



## 7.2.1 BEST PRACTICE – II

**Title of the Practice :** senCITYvity for SOS - sensitizing towards Social Obligation of Students

### **Objectives:**

- To sensitize students towards inclusiveness and social issues by creating awareness about the cause undertaken by the NGOs.
- To connect to the alumni who are working for social cause.
- To develop problem solving acumen in the students in dealing with situations.
- To develop an inclusive approach in education and focus upon the upliftment of the underprivileged.

### **Context:**

Shri Binzani City College has always believed and worked towards creating awareness amongst students about their social obligation. Inspiration in the form of Guest Lectures, activities, visits to Old Ages Homes and Orphanages, and awareness drives is imparted on a regular basis. One of the ways is to connect students with NGOs who work for the betterment of the downtrodden and the underprivileged. Accordingly, the College collaborated with Seva Saravada Bahu-uddeshiya Sanstha, Malhar Group and Sandhya Samvardhan Sanstha to sensitize students. The issues of School dropouts, mentally challenged children and employment generation for women was focused upon, and the need to work for such children was created in the hearts of students. The students are made a part of the process to promote these social causes as part of ISR. The College also collaborated with Snehanchal Palliative Care Center which works for terminally ill cancer patients and Snehangan - School for Divyangjan. Visit to these centers enabled the students to know about the work of the NGOs in the domain of palliative care and special education. Our Alumni are also associated with organizations like Sweekar Sanstha, an association for mentally retarded and autistic children. They visit

### **Practice:**

- **Introduction:** The students are made aware of social issues. The NGO is first introduced to students during the induction program. Ways to propagate the NGO are identified and executed by channelizing resources and volunteers, formalizing the support through academic assignments, field projects, competitions, training programs, guest lectures and visits to project sites.
- **Inspirational Interactions:** The College Motto “तत्सुखसुखित्वं” talks about putting the interests of others before us. To take this further, we at Shri Binzani City College, Nagpur, strive to develop the students in a holistic way. Inspirational Talks by Experts, Alumni and Faculty are conducted in the classrooms to motivate students and sensitize them to social issues. Discussions on the underprivileged strata of society sensitize the students to work for their upliftment in multiple ways.





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• **Connect with NGOs:**

- a. **SevaSarvada Bahu-Uddeshiya Sanstha:** The PG Department of Political Science has taken the initiative to sensitize students in this regard. One of the Alumni of the Department, Mr Khushal Dhak (Batch 2008-09) has started an NGO Seva Sarvada Bahu-Uddeshiya Sanstha since 2005 under the mentorship of Shri Bhau Gawande and Shri Ashutosh Gawande, social activists of repute in and around Nagpur City. The NGO was registered on Dt. :5.5.2018 (Registration No : Nagpur/0000309/2018) The NGO zeroed down upon one of the most notorious slum areas of Nagpur City, Rahatetoli, Shatabdi Chowk, Nagpur, to establish their network. The residents of the area belong to a specific sub-group called the Mang – Garudi Samaj. Their main occupation is begging, stealing and rag-picking. Some of them were engaged in making illegal country liquor which posed a great hazard not only to the health of individuals but contributed to make them notorious in the eyes of the society. Since 16 years, the Group has risked their lives and worked primarily for the school dropouts seen rampant in this area.
- b. **Malhar Sanstha:** The staff and students of the College help the organization by donating old newspaper scraps which are turned into paper bags by needy women connected with them. Students are sensitized towards reuse of paper thereby reducing paper-waste and employment generation for women thereby empowering them.
- c. **Sandnya Samwardhan Sanstha:** The College has been associated with SSS. It buys the products made by mentally challenged children. The College also gives SSS a platform to sell these products in the Exhibition cum Sale organized by and for the students in the College. Through these interactions, the students are sensitized towards the issue of mental retardness and the need to empower them.
- d. **Snehanchal Palliative Cancer Care Center:** The College has had interactions with the founder members of Snehanchal since three years. The Dept of Psychology has arranged visits of students to the Center as a part of experiential learning.

