



SOUTH KONKAN EDUCATION SOCIETY'S
**RANI PARVATI DEVI COLLEGE
OF ARTS AND COMMERCE
BELAGAVI**

SOCIAL AUDIT
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“It is not only for what we do that we are held responsible, But also for what we do not do.”

- Moliere

Higher education has been integrating advanced knowledge and skills with larger social concerns in India. One of the prime objectives for establishing universities was to enhance the societal development through higher education. General education, complementing curricular instruction of more specialized varieties, was thought to be important in shaping future generations and enabling active engagement with society. For decades, educationists have continued to emphasize the need for students to be aware of issues of social relevance.

Specifically, the following goals can be realized through promotion of such community engagements:

- Bridge the gap between theory and practice, in order to make theory more relevant and practice more informed. Community knowledge systems must be seen as legitimate partners in the process of development of innovations and trained human resources.
- Promote deeper interactions between higher educational institutions and local communities for identification and solutions of real-life problems faced by the communities in a spirit of mutually agreed interest and interaction.
- Facilitate partnerships between local communities and institutions of higher education so that students and teachers can learn from local knowledge and wisdom, thereby democratising knowledge production.
- Engage higher education institutions with local communities in order to make curriculum, courses and pedagogies more appropriate to achieving the goals of national development as described in the
- Catalyze acquisition of values of public service and active citizenship amongst students and youth alike in the process of such engagements, which would also encourage, nurture and harness the natural idealism of youth.
- Undertake research projects which are need-based and community-oriented, including community as research partners, leading to policy formulation for societal development.

Social responsibility is one of the mainstays that support our academic and research work at RPDC, and it is also one of our strategic priorities, as we believe that our role as an educational institution involves something more than simply the imparting of knowledge and skills to our students and, as active agents of

social change, we aim to address and find solutions to social problems. This responsibility implies taking on the role of leader in the creation of a culture of social responsibility in society through our own example and action, and we are committed to defending the ideals, responsibilities and objectives of a socially responsible academic institution.

Typically most institutions carry out the following activities which are highly utilitarian and go a long way to seek immediate relief and solution to certain issues. They are:-

- Relief activities during National Calamities like floods and Epidemics
- Distribution of edibles and medicines to the needful
- Women Empowerment programme
- Organizing Medical Check-up Camps
- Health and hygiene awareness Programmes
- Programmes on Gynaecological Health
- Blood Donation Camp
- Blood Grouping Camp
- Educating slum children
- Joy of Giving (Donating medicines, books and hygiene kits)

Other than the routine activities the institution has developed a proactive approach to institutional social responsibility, where activities which have a far reaching impact on society are planned, designed, and implemented .They are :-

- Awareness about diseases and Precautions – HIV AIDS Awareness
- Sensitization of school children towards Basic Education
- Saving heritage monuments and creating awareness of preservation of heritage monuments.

This report seeks to give information on the various institutional social responsibility activities which have been conducted by our institution for the period starting 2009 to 2016. An external auditor has analyzed our activities and has given recommendations' to enhance the effectiveness of these activities, which we plan to implement, wherever feasible.

VOLUNTARY BLOOD DONATION CAMPS

Blood is vital to human life. It carries essential nourishment to all the tissues and organs of the body. Timely access to safe blood transfusion is a life-saving measure in many clinical conditions and can also prevent serious illness in patients suffering from violence and injury, road traffic accidents, child birth related complications and other conditions. Hence, blood transfusion services occupy a vital space in any National Health Service delivery system.

Safe blood saves lives - but, for too many patients around the world whose survival depends on blood transfusion, blood transfusion is either not available or not safe. Every second of every day, people around the world - of all ages and from all walks of life - need blood transfusions to survive. Safe blood is blood that does not contain any viruses, parasites, drugs, alcohol, chemical substances, or other extraneous factors that might cause harm, danger or disease to the recipient.

In Voluntary Blood Donation the donors donate their blood voluntarily and for altruistic reasons and never know who the recipients are. Voluntary Blood Donors are considered as the safest source of blood as they have low prevalence of TTIs (Transfusion Transmissible Infections) like HIV, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, Malaria and Syphilis while the family/replacement donors carry higher prevalence of TTIs. The world over 88 million units of blood from all sources are collected annually. The quantity is sufficient to fill 32 modern Olympic Swimming Pools but not enough for the 6,910 million world population which requires 150 million units annually. Everything is increasing and the need for safe blood is also increasing. 57 of the 193 WHO member states are able to meet their annual requirement of blood from voluntary blood donors' source including Zimbabwe.

Some countries having high levels of voluntary blood donors per 1,000 population figures are Switzerland -113/1,000, Japan -70/1,000 while for India it is 4/1,000. It is generally recommended that the equivalent of 1-3% of a country's population should donate blood to meet a country's blood needs.

Every year RPD College of Arts and Commerce, Belagavi conducts voluntary blood donation camp in association with KLE Hospital Blood Bank. The support service units of the college like NCC, NSS, YRC and Scouts and Guides come together and create awareness about the importance of blood donation as a gesture to save life.

