegetables, composting, and plastic free premises were organized. Rain water on all roofs has been directed in planned manner to the water harvesting pit. Even the water from RO outlet is utilized in the washrooms.

Check dam was constructed in consultation with the villagers at Kinhi Mahadev. The dam on the river at village Mandka was also repaired.

To help raise the groundwater level, several four-by-four drainage ditches were dug in the villages by NSS volunteers.

Evidence of Success:

- The college premises are abuzz with birds and butterflies. Nests on trees in the college premises are a pleasing sight.
- The dams constructed and repaired with the help of the students in adopted village are filled with water.
- Students have been inspired to take up green initiatives in their villages.
- The college has received the prestigious University 'Environment Award' for 2020.
- Green audit certification

Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

Activities require continuous efforts and resources in terms of man power and finance.

At times, there is apathy towards continuing the activities initiated by the college in a village.

2) Women's Empowerment:

Objectives:

- 1) To accord a free environment to girl students in the college.

- 2) To bring awareness about redressal mechanism in case of sexual harassment.
- 3) To sensitize students and staff towards gender equality.
- 4) To bring about change in behaviour of students and staff by according opportunities to examine their personal beliefs and attitudes.
- 5) To use opportunities for positive discrimination for girl students so as to change prevalent attitudes and instil empathy.

Context:

Providing an enabling environment to girl student is an important aspect of our Education institution and sensitization towards needs of girl is all the more necessary in a social and educationally backward district like Buldana where the female to male ratio is dismally low (928 population census 2011).

The college has thus taken various initiatives through Internal Complaint Cell, a mechanism for complaint redressal. It organises activities for creating awareness among students girls and boys regarding need for respect, equality and cooperation among all students

Programmes and activities were organised for women's empowerment in the session 2019-20.

- ❖ In order to create health awareness in the girl students, on behalf of the ICC, a health check-up and haemoglobin check-up camp was conducted on 12-12-2019 in which a free health check-up of fifty college girl students was also done. The Hb reports were conveyed to the girls.
- ❖ On the occasion of Savitribai Phule's birth anniversary, a lecture on 'Gender Equality' was organized by the Marathi Department of the College.
- ❖ As a part of women's empowerment activity, an elocution competition was organized by the Marathi department on 4 March 2020 in which students – boys and girls expressed their views about the need of empowerment of women in the present times.
- ❖ During the Women's Empowerment Week, on 6th March 2020, the Marathi Department of the College organized a guidance program for the Damini Squad of Khamgaon City Police Station on the subject of sexual harassment. In this programme, the speaker shared her various experiences through the team and also guided the students on need for gender equality in the society.

- ❖ Nutrition Week was organized by the Home Economics Department of the College on the occasion of Women's Empowerment during the period 12 10 2019 19 10 2019. Various competitions ranging from Dish Decoration, Flower decoration Competition to 'Best from waste' Competition were organized.
- ❖ The Department of Home Economics of the College organized a "Sustainable Environmental Supplement Workshop" on 28 May 2020 at Research Colleges for Women Empowerment and Environmental Protection and Promotion. In this workshop, students were trained to make sustainable items from environmentally friendly waste
- ❖ Rangoli Competition was organized by the Department of Home Economics of the College on 28 January 2020. Due to this competition; the girls who make beautiful rangoli are not invited to make various rangoli programs in the society, so such programs help in financial empowerment of women.
- ❖ Department of physical encourages particularly girl students to participate in various competitions at college level and university level.

Evidence of Success:

As a result of the continuous efforts of the college in the field of women empowerment, the students of the college are doing remarkable work in various fields.

- 1) One girl student named, Ku. Vashali Bundele participated in 23 Maharashtra State Inter-University Sports Meet Krida Mahotsav 2019 also played West Zone Kabaddi Tournament held at SGB Amravati ,University.
- 2) Ku. Shubhangi Tayde won gold medal in Guard of Honour at NCC District Level Camp at Khamgaon.
- 3) Suraj Hatkar participated in Inter-collegiate Fencing Competition and he achieved IV place in the event Sabre and also was selected in All India University Fencing Tournament held at Jammu University, Jammu.
- 4) Girl students spontaneously participated in the different programmes and activities with the boy students.
- 5) 30% vacancies of girls has been filled in the NCC unit of the college and women cadets participates in every activity and programme organised by department and battalion.
- 6) Vashnavi Borse successfully worked as a junior under officer in the session 2019-20.

7) Vaishnavi Borse won Gold Medal in Football and fencing in NCC Divisional Competition at Amravati.

8) The participation of girls is good in different activities and they anchor and lead various programmes.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

1) Though the girl students' participation has increased, families of girls sometimes do not allow their participation in activities, especially off campus ones.

2) Many students belong to class of farmers, agricultural labourers and uneducated class. Due to poor living conditions and even if they do come, they are often seen not continuing their education.