

**BEST PRACTICES : 2016-17**

**1. Title: “Growing Within: Nurturing the potential of teachers and students’**

**Objective:** To facilitate self-growth and actualization of potential of the teaching faculty and students through myriad ways of competence building.

**Context:**

Keeping in mind that quality assurance is a continuous process, and the need to facilitate the quality promotion, sustenance and enhancement among faculty and students and to develop a system for conscious, consistent and catalytic improvement and also to stimulate the academic environment for the attainment of an institution’s academic objectives, the faculty and students of the college are provided ample opportunities. This in turn helps the process of fuelling back to the society and the community around the insights gained through participation in research based programmes.

**Practice:**

- The college organised International Conference on 4th Feb.2017, in association with Distance of Lifelong Learning and Extension (DLLE), University of Mumbai. The theme of the conference was “Emerging issues in Commerce, Management and Extension work”. In all 86 research papers were presented in 4 sessions by the delegates. The proceedings of the conference were published with ISBN No. 9788193308370.
- The Department of History in association with Department of Rural Development of the college , in collaboration with Maharashtra Mahatma Gandhi Smarak Nidhi , Pune organised National Conference on 'Life and thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi-Relevance to 21st Century' 15th Feb.2017. In all 42 research papers were presented by researchers from various colleges and 13 research papers were presented by the students of the departments of History and Rural Development.
- The college organised a workshop on 'Self Defense for Girl Students' in association with the Department of Student's Development (DSD) of the University of Mumbai . The theme of the workshop was 'Self Defense' for the girl students from colleges in Palghar district. The Chief guest Assistant Police Inspector Rani Puri shared tips on how to avoid hostile situations and steps to be taken if confronted by such situations. Prof. Dr. Vibhuti Patel, Head of Department of Economics, SNTD University spoke on constitutional rights of woman and amendments in the law. Advocate Sadhana Dhuri and Adv. Prachi Collaco through interactive sessions focussed on educating girl students on avoidance, escape and in case of unexpected circumstances. Basic defense skills, tricks and techniques were learnt by the participants in the hands on training session demonstrated by Sensei Suryaprakash Mundapat and his team. Nearly 70 students benefitted from this exercise.

**Obstacles Encountered and Strategies adopted :**

- To balance academic and extra-curricular activities in the semester mode -  
On the day of the conferences and workshop lecture timings were adjusted keeping in mind the schedule of the programme.

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### **Resources Required:**

- The existing infrastructure needs to be enhanced and expanded to include state of the art equipment and an auditorium/ conference room.
- More finance needs to be mobilised through sponsorships .

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**2. Title: “Reaching Out: Strengthening Ties with the Community”**

**Objective:** To encourage a sense of social responsibility in the students and arouse the essence of community work that would also help in bridging the gap between theory and practical.

**Context:**

To make regular curriculum learning , self-growth and development, more meaningful the college needs to provides ample opportunities to the students. Knowledge without responsibility and practical application is futile. In a changing scenario these exposures would enable them to use their knowledge in diverse domains thus making them responsive and responsible citizens of the country,

**Practices:**

**1. Raising Awareness on contemporary issues -**

**Through National Service Scheme (NSS) -**

- The NSS unit of the college organised a one day workshop on 'Disaster Management'
- Organised a Demonstration on Fire and safety along with the Vasai Virar Municipal Corporation Fire brigade team.
- 'Vruksh Dindi' on the occasion of tree plantation in the college campus.
- 2 Blood donation camps was organised in collaboration with J. J .Mahanagar Blood Bank, Mumbai
- Student participation in special camps at University and District Level on 'Swaccha Bharat Abhiyan' and Digital India'
- Student participation in Leadership Training programme .
- Celebration of International Yoga Day - organised Yoga Training programme - 60 students benefitted through the programme.
- Anti-drugs day was celebrated in collaboration with Vasai Virar Municipal Corporation and Kripa Foundation(NGO)
- Lecture on 'Need of Organ Donation' in association with Patil and Pawar Trust.
- Organised a talk on 'Peace and Non violence'.

**2. Spirit of Patriotism and National Integrity ,Leadership , Discipline, and Management.**

**Through NCC unit -**

- Participation in Thal Sainik Camp, Advanced Mountaineering Course by 5 cadets, 1 cadet participated in National Mountaineering Camp, 6 cadets in National Integration Camp.
- 'Ekta Divas' celebration by organising a rally - 80 cadets participated .
- Celebration of Independence Day , Republic Day by National Cadet Corp and National Service Scheme along with students of the college.
- Celebration of World Peace Day by organising a rally and lecture by Mr. Marcus Dabre.

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- Participating in 'Bhajan Sandhya' at Gateway of India, Mumbai on the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti organised by NSS , University of Mumbai.  
**Through Women's Development Cell (WDC) -**
- Organised a workshop on 'Harassment at work place' in collaboration with NGO Sakhya.
  
- Organised a talk by Advocate Atul Almeida on ' Human Rights'.  
**Through Cultural and Sports Department -**
- The college organises annual cultural festival, inter class sports competitions, annual sports day in which students of the college help plan and also participate enthusiastically.
- Participation of students in University inter-collegiate cultural and sports competitions.

### **Obstacles Encountered and Strategies adopted:**

- Paucity of time to reach beyond the curriculum - Faculty interact with students during the regular teaching and motivate them to participate in various programmes organised under co-curricular and extracurricular activities.

### **Resources Required:**

- More workforce and financial resources need to be mobilised to .