The significance of the blood donation camps organised by our college are both the students and young staff members voluntarily donate blood. Our faculty Dr. R. J. Powar, Smt. S.V. Deshpande, Dr. A. M. Patil and Shri C. M. Munnoli take initiative in organising the camps.



Balika Janmotsav - SAVE GIRL CHILD CAMPAIGN



The status of girls in the Indian society has been greatly debated for many years. Girls are generally believed to be involved in the cooking and playing with dolls while boys to be involved in the education and other physical activities from the ancient time. Such old beliefs of men have simulated them for violence against women which resulted in the continuous decrease in the number of girl child in the society. So, there is a big need to save girl child in order to equalize the ratio of both as well ensure the development of country.

Sex-selective abortion or female foeticide has led to a sharp drop in the ratio of girls born in contrast to boy infants in some states in India. Discrimination against girl infants, for several reasons, has combined with the technology to result in a rise in abortions of fetuses identified as female during ultrasonic testing.

The trend was first noticed when results of the 1991 national census were released, and it was confirmed to be a worsening problem when results of the 2001 national census were released. The reduction in the female population of certain Indian states continues to worsen, as results of the 2011 national census have shown. It has been observed that the trend is most pronounced in relatively prosperous regions of India. Pressure for parents to provide large dowries for their daughters is most intense in prosperous states where high standards of living, and modern consumerism, are more prevalent in Indian society.

The Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao (BBBP) Scheme was introduced in October, 2014 to address the issue of declining child sex ratio (CSR). This is implemented through a national campaign and focused multi-sector action in 100 selected districts with low CSR, covering all States and UTs. It is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Women and Child Development, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

RPD College of Arts and Commerce, Belagavi under the aegis of Equal Opportunity Cell and ladies Association conducts various programmes. It arranges awareness Rallies, submitting memorandum to the Civil Surgeon and conducting awareness lectures on the evil of female foeticide, need to save girl child etc.



Awareness Rally on Girl child was held on 26 July 2014 from RPD College to Vaccine depot and District Family Planning Office.

SAVE HISTORICAL HERITAGE CAMPAIGN

For the Preservation and Conservation of Built Heritage in India

India has a rich heritage which includes a repository of archaeological treasures and incredible monuments. This cultural history epitomised in heritage monuments stems from a historic past of ancient civilisation. The Taj Mahal, Agra Fort and Fatehpur Sikri in Agra, the Konark Sun Temple, Khajuraho Temples, Mahabalipuram Monuments, Thanjavur, Hampi Monuments as well as the Ajanta, Ellora and Elephanta Caves are some of the monuments declared as World Heritage Monuments.

Every community and society has a very precious heritage which has to be and can be transferred to the next generation and it is the responsibility of the civil society to transfer that heritage to the next generation.

According to the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 (No. 24 of 1958), if someone destroys, removes, injures, alters, defaces, imperils or misuses a protected monument s/he shall be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to three months, or with a fine which may extend to five thousand rupees, or with both.

It is disheartening to note that some people, forgetting that they are doing an irreparable damage to invaluable archaeological masterpieces, inscribe their initials, names, places, addresses or messages on these national treasures. The conservation and protection of these monuments cannot be neglected any further.

Indian Youth comprising of students have a special duty towards raising awareness and protecting the rich cultural heritage which is a part of the glorious history of our country.

With a view to sensitize the youth who are the future generation and inculcate in them a healthy value system towards their own heritage, department of History, RPD College of Arts and Commerce, Belagavi undertakes **Save Historical Heritage** programmes.

The objectives of the save historical heritage programmes are as follows:-

- Creating Awareness regarding the need to protect and preserve the cultural heritage of India
- To strengthen the commitment for preservation of monuments and the protection of the same
- To inculcate a sense of pride among the students, teachers and the community.
- Help in developing young students into sensitive, responsible and progressive citizens of the society.
- To put a subtle pressure on the government authorities to carry out their responsibilities in the heritage protection in a more effective manner

To achieve these objectives the following activities are undertaken:-

- Cleaning monuments or historical buildings in the neighbourhood for conservation
- Organizing 'Heritage Walks' and 'Talks' on the cultural and historical significance of monuments.
- Organizing seminars, quizzes on the importance and protection of the monuments located in the neighbourhood.
- Submitting reports and memorandums to the local administration based on first hand visits to the monuments,
- Taking up various community sensitization programmes about the need to protect heritage and how to keep them clean.

Heritage Walk - 3rd January 2016

RPD College of Arts and Commerce in association with Inner Wheel Club of Belagavi conducted Heritage Walk in the precincts of Belgaum Fort for the members of the club as well as staff and students of the College on 3rd Jan. 2016. They enthusiastically participated in the heritage walk. It was inaugurated by Swamy Tadyuktananda of Ramakrishna Ashram, Belagavi. Principal Dr. Mrs. Smita Surebankar gave a talk on the *History and Heritage of Belagavi*. Starting from Kamala Basadi, a 12th century temple and passing through Ramapart road of the fort, Shiva Temple and Safa Masjid, it culminated in the heritage of home of Shri Shrinath Despande. Students, faculty and office bearers of Inner Wheel Club participated in large number. The Heritage Walk besides creating awareness about the rich historical heritage of the region also resulted in the sense of belongingness towards our built heritage.



ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

The objective of the Environment Awareness Campaign is to create mass awareness among general public, students and staff about environmental problems and to take measures for environment protection by active involvement of students and staff.

As initiative towards environment awareness department of Geography and NSS unit of RPD College of Arts and Commerce, Belagavi celebrates all environmentally important days such as **World Water Day** (2nd February), **Earth Day** (22nd April) **World Environment Day** (5th June), **International Ozone Day** (16th Sep), etc. by motivating students and staff. Some of the following activities are taken up on the occasion of celebration of Environment related days:

- Planting of local tree species during NSS camps.
- Cleaning of Public places/school compounds/ponds/drains, etc.
- By organization of film or slide shows at College, on environmental themes.
- Saving water, repairing leaking pipes and joints
- Installation of rain water harvesting system for management and storage of rain water.
- By conducting Rallies and Walking or riding a bike for short trips.
- By organizing public debates and discussions on environment vs. development in local languages for the general public.
- By organizing quiz/essay/painting/poster competitions on environment for students.

There is an active participation from faculty, staff, and students in these activities, and every year innovative ideas give rise to interesting programmes.

Swachha Bharat Abhiyan

Cleaning of Gandhi Ashram, Hudli

Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (English: Clean India Mission) is a national campaign, covering 4041 statutory towns, to clean the streets, roads and infrastructure of the country. This campaign was officially launched on 2 October 2014, where Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself cleaned the road. It is India's biggest ever cleanliness drive and 3 million government employees and school and college students of India participated in this event. The faculty of RPD College of Arts and Commerce, Belagavi visited Hudli and enthusiastically cleaned the Gandhi Ashram and its environs as an initiative towards the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan as well as the social responsibility of the institution. Shri S. I. Patil, staff Secretary in association with Dr. S. H. Patil, Co-ordinator of IQAC organised this programme.



One day social outreach Shramadhan programme at Gandhi Ashram in Hudali village was held on 20.10.2014. Faculty members visited the ashram and cleaned the ashram premises. They created awareness about Swachha Bharat Abhiyan.

REACHING OUT TO UNDERPRIVILEGED AND NEEDY CHILDREN

1. VISIT TO MAHESHWARI BLIND SCHOOL - 17th November 2015

RPD College College of Arts and Commerce under the aegis of its NSS Unit visited the Maheshwari Blind School, Belagavi on 17th November 2015 and celebrated Deepavali Festival with over 100 physically challenged students. Our faculty and NSS volunteers interacted with the inmates of the school, discussed with them the significance of the festival of light and distributed sweets and shared their joy. It was a fulfilling moment for our students and staff.

2. **VISIT TO SLUMS AT UDYAMBHAG:** Helping slum children (Donating medicines, books and hygiene kits)



RASHTREEYA YUVA SAPTAHA

Instilling Patriotic Spirit and Cultural Patriotism - 12th Jan to 19th Jan. 2016

Swami Vivekananda - one of the greatest preaching philosopher is the icon of youths for all times. In a short span of just 39 years of his life swami steered the entire world and mesmerized people across the world with the principles of Indian Vedas and Upanishads. His eloquent and crystal-clear propagation of religious tolerance, harmony, fraternity and peaceful co-existence that are integral ideals of these Holy Scriptures has changed the fictitious image of India to the western world.

National youth week is organized with an aim to help Youth draw inspiration from Swami Vivekananda in the Nation-Building task on the occasion of 153rd Birthday celebration of Swami Vivekananda.

The Rashtreeya Yuva Saptaha concluded with a talk by Dr. Mrs. Achala Desai who spoke on the topic “Ideals of Swami Vivekananda”. In her talk she brought home the special virtues that Narendra had right from his childhood which shaped him as the great spiritual leader of India.



ADOPTION OF VILLAGE RAJAGOLI AND THE VILLAGE SCHOOL

RPD College of Arts and Commerce adopted Rajauli village near Londa in Khanapur Taluk of Belgaum district. Our institution through the MoU with Ekal Foundation adopted the village school. Students and staff frequently visit the village and interacted with the school children. Learning aids and pens, pencils, books and notebooks were distributed to the students. Members of the faculty conducted story telling session and poetry recitation for the students. Condiments were distributed to the students.

This resulted in sensitising our students and staff about the marginalised students who were deprived of basic education. By adopting school in rural area our college contributed towards governmental mission of Right to Education (RTE) till primary level.



