

“An Extension Activity on Social Responsibility and Experiential Learning through Community Engagement.”

Moments of Joy, Lessons for Life: A Visit to Orphanage and Old Age Home.



An extension activity titled **“A Joyful Day – Visit to Orphanage and Old Age Home”** was organized by the Department of Commerce and Management of Shri Vitthal Rukmini College, Savna, Taluka Mahagaon, an institution run by Shri Shivaji Education Society, Pusad. The primary objective of this initiative was to inculcate a sense of social responsibility, empathy, and humanitarian values among students while fostering meaningful engagement with underprivileged children and senior citizens.

The program commenced at the Late Vidyaratna Vadate Boys and Girls Orphanage, where the students actively participated in interactive and recreational activities with the children. The engagement included games, informal conversations, Garba dance, Antakshari, and group singing, which created an atmosphere of joy and enthusiasm. The sharing of breakfast further strengthened emotional bonding, enabling the children to experience a sense of belonging and care. The presence and participation of students contributed significantly to creating a cheerful and inclusive environment.

Subsequently, the students visited the Late Chandunaiq Old Age Home at Dhundi, where they engaged in meaningful interactions with the elderly residents. The students listened attentively to the life experiences, values, and reflections shared by the senior citizens, which proved to be deeply insightful and enriching. These interactions facilitated experiential learning and helped students develop a deeper understanding of respect, patience, and emotional sensitivity. The exchange of thoughts between generations created a mutually fulfilling experience, leaving a lasting impact on both students and residents.

Following the visit, the students returned to the orphanage, where a formal interaction session was conducted in the presence of distinguished dignitaries including Dr. Anil Mude, Dr. Bhushan Mangate, Prof. Prasanna Deshmukh, and the District Child Protection Officer, Mr. Devendra Rajurkar. The dignitaries addressed the gathering and provided valuable guidance on issues related to child rights, the importance of education, and the role of youth in promoting social responsibility. They appreciated the initiative undertaken by the institution and acknowledged the commendable efforts of the students in contributing towards social welfare.

The program culminated with a community meal, wherein the children of the orphanage and the elderly residents of the old age home came together with the students and guests, symbolizing unity, compassion, and inclusivity. The distribution of gifts such as chocolates, snacks, pens, pencils, and other essential items further enhanced the joy of the beneficiaries. The emotional connection developed during the program was evident, as participants expressed heartfelt sentiments and gratitude, reflecting the success and impact of the initiative.

The activity was highly appreciated by the principal of the college, Dr. Hemant Mahalle, who emphasized that such extension activities play a crucial role in nurturing leadership qualities, social awareness, and ethical values among students. He further stated that the institution remains committed to organizing similar programs in the future to strengthen community engagement and holistic development.

The successful organization of this activity was made possible under the valuable guidance and support of the President, Mr. Aniruddha Patil Chondhikar, and the Local Managing Committee Member, Mr. Shivajirao Deshmukh Savnekar. The program was efficiently coordinated and executed by Prof. Dr. Komal Gupta and Prof. Dr. Pavan Sharma, whose dedicated efforts ensured its smooth and effective implementation.

The presence and cooperation of key officials and staff members significantly contributed to the success of the program, including District Institutional Officer Mr. Avinash Pisude, Superintendent of Late Vidyaratna Vadate Orphanage Mr. Ashish Rathod, and Superintendent of Late Chandu Nike Old Age Home Mr. Moreshwar Ade.

The active participation and support of faculty members, namely Prof. Surel Zod, Prof. Jaiswal, Prof. Dr. Ingole, Prof. Gaikwad, Prof. Dr. Chaudhary, Prof. Dr. Tathod Madam, Prof. Narwade Madam, Prof. Jambhurunkar Madam, Prof. Khade, Prof. Dr. Manwar Madam, Prof. Adv. Pradeep Narwade, Prof. Sharma Madam, Prof. Shukla Madam, Prof. Dr. Ade, and Prof. Mote, along with the enthusiastic involvement of students from the Department of Commerce and Management, played a vital role in making the program impactful and memorable.

Outcomes of Program

- Students developed a strong sense of social responsibility and empathy.
- Improvement in communication skills and interpersonal relationships through real-life interaction.
- Enhancement of teamwork, leadership, and coordination abilities among students.
- Students gained practical learning and life lessons from interaction with children and elderly people.
- The activity created happiness, emotional support, and a sense of belonging among the beneficiaries.

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Place: Dhundhi Tq. Pusad