

**MGV's Loknete Vyankatrao Hiray
Arts, Science and Commerce College,
Panchavati, Nashik-03**

Title of the Best Practice: Community Service

Objectives of the Best Practice:

The broad objectives of the practice are to make students:

- Understand the community in which they work
- Understand themselves in relation to their community
- Identify the needs and problems of the community and involve them in problem solving process
- Develop among themselves a sense of social and civic responsibility
- Utilize their knowledge in finding practical solution to individual and community problems
- Follow the footprints of great social reformers.
- Gain skills in mobilizing community participation
- Acquire leadership qualities and democratic attitude
- Develop capacity to meet emergencies and natural disasters
- Practice national integration and social harmony

The Context:

Out of institutional social responsibility, our college is always keen on the grounds of doing community work in order pay back to it what it has given to us. Our management has also established the parent institute with the motto of 'Bahujan Hitay, Bahujan Sukhay' which is also our vision statement. It also reflects that the prime intention of our institute is to work for the welfare of the common masses. Education is only one aspect of it. So, while educating the students of common masses, the college also tries to cover as many aspects as are possible of the social service in order to contribute in as many ways as is possible for the welfare of the community in which it is located. Out of this social sense, the college has adapted this practice.

The Practice:

Our college mainly works under this practice through our NSS unit whereby the students and teachers of all of the departments actively take part. NSS unit of the College was started in 1974 with about 100 Students. Presently the NSS unit consists of 250 students and 50 students from Junior college unit. All this team always is engaged in some or the other activity that relates directly or indirectly to the society. They are supported with all the staff of the college for every activity that is organized towards community service.

The annual seven days winter camp of the year 2018-19 was organized in village Jategaon, Dist. Nashik during 01/01/2019 to 13/01/2019. It was focused upon Environmental Awareness Campaign. An Environmental status map of selected areas of the Panchayat was prepared by the NSS Volunteers.

The blood donation camp was organized on August 1, 2018 in which 35 students and faculty members donated blood which was handed over to the blood bank. On the same day, tree plantation programme was also organized by the Nature Club of the department of Botany through which 250 new trees were planted. This initiative contributes to the environmental protection which ultimately benefits the community around. It also imbibes different values among our students who are going to be the pillars of the society after stepping into the practical life after completing their education.

Besides these activities, Godavari river cleanliness, Ganesh idol collection in order to avoid water pollution, distributing sweets on the occasion of Deepawali to the people in Adhar Ashram at Panchavati, Nashik, participation in Road Safety Abhiyan and AIDS Awareness rally are the routine programmes conducted by the college every year.

The college also bestows Panchavati Ratna Puraskar (award) to the individuals who have dedicated themselves for the betterment of the society. This practice encourages such individuals in the immediate society to keep going their social work which helps us to strengthen our spirit in practice as well as to widen the scope of our practice.

Evidence of Success:

Through this practice, during this academic year, the college has been able to:

1. Conduct the cleanliness drive for health and hygiene of society.
2. 250 new trees are planted.
3. 35 students and faculty members donated blood.
4. Contributed to Godavari river cleanliness.
5. Contributed to avoid water pollution.
6. Spread awareness among people about road safety and AIDS.
7. All the stakeholders are exposed to different social values through these activities.

Obstacle faced:

Lack of satisfactory level of awareness among people that can help the college initiatives under this practice.

Strategies adopted to overcome the obstacle:

1. Our programmes itself in the presence of the community people help us to make them aware about the daily issues of health and hygiene of society.
2. Awareness programmes in the form of awareness rallies help to overcome the problems faced.