NSS UNIT

Extension Activities

Sl.No.	Activity	No. of Programmes
1	Health check up	05
2	Eye check up	04
3	Dental check up	02
4	Animal health check up	03
5	Blood Donation Camp	5 camps 249 persons blood donated
6	Blood Group test	06
7	Pulse Polio	06
8	AIDS Awareness Rally	06
9	Guest Lectures on AIDS Awareness	03
10	Tree Plantation	05
11	International Non-violence Day	06
12	Working During Natural Calamities : Visit to Flood affected Area and Distributed food grain and cloths	06
13	Visit to Slums in Belagavi City: Distributed Clothes and useful Items,	08

	Visit to Old Age Home and Blind School	
14	Socio economic survey on Social status & Economic background.	03
15	Clean city Survey	02
16	Clean India awareness Programmes & Rally (<i>Nirmal Bharat & Swachh Bharat Abhiyan</i>)	04
17	Rallies: Environmental Protection, Save Water- Save Earth, Ozone Day, Heritage Walk, Female foeticide	30
18	Awareness of Plastic Elimination and Solid Waste	02
19	Legal awareness Programme	02
20	Voter awareness Programme	04
21	International Day of Yoga and Yoga Programme	02 +08
22	Communal Harmony	06
23	Guest Lectures	67

NSS - Institutional Social Responsibilities

Sl.No.	Event/Activity	Date	Things
1	Flood Affected Villages	21-10-2009	Distribution of Food grains, Cloths, Bedsheets etc
2	Maheshwari Blind school, Belagavi	01-03-2011	Distribution of Sweets and Notebooks
3	Visit to Slums and Old Age Home, Belagavi	11-02-2012	Distribution of Cloths, Fruits and other useful things
4	'Prajwal Society' (Rehabilitation center for child labour)	02-10-2013	Distribution of Groceries, Cloths, Fruits
5	'Ashakiran Orphanage' (home for HIV infected children)	02-10-2013	Distribution of Groceries, Cloths, Fruits
6	'Snehalaya's Sparsh ' (School for Mentally Challenged Children)	12-03-2013	Distribution of Sweets and Fruits
7	Visit to Slums and Old Age Home, Belagavi	23-02-2014	Donating cloths and blankets at Slum Dwellers
8	Visit to Kinnar Tangudan, Vadgaon	15-08-2014	Donating School Bags
9	Visit to Maheshwari Blind school Belagavi	21-11-2015	Distribution of Sweets and Notebooks and Medicines

**PARTICIPATION OF NCC CADETS IN OUR INSTITUTIONAL SOCIAL
RESPONSIBILITY ACTIVITIES**

2009-10

SL.No.	Event/Activity	LOCALITY	DATE	NO OF CADETS PARTCIPATION
01	Tree plantation programme	RPD campus	15-08-2009	74
02	Aids awareness Rally	Battalion to RC Circle	01-12-2009	60
03	Visit to Oldage home	Cantonment	1-1-2010	35
04	Anti drug rally	Central city	12-02-2010	44

2010-11

SL.No.	Event/Activity	LOCALITY	DATE	NO OF CADETS PARTCIPATION
01	Rally on account of World population Day	RC circle to KLE Hospital	11-07-2010	60
02	College campus cleaning	College campus	02-08-2010	50
03	Visit to Blind school	Mahantesh Nagar	25-11-2010	25
04	Blood donation camp	Battalion	20-01-2011	20
05	Tree plantation	College campus	26-01-2011	70

2011-12

SL.No.	Event/Activity	LOCALITY	DATE	NO OF CADETS PARTCIPATION
01	Anti-cancer rally	Central city	11-07-2011	50
02	Tree plantation	College campus	15-08-2011	80
03	Blood donation camp	Battalion	25-11-2011	15
03	Aids awareness rally	Battalion to KLE	01-12-2011	60
04	Campus cleaning	RPD Campus	26-01-2012	75
05	Rally on Raste Suraksha Saptah	MLIRC Bgm	02-02-2016	40
04	Anti-drug rally	Civil Hospital	10-05-2012	50
05	Visit to Old age home	Cantonment	20-05-2012	30

2012-13

SL.NO.	Event/Activity	LOCALITY	DATE	NO OF CADETS PARTICIPATION
01	Rally on the eve of world population day	Civil Hospital	11-07-2012	50
02	Participation in workshop on Disaster Management	District Forest office	20-09-2012	20
03	Blood donation camp	Battalion	25-11-2012	25
04	Aids awareness rally	Bogarves	01-12-2012	60
05	<i>Raste Suraksh Saptah</i> rally	RC Circle	05-02-2013	30
06	Rally on save Girl child	RPD Corner	11-03-2013	50

2013-14

SL.No.	Event/Activity	LOCALITY	DATE	NO OF CADETS PARTICIPATION
01	A Special lecture on the topic "Defence Preparedness" Rt.Brig.Hemant Mahajan of MLIRC Belgaum.	Society Hall	29 -10- 2013	80

02	A Special lecture on the tropic Career Opportunities in Defence by Rajeev Kamat	Society hall	29-10-2013	80
03	Aids awareness rally	Dist Hospital	01-12-2013	60
04	Cleaning of campus and tree plantation	RPD Campus	26-01-2014	75
04	Raste Suraksha Saptah	Camp Belgaum	05-02-2014	67
05	Interaction with the students of the Blind school	Mahantesh Nagar, Belgaum	10-03-2014	25
06	Workshop on Disaster management	Dist Forest office	02-04-2014	10

2014-15

SL.No.	Event/Activity	LOCALITY	DATE	NO OF CADETS PARTICIPATION
01	Observation of World population Day	KLE Hospital	11-07-2014	75
02	Tree plantation on the occasion of Independence Day	RPD campus	15-08-2014	84

