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7.1.8. Inclusion & Situatedness: -

Describe the Institutional efforts/ initiatives in providing an Inclusive environment i.e., tolerance and harmony towards cultural, regional, linguistic, communal, socio-economic and other diversities (within 500 words).

Response: -

The institution believes in equality of all cultures and traditions and is evident from the fact that students and staff members belonging to different regions, castes, religions, cultures and languages are studying and working in college without any discrimination. Although the institution has diverse socio-cultural background and different linguistics, we do not have any intolerance towards cultural, regional, linguistic, communal, socio-economic and any other diversities. College organizes various programmes and events to provide for an inclusive environment. Cultural and religious festivals are celebrated in college to develop the feeling of oneness and social harmony. The students of our institution organize various cultural programmes depicting State and National culture. Every year Annual Social Gathering is celebrated wherein, the students perform various art forms like singing, dancing, skit, mimicry, etc. Also, Days like Traditional Day, Saree & Tie Day, Group Day, Mis-match Day, etc. are organized and celebrated by the students as a part of the Youth festival. On the foundation Day of college on 17th August, every year Talent Hunt Programme is organized by the cultural committee to showcase the hidden talent in the students. The Department of Marathi organizes 'Marathi Language conservation fortnight' every year where they conduct various events like Poetry Reading Competition, Grantha Dindi (Procession of Marathi literature Books in the

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nearby village), exhibition of Marathi books, Poster competition, etc. The Department & English through English Language Lab, takes efforts to promote and make the students understand the Global Language. Every year the "Warkaris - Pilgrims going to Pandharpur take a one-day halt in our college.

These functions help to develop tolerance, harmony and inclusiveness towards culture, religion, communal, socio-economic and other diversities.

Along with curriculum, Communication & Soft-Skills classes are conducted additionally to make the students from different backgrounds communicate effectively. The ICC/VISHAKHA committee, Women Empowerment Committee, Anti-ragging committee and Discipline committees of the college ensure social protection, tolerance and harmony, among students and staff, reduce vulnerability and promote cultural, regional and social inclusion. NSS students mitigate the socio-economic diversities and progress them towards leading to a tolerant and harmonious living. Students are involved and encouraged to participate in Co-curricular & extra-curricular activities to help them mingle with one another & share their opinions and dis-agreements in a harmonious manner.

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The following initiatives were taken and activities were conducted by the institute for providing and Inclusive Environment: -

7.1.8. Inclusiveness:

Sr. No.	Date	Name of the Programme
1.	8 th March, 2016	Felicitation of Nepali Girl Students for initiative and involvement in Women's Day Programme
2.	28 th January, 2017	Annual Social Gathering
3.	10 th November 2017	Warkaris one Day Halt at College
4.	17 th August, 2018	Talent Hunt Programme on College Foundation Day
5.	24 th February, 2018	Annual Social Gathering
6.	18 th January, 2018	Marathi Language Protection Fortnight Inauguration
7.	27 th Feb, 2018	World Marathi Language Day- Exhibition of Few Best Books in Marathi Language.
8.	06 th February, 2018	Showing English Movie "The Merchant of Venice" to the students and its explanation through English Language Lab.
9.	11 th January, 2019	Inauguration of World Marathi Language Protection Fortnight
10.	12 th January, 2019	Grantha Dindi"-Procession for spreading awareness about Marathi Literature" on the occasion of World Marathi Language Protection Fortnight
11.	16 th February, 2019	Annual Social Gathering
12.	14 th & 15 th February, 2019	Youth Festival- Celebration of Days in College



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1. FELICITATION OF NEPALI GIRL STUDENTS FOR INITIATIVE AND INVOLVEMENT IN WOMEN'S DAY PROGRAMME ON 8TH MARCH, 2016: -

On the occasion of International Women's Day on 8th March, 2016, a cultural programme was organized by college by inviting girls from an orphanage named 'Shikshan Gram, Malavli'. The Chief Guest was Shri. Prabhudas Bhaishule who organizes cultural events for these girls all over the country. The Nepali girls from the college Ms. Shobha Kunwar and Ms. Neha Gurung were felicitated for taking initiative and efforts for organizing this event. The college gives equal chance for all students irrespective of the diversities prevailing to provide a conducive and inclusive environment for all.



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2. ANNUAL SOCIAL GATHERING A.Y. 2016-17:

The Annual Social Gathering and Prize Distribution Ceremony is celebrated every year in the college. Various cultural art forms are presented in this event. The Bharatnatyam Dance form was presented by the student that reflects harmony towards cultural diversities. Dance, singing, skit, mimicry, etc. is performed by the students from different backgrounds which collectively take efforts to make the programme a success.