**Activities of the students:**

The Department of Political Science organizes interactions of Mr Khushal Dhak with the students every year. His life and work has served as an inspiration for many students. Students get connected with his noble cause and work with him as a part of the NGO. Every evening, around 80-90 children of the slum area gather around the teachers. They are segregated according to age, gender and requirement into several groups. Every group comprises 7 students with one of them as their Group leader. Some children are enrolled in schools and are taught according to their syllabus. A vast majority of them are dropouts or have never attended formal schools. Such children are taught the basics of reading and writing. The need to educate the children in terms of personal hygiene was also identified and executed. Our students spend their birthdays and occasions of celebrations with the underprivileged children. One of the girl students distributed Sanitary Napkins amongst the girls of the vicinity. They educated the girls in how to





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use the pads and maintain hygiene. The students who get connected with the NGO are often invited by the Political Science Department to share their experiences with the present students thereby creating a chain of like-minded people serving a noble cause. To mark our gratitude towards Mr Dhak, he was invited as one of the Chief Guests for flag hoisting on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

Student groups of SQAC visit all classrooms and urge the other students to donate old newspaper scraps by collaborating with the Alumni working with the NGO. During Covid times, the Alumni working as volunteers collected newspaper scraps from the houses of the students. Needy women make paper bags which are then sold in the market. These Paper bags were distributed free of cost by the alumni during ED Exhibition in the College thereby creating awareness about reuse and recycling of old papers.

The College buys artificial bouquets prepared by the specially – abled students studying in Sandhya Samwardhan Sanstha (SSS). The work of SSS is publicized by the College during all the events and programs. SSS is also given a free stall in the Exhibition cum Sale of ED Cell to sell its products.

Visits to Project Sites were also organized by the College. Accordingly, students of Psychology were taken to Snehanchal Palliative Care Center. The students gained a firsthand experience of the care and rehabilitation of cancer patients. Students are also taken to old age homes and orphanages as part of the experiential learning practice.

**Evidence of Success:**

- The number of students who are joining Khushal Dhak's NGO is on the increase. Initially, boys joined the group, but eventually even girl students also took the initiative. In the recent past, an initiative of the students towards self-employment has taken roots through the establishment of a Training Center. Young girls of the Slum area are taught to work upon sewing machines to generate self-employment. This has changed the way the other slum dwellers are looking at the work of the NGO. We can hope to witness a sea-change in the fabric of that part of society which was till now known only for all wrong things.

The following students of Political Science are associated with the NGO on a regular basis:

Sandip Goswami, Nitu Kolhe, Priya Masre, Arpita Thakur, Devyani Randive, Krishna Dahikar, Akhilesh Rathore. They have been vocal about their activities on social media too.

- The evidence of success can be seen through the embedding of this practice in the curriculum itself. The outcome achieved can be measured in terms of the NGOs added, Volunteers associated, sensitization programs organized, events and activities conducted, assignments and field projects created, support in cash and kind provided etc.





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# Project **SenCITY**vity for SoS

## Sensitizing towards **S**ocial **o**bligation of **S**tudents



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**D**edicated  
**E**mpathetic  
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1	Associated NGOs	Malhar Group	Sevasarvada Bahuuddeshiya Sansha 02 - Malhar Group	Sevasarvada Bahuuddeshiya Sansha Malhar Group Sandnya Samvardhan Sanstha	Sevasarvada Bahuuddeshiya Sansha  Malhar Group Sandnya Samvardhan Sanstha Krutagyata–Research Development Association	Sevasarvada Bahuuddeshia Sansha Malhar Group SSS Krutagyata Research Development Association Snehanchal Sanstha Sweekar Specially-Abled and Autistic Children Snehanagan School
2	Associated active Volunteers	Mr. Akash Gharde, Mr. Pritam Ghyar, Mr. Milind Ambekar, Mr. Aniket Kurve	Mr. Akash Gharde, Mr. Pritam Ghyar, Mr. Milind Ambekar, Ku. Tejaswini Dahikar, Ku. Divya Derkar Mr. Aniket Kurve, Mr. Akshay Atram, Ku. Arpita Thakur, Ku. Nitu Kolhe, Ku. Priya Masre	Mr. Akash Gharde, Mr. Pritam Ghyar, Mr. Milind Ambekar, Mr. Aniket Kurve, Mr. Akshay Atram, Ku. Nitu Kolhe, Mr. Sandeep Goswami, Ku. Arpita Thakur, Ku. Priya Masre, Ku. Renuka Lilhare	Mr. Akash Gharde, Mr. Pritam Ghyar, Mr. Milind Ambekar, Mr. Aniket Kurve, Mr. Akshay Atram, Ku. Nitu Kolhe, Mr. Sandeep Goswami Ku. Arpita Thakur, Ku. Priya Masre, Ku. Renuka Lilhare Ku. Sakshi Bapat, Ku. Sharvari Khasale, Ku. Minakshi Kangale Ku. Rashmi Sadmik, Ku. Wrushali Pande	Mr. Akash Gharde, Mr. Pritam Ghyar, Mr. Milind Ambekar, Ku. Nitu Kolhe, Mr. Sandeep Goswami, Ku. Arpita Thakur, Ku. Priya Masre, Ku. Renuka Lilhare Ku. Sakshi Bapat, Ku. Sharvari Khasale, Ku. Minakshi Kangale Ku. Rashmi Sadmik, Ku. Wrushali Pande Ku. Isha Gajbhiye, Mr. Mohit Kaware, Mr. Gopal hiwarkar, Mr. Himanshu Bagde, Ku. Minal Satkar, Ku. Kanchan Uikey