03	Cadets participated in Wise Riders Programme organized by Rotary club of Belgaum	IMER Hall	10-10-2014	30
04	Cleaning programme at RPD Corner	RPD Campus	23-11-2014	67
04	AIDS awareness rally	Dist Hosp	01-12-2014	40
04	Yoga classes for the cadets by Hemant Mandolkar of Patanjali Yoga Kendra	RPD Yoga hall	16-06-15 to 19-06-15	90
05	International Day of Yoga	RMS Stadium	21-06-2015	95

2015-16

SL.No.	Event/Activity	LOCALITY	DATE	NO OF CADETS PARTICIPATION
01	Rally on The occasion of World Population Day	Bogarves	11-07-2015	50
02	<i>Swatch Bharat Abhiyan</i>	RPD Campus	15-08-2015	95
02	Campus cleaning programme	RPD Campus	13-10-2015	61
03	Street Play programme	RPD Corner	17-10-2015	60

04	Rally on Swatch Bharat Abhiyaana	Hindawadi	20-10-2015	70
04	Programme of Door to door collection of waste	RPD Corner	25-10-2015	30
05	Pick and speak elocution competition	Geog Lect Hall	22-11-2015	40
06	Essay competition	Geog Lect Hall	24-11-2015	30
07	Poem writing and Recitation comp	Geog Lect Hall	26-11-2015	25
08	Rally on environment	Tilakwadi	28-11-2015	60
09	Startup India programme	Society Hall	16-01-2016	55
10	Cadets participated in Gurugobind jayanti as part of Secularism	Gurudwara-Tilakwadi	17-01-2016	30
11	Pulse polio programme	Tilakwadi family planning centre	17-01-2016	10

YOUTH RED CROSS WING ACTIVITIES:

- Distribution of Sanitary napkins (to whom)
- Donated 30 hygiene kits to Prajwal Foundation.
- Donated 120 hygiene kits to “Ekal Abhiyan’s” teachers.
- Donated 50 hygiene kits to “Valmiki Bal Sanskar Kendra”.



CLEAN
COUNTRY

CLEAN
CAMPUS

SWACH
BHARAT
ABHIYAN



- YRC has organised Blood Grouping Camps for part I students of BA, Bcom and BBA from 2009 to 2016 every year.
- Since 2009 to 2016, 1379 students have taken benefit of the camp free of cost



- YRC has organised Blood Donation Camp for RPD students from 2009 to 2016 every year.
- Total 316 units of Blood was donated by RPD students and staff members.
- YRC donated 10 units of blood to Rameshwar V. Joshi of Nagori, Belgaum.



EKAL ABHIYAN YRC donated sum of Rs. 67,500/-

- Rs.10,000/- to Indian Red Cross Society on 20th Dec 2013.
- Rs. 7,500/- to Indian Association for Blind on 2nd Sep 2014
- Rs. 10,000/- to Help Age India on 31st June 2015
- Rs. 40,000/- to Ekal Abhiyan for year 2015-16 and 2016-17



Lectures & seminars organised

- Lecture on Memory and Graphology by Shri M. Kumarswamy
- Lecture on “Heart related issues and their remedies”
- Lecture on Aids Awareness by Smt. Nagratna Ramegouda.
- Seminar on “Career opportunities for graduates
- Seminar on “National Integration through Translation”
- YRC conducted 2 workshops from 2009 to 2016
- Workshop on Personal Grooming and Yoga
- Workshop on Self Defence



16 Camps organised -

- Health check-up camps - 2
- Blood donation camps - 6
- Blood grouping camps - 6
- Eye check-up camp - 1
- ENT check-up camp - 1

Awareness programmes

- On 29th Aug 2009 “Sports Awareness Rally” was organised on occasion of National Sports Day.
- On 22nd January , 2010 Eye Awareness Programme was arranged
- On 10th April , 2010 Census Awareness Rally was organised



- On 29th Aug 2013 a Health and Hygiene awareness programme was conducted

SCOUTS & GUIDES ACTIVITIES

PRINCIPLES

DUTY TO GOD:

DUTY TO OTHERS

DUTY TO THE SELF

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Movement is to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of local, national and international communities.

DETAILS OF ACTIVITIES

- On June 15th 2014 Prof C.M.Munnoli was appointed as coordinator of Scouts and Guides unit R.P.D College Belgavi. He underwent State level Rover Scouts leader training camp at Dr. Annie Besant Scouts and Guides training centre, Doddballapura, Bangalore rural district from 28th July 2014 to 4th August 2014.
- On 10th August 2014 the Scouts and Guides unit of 25 [ROVERS CREW] was inaugurated by Principal M.I.Hegde and distributed uniforms to the students on the same day. In the month of August district organizers of Scouts and Guides Belgaum Shri Vitthal and Attar gave basic training to the students. In the month of September Prof. Munnoli took classes and briefed about the importance of Scouts and Guides in the character building of students.
- On October 2nd 2014 the students attended a seminar on 'Gandhian Philosophy' organized by the GSS College. On the occasion, the students felicitated the freedom fighters of Belagavi.



- On October 16th 2014 the coordinator along with the students, distributed health kits to the children of the slum areas in Belagavi.
- On 19th December the rovers of R.P.D unit were taken to Hukkeri as a part of save historical monuments, they cleaned the Adil Shahi monuments at Hukkeri, created awareness and submitted memorandum to the Tashildar of Hukkeri.