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3. WARKARIS ONE- DAY HALT AT COLLEGE 10TH NOVEMBER 2017: -

Maharashtra has a rich tradition of 'Wari to Pandharpur' that is conducted every year by the 'Warkaris' that is pilgrims of lord Vitthal. Our college makes arrangement for a one-day halt of these pilgrims at college. We make arrangements for their stay and food. This reflects the tradition of inclusiveness towards cultural and religious diversities. One-day halt of Warkaris was arranged on 10th November, 2017 in college.



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4. TALENT HUNT PROGRAMME – COLLEGE FOUNDATION DAY -17TH AUGUST, 2018: -

Every year on the occasion of our college Foundation Day, the cultural department of college organized 'Talent Hunt Programme' wherein the students express their hidden talents. They showcase the different art forms like singing, dancing, play, mimicry, performance through various musical instruments, Poem presentation, etc. This event was celebrated in the college on 17th August, 2018. Many students actively participated in the programme. This activity carried out in the college shows the tradition of harmony.



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5. ANNUAL SOCIAL GATHERING A.Y. 2017-18: -

The Annual Social Gathering and Prize Distribution Ceremony was organized on 24th February 2018 in the Academic Year 2017-18. The Chief Guest was Mr. Vishwas Mehendale was is Media Expert and the Guest of Honour was Mr. Dhananjay Sakhrekar, Director at Goka Engineering Private Limited Company. Various cultural programmes were organized on this event which showcase cultural diversities.



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6. MARATHI LANGUAGE CONSERVATION FORTNIGHT INAUGURATION- 18TH JANUARY, 2018.

Every year Marathi Language Conservation Fortnight is celebrated in college to make the students aware of the various dimensions of the mother tongue 'Marathi' language. During this fortnight, various events are organized including Poetry Reading competition, procession with Marathi books in Lonavala city called 'Grantha Dindi', etc. The Department of Marathi organizes and convenes the event.



7. WORLD MARATHI LANGUAGE DAY- EXHIBITION OF FEW BEST BOOKS IN MARATHI LANGUAGE ON 27TH FEB, 2018.

An exhibition of Marathi language and literature books was organized on the occasion of World Marathi Language Day on 27th February, 2018 in college.



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8. SHOWING ENGLISH MOVIE "THE MERCHANT OF VENICE" TO THE STUDENTS 06TH FEBRUARY, 2018: -

The famous English Movie "The Merchant of Venice" was shown to the students of special English on 6th February, 2018 in college by the Department of English and it was explained to the students by Dr. Suporna Mitra as a part of their curriculum.



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9. INAUGURATION OF WORLD MARATHI LANGUAGE CONSERVATION FORTNIGHT 11TH JANUARY, 2019: -

The Inaugural function of Marathi Language Conservation Fortnight was held on 11th January, 2019. Various events including Grantha Dindi, essay competition in Marathi Language, Poetry Reading Competition, etc. were organized by the Department of Marathi during this fortnight.



10. "GRANTHA DINDI" PROCESSION FOR SPREADING AWARENESS ABOUT MARATHI LITERATURE" -12TH JANUARY, 2019: -

A procession with Marathi Books was organized from college to Valvan Village to spread awareness about Marathi literature. The First Lady of Lonavala City Smt. Surekha Jadhav was the Chief Guest for this event and she participated in the procession. All the students and staff participated in this Grantha Dindi.



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11. ANNUAL SOCIAL GATHERING A.Y. 2018-19: -

Every year a series of cultural events are organized in the college in the second term including celebration of various Days and variety entertainment programme. The Days like Saree & Tie Day, Traditional Day, Mis-match Day, Red & Black Day, Group Day, etc are organized by the students. They actively participate in the variety entertainment programme by performing art forms like singing, dancing, music, etc. Various cultural events and days were organized at the time of Annual Social gathering in A.Y. 2018-19.



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12. YOUTH FESTIVAL- CELEBRATION OF DAYS IN COLLEGE- A.Y. 2019-20: -

A Youth Festival named 'YOUTHFEAST' was organized in the college by the Cultural Committee and the students. The students participated in the various Days organized and the cultural programmes during this occasion.



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13. Webinar on "Wari Anubhavavi Ekdatari"- (Experience Wari at least Once in a Lifetime)- 26th July, 2021- 11.00 am:-

A Webinar on "Wari Anubhavavi Ekdatari" (Experience Wari at least Once in a Lifetime) was organized by the NSS Department of college on 26th July, 2021 at 11.00 am on an online platform of Google Meet and Facebook live. The Resource Person for this webinar was Shri. Ulhasdada Pawar (A learned personality in Saint Literature and Culture). The students of NSS and all the staff attended the programme online. The Chairperson for this webinar was the principal of college Dr. B. N. Pawar. The Programme was coordinated by Dr. Pawan Shingare and Dr. Nilesh Kale.