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3	Sensitization programs organized	Welcome-Fresher's Program, NSS Residential Camp	Welcome-Fresher's Program, Residential Camp	Welcome - Fresher's Program, NSS Residential Camp	Student Induction, Interactive Session by Founder of Sevasarvada Bahuuddeshiya Sanstha (Khushal Dhak)	Student Induction Program,
4	Events and activities conducted	Study Tour- Mendha Lekha (Dewaji Tofa), Gadchiroli Dist. & tour to Shodhgram (Dr. Abhay Bang & Dr. Rani Bang)- by Political Dept. Participants: 35	Study Tour-Anandwan, Warora by Marathi Dept.	Rangoli Competition	Exhibition cum Sale of homemade products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Study Tours to PENCH and Sewagram,</li><li>• Visit to Snehanchal Palliative Care Center,</li><li>• Exhibition, Donation of Raddi</li></ul>

### Problems Encountered

- Selection of NGO and the cause
  - Reluctance of parents to send their girls to such ill-famed slum areas to work.
  - Students are unable to devote more time due to pressing demands of their jobs or higher studies.
  - Scheduling interaction with students who are learning in two shifts
  - Choosing the mode of support and designing/deciding the event/activity for initiating support
  - Monitoring the outcomes of the efforts.
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## GLIMPSES of the Associations with the NGOs: (2021 – 2022)



Alumna Arpita Thakur interacting with slum children of Rahatetoli



Khushal Dhak, Founder of SSS



Volunteers of SSBS with Children in Rahatetoli



Volunteer entertaining the slum children



Women Employment Generation through Sewing Machine Training Program  
Girl-Students have started taking admission in the College from this year!!



## **SWEEKAR SANSTHA**



Alumna Ex-CR Sakshi Nagmote with the others at Sweekar Sanstha, Nagpur





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## SNEHANGAN SANSTHA



Principal Dr Sujit Metre interacting with the inmates of Snehangsan Sanstha, Nagpur



## PROJECT – RADDI Malhar Group



Newspaper Donation



Paper Bags Distribution to the Students in the ED Exhibition in 2021-22







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## SHRI BINZANI CITY COLLEGE, NAGPUR

### KALEIDOSCOPICRE PRESENTATION of ISR Activities (2020 – 2021)



Alumni Collecting news paper scraps (Raddi)



Alumni Donating money to the needy



Alumni being recognized for their contribution  
in social welfare





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'MAHAKARANDAK' Nagpur Police HQ. Inter Collegiate Street Play Participated and Directed by students who work in NGO MALHAR (2017)



Principal Dr. Sujit Metre Distributing Clothes on occasion of DIWALI (2020)



Our Students who work with NGO MALHAR distributing food and Blanket to beggars & needy





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### बिडीपेठ युनीट

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साप्ताहिक उत्पादन - 1800 बॅग



### हरानवाग युनीट

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रोजगारीय महिला / पुरुष - 4 / 1

साप्ताहिक उत्पादन - 900 बॅग



### पेपर बॅग - सामाजिक कार्यात लोक सहभाग

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Alumni involved in generating employment for needy women





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**ARPAN**

**Ensuring Students' sensitization and involvement**

**Identification of NGOs working towards**

**Employment Generation for Women**

**Environment Conservation**

**MALHAR Group**  
**Sandhya Samvardhan Sanstha**

**Paper Bags**  
**Decorative Articles**  
**Handicraft**

**Women's Self Help Groups**

**Environment Protection - Plastic Ban**