- Three students of our unit: Mr. Gajanan Patil, Mr. Mahaling Bhangi, and Mr. Karennavar, attended Jambore training camp at Dodballapura and Bangalore.
- The Rover unit of R.P.D. College and District Health Office of Belgaum conducted a pulse polio programme at camp Anigol and Shahapur.
- Prof. C. M. Munnoli was invited to inaugurate the rovers unit at Government First Grade College K. K. Koppa on 7th March 2015, and be the resource person.
- Prof. Munnoli also arranged a trekking camp for R.P.D unit to Western Ghats.
- In the month July 2015 the Scout and Guiders unit [ROVERS CREW] was inaugurated by Principal Dr S.P. Surebankar. The unit was named after Swami Vivekananda and Principal distributed 15 pairs of uniforms to the students.
- In the month of August district organizers of Scouts and Guides gave basic training to the students. Four students our college attended the basic Rover training camp held at Belgaum organized by the Scout and guides.
- On 5th of Sept the Rover unit of our college went for Trekking to Lohagad of 25 kilometres near Pune in Maharashtra.



TREKKING TO LOHAGAD

- On October 2nd 2015 the student observed Swach Bharat Abhiyan and cleaned the college.
- The rover unit helped in the organizing national workshop in the Department of History on 5th October.
- The students were active participants in a rally in October which focused on creating awareness of various social issues especially farmers' suicides.
- The rover unit helped the college in conducting study tour, health awareness, and blood donation program
- On 22nd march rover unit went to Gokak Falls and cleaned the temple built during period of Chalukyas .A campaign on "save historical heritage awareness program" was conducted and memorandum was submitted to Gokak Tashildar.



SAVE HISTORICAL MONUMENTS

Department of History

Save Historical Heritage Programme

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 - 2010-2011 – Nesaragi
 - 2011-2012 – Halasi
 - 2012-2013 – Uchagaon
 - 2013-2014 – Chachadi
 - 2014-2015 – Hukkeri
 - 2015-2016 – Gokak Falls

Introduction

India with its rich heritage and culture is the treasure house monuments. As footprints of civilisation and as the cultural property of our nation, it is the bounden responsibility of every citizen to preserve and protect the monuments for posterity.

Aims and Objectives

Following are the aims and objectives of the Save Historical Heritage programme.

- To create awareness about the significance of Historical monuments and cultural artefacts and the need to preserve the same.
- To fulfil the social responsibility of the preservation and protection of the cultural property of our nation.
- To channelize youth energy in a positive manner.

With this aim the Department of History has been actively involved in the protection of the monuments with its signature programme Save Historical Heritage. Under the aegis of this programme students are taken to historical sites in various places in Belgaum district where monuments are housed. The monuments which are in bad shape and scattered are preserved. The fallen temple pillars, damaged inscriptions, wrecked memorial stones and broken sculptures are carefully unearthed and rearranged. Awareness is also created by arranging numismatics exhibition, visit to heritage homes like historic waades¹/mansions, museums housing ancient documents and manuscripts as well as arranging exhibition of archival documents in association with the department of Archives, Government of Karnataka.

Besides instilling patriotic fervour and a sense of pride towards our rich and varied culture and developing respect towards our pluralistic culture among students, the save historical heritage programme enables the students and staff to fulfil institutional social responsibility through the conservation and preservation of our monuments to posterity.

¹ House, A wada (Marathi वाडा) is a traditional mansion typically in the western part of India.

Year wise Programmes

Save historical heritage programme at Jodugudi, Nesaragi

2010-2011

Nesaragi, a tiny village situated in Bailhongal taluk of Belgaum district is an historical town full of temples, Jain Basadis and inscriptions. But many of the monuments here are in bad shape requiring urgent maintenance. In the year 2010-2011 department of History conducted save historical heritage programme in association with the NSS Unit of our college. Students of History and the NSS volunteers cleaned Jodu Gudi – a twin temple dedicated to lord Shiva in the serene atmosphere of the village. Weeds were cleared, roots of the tree which have caused crack in the temple walls were cut, the roof of the temple which was covered with tree was cleared and the inscriptional slab which had fallen was set right.



Save historical heritage programme at Halasi - 2011-2012

Known as Srivijayapalashika and Palashika Pannichchasira in historical times, Halasi is now a small village in Khanapur taluk of Belgaum district. It was the secondary capital of the Early Kadambas and the Kadambas of Goa. The town is literally dotted with monuments like temples, basadis, hero stones, sati stones, remains of Megalithic chamber tombs and loose sculptures - all footprints of its historical past.

Sadly, Halasi today is a dusty town with most of its temples in dilapidated condition. That is why this town was chosen for the save historical heritage programme in the year 2011-2012 by the department of History. The site chosen was Suvarneshwara temple belonging to 12th century AD. It was full of dry leaves, and broken sculptures and viragals. Besides the temple was the den of gamblers and anti social elements.

