

Mahatma Gandhi Vidyamandir's
Arts, Science & Commerce College, Harsul

Performance of the Institution in one area distinctive to its Vision, Priority and Thrust

Mahatma Gandhi Vidyamandir's Arts, Science and Commerce College, Harsul was established in June, 1993 for providing Higher education to the Tribals, who were socially and economically deprived. The college is run by Mahatma Gandhi Vidyamandir- one of the leading and reputed educational Institute. The college has completed Silver Jubilee in the academic year 2018-19. Harsul and the surrounding region has been declared as Tribal Zone by the Government of Maharashtra. The college holds the distinction of being the only institution providing the facility of Higher education to the Tribal Students from the surrounding area. The devotional motto of the institution is "Bahujan Hitay Bahujan Sukhay". Accordingly, the college continues to impart higher education to the Tribal Students, who live in remote, unapproachable area of Nashik District.

Educational improvement is a stepping-stone to the economic and social development, and one of the effective means for the upliftment and empowerment of the tribal community. Today's age is an age of cut throat competition, and challenges. Students who belong to Tribal community have to compete with their Urban Counterparts who are easily exposed to the better educational facilities available in Cities. The Tribal Students from our college are educationally and socio-economically deprived. Therefore, we are determined to make them competent enough, so that they can face the challenges of the 21st Century. We have been sincerely and devotedly trying to motivate and encourage these students in competitive spirit and confidence. Our efforts are directed towards providing an opportunity and an environment that is inspiring and stimulating.

Our Vision is

'Enrichment of society by providing educational facilities to the Tribal Community'.

Our Mission is

'To impart education to the Tribal Students and make them more employable in the market.'

Some of our Objectives are:

To provide education to the Tribal Students.

To achieve academic and social excellence.

To increase the strength of female students.

To impart quality education to the Tribal Students.

To make the learners more employable.

To work for the community development.

To create learner-oriented atmosphere.

These objectives are taken care of and highlighted in the policy and mission statement of the institution.

The college uses education as the tool for empowering the students from adverse and poor socio-economic classes. Apart from the regular academic activities various extension activities are conducted in the college to make the students competent to face the challenges of today's age. The college has been celebrating Silver Jubilee in the current academic year. A large number of activities were conducted this year for the overall development of the Tribal Students. A State Level Literary Meet was organised in the college by 'Akhil Bhartiya Sahitya Parishad'. Renowned Literary figures from all over Maharashtra, participated in this Literary Fest.

The Department of Geography has been conducting an online course in Remote Sensing for the students of TYBA.

The Students' Development Board conducted the following activities

- 1 Skill Development Workshop
- 2 A Workshop on Tribal Culture and Folklore
- 3 District Level Youth Literary Meet
- 4 Disaster Management Workshop
- 5 One Day Poet Meet (Kavisammelan)
- 6 Nirbhaya Kanya Abhiyan

Majority of the girl students in the college are anaemic and suffer from malnutrition. The college conducted the Haemoglobin check-up of more than 300 girl students, in association with the Rural Hospital, Harsul.

Extension activities include NSS, Sports and cultural activities. Our NSS unit has been one of the assets of the college, promoting the spirit of social service among the students. Institution has organized NSS Camp at **Jategaon** village of Tryambakeshwar Taluka, during the academic year 2018-19. Our student volunteers have carried out various activities such as Cleaning Campaign, Construction of Vanrai Bandhara, Digging Soak Pits and Toilet Pits, Awareness Rallies, Plantation etc. Thus NSS has been contributing for the community development.

Apart from academic excellence, the college also pays sincere attention to the physical, moral and cultural development of students. Students have shown outstanding performance in sports tournaments in the year 2018-2019. Our Students - Rohidas Bhombe and Dayanand Chaudhary ,have shown outstanding performance in Inter University Athletics Tournaments, held at Gulbarga in Karnataka.

Professional and Academic development of teachers is always encouraged. The principal of our college, Dr. M.R. Deshmukh has been awarded Ph.D. Guideship of the affiliating University. Vice- principal Dr.Prakash Shewale has been appointed as the District Coordinator of

the Students' Development Board of Savitribai Phule Pune University. In the year 2018-19, Faculty members are encouraged to participate in international, national conferences / seminars / workshops and present their research papers. Faculty members participate in short term courses, orientation programmes and other training programmes.
