

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

**Title of the Best Practice:** National Debate Competition

**Objectives of the Best Practice:**

The broad objectives of this practice are:

1. To generate among students effective critical and analytical thinking into primary issues of social relevance.
2. To know the opinions of the youth of the country regarding the current important issues.

**The Context:**

As discussion and expression both are crucial in an ideal democracy, it is very important to take care of the freedom of expression of thoughts and ideas of youth which are the valuable pillars of our democracy. Their opinions are of a greater relevance for the country in order to create a healthy social environment. Hence, through this debate, the college appeals the youth in the country that, from this platform, they shall reflect upon their concepts regarding the motion of debate that shall lead towards the bright future of Indian democracy. Out of this very humble expectation, the practice has been initiated.

**The Practice:**

The college organizes a national debate under the title 'Karmaveer Bhausaheb Hiray National Debate Competition' since the academic year 2013-14. The title of the debate is named after the great freedom fighter, educationist and visionary, the founder father of our parent institute Mahatma Gandhi Vidyamandir, Karmaveer Bhausaheb Hiray. It is conducted through the mediums of English, Hindi and Marathi language. There is a Karmaveer Bhausaheb Hiray Trophy for the best team along with cash prizes of Rs. 1,19,000/- for individual best performances and language wise best performances. This academic year, it was organized on 22<sup>nd</sup>& 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2019. The topic of debate was "**Caste Based Politics is Disastrous for Indian Democracy**". Due to its ever widening scope and the challenging topics of this debate, it has been becoming a centre of attraction from debaters from across the country. Providing a platform for the individuals to express their thoughts undauntedly is the sole purpose of this practice. The organizing committee meticulously probe into the relevant issue and passes a motion which is then called for the debate.

**Evidence of Success:**

The college has been successfully running this best practice by organizing the national debate since 2013-14. In every debate, students from across the country take part with grater zeal and enthusiasm. Thus, ultimately, the youth from different corners of the country come together and share their opinions on the current topic of importance. This year also, total 167 participants took part in this competition. We received a team from the place like Jamia Milia University, New Delhi also. Even the other students of the college also get motivated and are made aware about the topic of debate which they reflect while being the member of society.

**Obstacle faced:**

Due to the problem of distance, the teams from other states do not come in number that we expect to be there. However, some of them are still coming every year barring this obstacle.

**Strategies adopted to overcome the obstacle:**

1. We have developed a strategy to choose a topic of high importance every year so that we can attract the most skilled debaters from others states also.
2. The cash prizes are made attractive. First prize of Rs. 50,000/-, second prize of Rs. 25,000/- and the third prize of Rs. 11,000/- for best individual performances and other  
Prizes for language wise performances are lucrative enough to catch the attention of students from all places and languages concerned.
3. Free accommodation and food facility is provided for the debaters.