A team of about 35 students with bubbling energy accompanied by its spirited staff worked wonder. Temple was cleaned, its sculptures rearranged, fallen pillars were straightened and temple roof top was set right. Students went in group to create awareness about the significance of the monuments and the dire need to preserve the same. The team returned with a sigh of relief and contentment of preserving this ancient monument.



Save historical heritage programme at Uchagaon the land of valour 2012-2013

Situated in Belgaum taluk and district Uchagaon is a land of valour. Known as Utsugrame in the epigraphs of the Kalyan Chalukyas, Uchagaon houses number of memorial sculptures which include sati stone and hero stones of 11th -12th century AD. It had the unique temple known as Vira-Shura temple (temple for braves) which is surrounded by the hero stones erected in memory of those heroes who sacrificed their life for social cause fighting with enemies.

Only nine memorials were in good shape and rest all were buried under the ground. Students unearthed as many as 23 memorial stones by putting in hard labour, sweat and spirit under the guidance of the faculty from the department. Students encamped at Uchagaon for couple of days as it was a lengthy procedure. The unearthed memorial sculptures were arranged neatly in rows and created an open air museum of memorials.

Save historical heritage programme at Desai *Waade*, Chachadi 2013-2014

Known as Chachchakki agrahara in medieval times Chachadi is now a small village in Saundatti taluk of Belgaum district. It is an ancient town included in the kingdom of the Chalukyas of Kalyan and referred in their inscriptions. It was also the seat of the Desai Samsthan during the Maratha period. It houses their colossal mansion/*waade* built in about 17th century AD.

The department of History in association with Youth Red Cross Unit of our college conducted save historical heritage programme in the year 2013-2014 in Desai *waade* at Chachadi. Shri Nagaraj Desai, the scion of the Desai family offered hospitality to the students and staff of the department. The mansion is surrounded by mud and stone fort with nagari khana, horse yard, bastions, watchman's tower and large and tall defence walls. This historical home part of which is also a museum, houses cultural artefacts like weapons, ancient household articles, ornaments, paintings, photographs, manuscripts and coins of

the bygone era. The colossal mansion built in fusion of the regional and Maratha architectural style reveals the life style of the aristocracy of the time. Teak wood is profusely used to build the *waade* which has decorated and painted wood carvings. Students had the hands on experience of the historical home and the artefacts within. The faculty of the department showed the collection of manuscripts within the *waade* and the need to preserve them.

A special feature of the programme was the Guest lecture on “Heritage Homes – Architectural Significance” by Dr. Santosh Hanagal, Dy. Registrar, Sanskrit University. Speaking on the occasion he brought home the point that the regional architecture of the *waades* were unique and emphasised the need to preserve them.



Save historical heritage programme at Indo-Islamic Monuments at Hukkeri 2014-2015

Huvinakeri or Hukkeri was a prominent town of the Adil Shahi of Bijapur in 16th - 17th century AD. Now it is a taluk head quarter in Belgavi district which is covered with Muslim monuments. The Adil Shahi monuments at Hukkeri are in Indo-Parsenic architectural style in the form of tombs, masjids, domes, minars and fountains. These monuments are unique because of their, style, size and simplicity.

The department of History in association with the newly started Scouts and Guides Unit of the college conducted save historical heritage programme on 19th December 2014. The site chosen was the Chini Gummat. The three gigantic Gumbaz standing in row are in bad shape. They face the problem of encroachment and lack of maintenance. The inner side of the gumbaz is full of filth and the debris of the fallen roof. Students of History and the scout volunteers in uniforms enthusiastically cleaned the monuments, removed the dirt and took out the plastic waste from the venue. An awareness lecture was arranged on the occasion in which Prof. Satyaigol of the Govt. College, Hukkeri spoke on the importance of saving our cultural heritage. Students and staff submitted a memorandum to Mrs. Afreen Bellary, Tehsildar of Hukkeri about the urgent need to preserve and protect the Muslim monuments.



National Seminar On “Heritage Monuments as Products of Tourism: Marketing Legacy”

The department of History organised UGC funded National Seminar on “Heritage Monuments as Products of Tourism: Marketing Legacy” on Sept. 2014.

Over 200 faculty attended the seminar in which significance of Heritage Monuments as cultural property of the Nation the need to preserve them for posterity was discussed at length.



Heritage Conservation and Awareness Programmes

1. MONUMENTS PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP



A two days Monuments Photography workshop was organised to train students in the photographic documentation of our built heritage. Sri Amrut Charantimath, an eminent photographer was the resource person who brought home the theoretical and practical aspects of photography.

2. AN EXHIBITION OF HERITAGE TEXTILES - SPECIAL HERITAGE SAREES



It was organised for the students of BA III to create awareness about the textile heritage of India. Students and staff members enthusiastically exhibited their collection of heritage sarees.

3. NUMISMATIC WORKSHOP.

Numismatic Exhibition



A numismatic exhibition to portray varieties of Coins belonging to different periods was held on Feb. 2013. It enabled students to understand the numismatic heritage as well as the science of ancient Indian heritage.

