

B) Best Practice - II

1. Title: Shikshanmaharshi Dr. Bapuji Salunkhe Lectures Series

2. Goals:

1. To make available good speakers on various subjects to Residents of Panchgani where College is located.
2. To create awareness in local people about various subjects.
3. To enlighten local people through resource persons.
4. To develop bond between the College and society.

3. The Context:

About Dr. Bapuji Salunkhe:

Dr. Bapuji Salunkhe alias Govindrao Dnyanojirao Salunkhe, the great visionary educationalist founded Shri Swami Vivekanand Shikshan Sanstha, Kolhapur in 1954 which is catering to the educational needs of students belonging to 11 districts of the State of Maharashtra. Presently, it is functioning through its 330 educational and cultural centres which include 170 high schools, 8 training colleges, 18 arts, commerce and science colleges, 66 junior colleges, 3 B. Ed. colleges, one law college, multipurpose high schools, 19 hostels, and one ashramashala (residential school). Most of these education centres are situated in the rural, backward, hilly, drought-hit and remote parts of the state of Maharashtra. Nearly, more than two lakhs of students are receiving their lessons in the Sanstha's different centres. All these centres of the Sanstha are manned with well-qualified, experienced and dedicated faculty, administrative and menial staff.

Dr. Bapuji's dedicated work; great service to the downtrodden and poor communities of the society is rewarded by the Government of Maharashtra by awarding him with the title "Dalit Mitra". Shivaji University, Kolhapur conferred on him the degree of D.Litt. The people awarded him with the title "Shikshanmaharshi" for his yeoman's efforts and pioneering work in the field of education.

Dr. Bapuji, who worked with the missionary zeal, determined the motto of the Sanstha. It means "Education for Knowledge, Science and Culture". It stresses the seeking of knowledge and its proper application so that man can become cultured and morally sound. The prayer of the Sanstha states that all great saints of the world are the incarnation of good and god. They have the power of enlightening the mankind. The principles by which the cultured man must live are truth, morality, character, honesty, sacrifice and expulsion of exploitation. The man who practices these principles in his life, he no doubt gets real knowledge and intellectual rapture. This is the firm faith of Dr. Bapuji Salunkhe.

By his name our College has started this lecture series from the year 2011 in Panchgani. Our college endeavours to make people understand the great personality of Shikshanmaharshi Dr. Bapuji Salunkhe. We bring so many expert people for this lecture series to enlighten local people on various subjects. It also establishes good relationship with local people.

4. The Practice:

The College has been organising *Shikshanmaharshi Dr. Bapuji Salunkhe Lecture Series* since the year 2011 in collaboration with Senior Citizens and local people. There is an Organising Committee of Staff and Local People for the Lecture Series, which works under the chairmanship of the Principal. The Organising Committee incorporates the experts from various areas. The experts are invited from the faculties. The experts deliver the lectures on various subjects like educational, social, political, historical etc. Experts are also invited from the field of administration. The financial budget for this lecture series is arranged from college and with support of local people.

5. Evidence of Success:

It is noticed that due to organising *Shikshanmaharshi Dr. Bapuji Salunkhe Lecture Series*, local people, teachers and students are boosted. Due to this lecture series the relationship between the stakeholders and the college is strengthened.

6) Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

In the initial stage of the lecture series, there was no adequate number of audience for lectures. But due to the consistency in lecture series, there is good response from the audience. The resources required for the lecture series are availability of the finance.

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