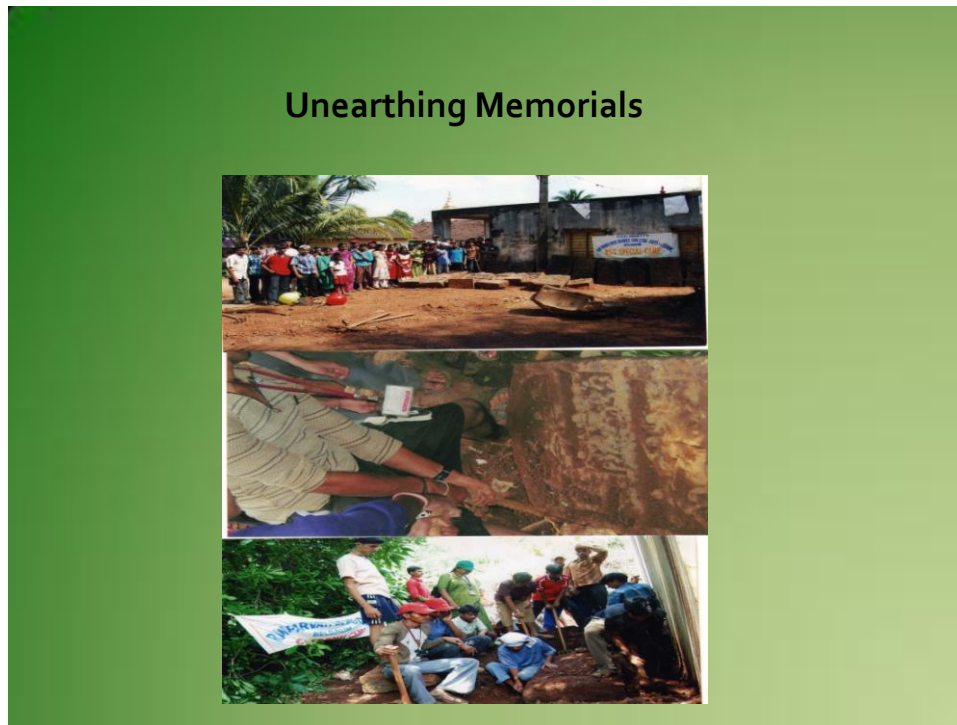
4. ESTAMPAGE OF INSCRIPTION

Save Historical Heritage-Estampage of Inscription



Our students copied the inscriptions at Safa Masjid and various other monuments in Fort precincts at Belagavi. This enabled them to understand and appreciate Palaeographic art and evolution of script in India.

5. RESTORATION AND UNEARTHING OF MEMORIALS



23 memorial sculptures were unearthed by the students of History dept and NSS volunteers in the NSS special camp at Uchagaon in Belagavi Taluk under the guidance of Mrs. Smita P. Surebankar.

ANALYSIS OF THE INSTITUTIONAL SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY RPD COLLEGE OF ARTS AND COMMERCE, BELAGAVI

Educational institutions have unique capacities to foster moral meaning and to channel students' good will, openness to the world and developing intellectual abilities for the common good. They also have the opportunity, time and resources to develop the students as a “complete person”. **The mission statement of RPD emphasizes character development and preparing students to take on productive roles in society.** The institution is conducting several activities, some very routine and traditional, some very unique and innovative.

STRONG POINTS OF THE INSTITUTIONAL SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ACTIVITIES OF RPD COLLEGE.

- Management and faculty are very supportive and responsive to the needs of society and are conduct various activities beyond its course of normal responsibilities.
- Students are given various avenues to contribute to society and under the guidance of the faculty have ample opportunity to develop themselves into model citizens of the country.
- The very concept of heritage walks, heritage conservations activities is unique and the college, especially the department of History needs to be applauded and deserves consistent support for such an endeavour.
- 23 memorial sculptures were unearthed by the students of History dept and NSS volunteers and this in itself is a great contribution to the preservation of art and culture.
- The institution is making the ideal utilisation of the NCC, NSS and the Red Cross Society and harnessing them to achieve their ISR objectives.
- The programme which addresses creating awareness about the importance of education in all sections of society is very interesting and a planned, continued programme like this would have a great impact on people.
- The institution is involved in a number of ISR activities which are addressing various needs of society.

AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT OF THE INSTITUTIONAL SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (ISR) ACTIVITIES OF RPD COLLEGE.

- While RPD College ISR activities are commendable, these activities come across as scattered and not part of a structured social intervention.
- No feedback from the beneficiaries is being obtained.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- To conduct a need analysis in the village adoption programme, so that they can be aware of what actually the village requires.
- To conduct a structured survey to understand the effectiveness of the social interventions being conducted by the college, especially the village adoption programme.
- Along with moving from one historical site to the other, the department of History could make a small team and attach itself to one monument /heritage site, so that the good work which has been done continues and there is a follow up.
- To increase the coverage of the heritage awareness and conservation programmes in terms of geographical area.
- To include school children in heritage awareness and monument conservation activities. This would have a far reaching impact.

CONCLUSION :

The college is doing a commendable job in discharging its ISR. The college has and must continue to understand that, there is a great deal of moral education and value addition to the student when they take active part in such endeavours. There may be several challenges like cynicism of non-participants, paucity of time and funds. Amid such challenges, the colleges can contribute to the common good through direct institutional efforts, offering faculty expertise and relevant resources as appropriate.

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