



“Education for Knowledge, Science and Refined Culture” – Shikshanmaharshi Dr. Bapuji Salunkhe

## Shri Swami Vivekanand Shikshan Sanstha, Kolhapur's Arts and Commerce College, Kadepur



### Support Schemes to the needy students

Although, of the total enrolment, above 90% students are covered under the various scholarships, freeships provided under the government schemes, the institution being located in rural and drought prone area, the students coming from farmers and economically weakened families are faced with the financial problem of meeting the uncovered expenses under the scholarships/freeships, commuting and other incidental expenses.

At present, besides these scholarships/concessions, the institution gives the concessions in fees by way of waiving in full/part, remittance in installments, support through Student Aid Fund, financial support from faculty and staff.

To formalise the modes of concessions and informal way of providing financial aid which are in place; and to enhance the spectrum of the financial support to the needy students coming from economically weaker families; thereby enabling them to pursue higher studies, the Institution proposes to initiate the 'Institutional financial support scheme with the objective of providing financial support to the needy students, covering the uncovered part of the college fees, commuting cost and incidental expenses borne by the students.

Arts and Commerce College, Nagthane Tal & Dist: Satara is branch of Shri Swami Vivekanand Shikshan Sanstha, Kolhapur which is second largest educational institute in Maharashtra having 406 culture centres. Arts and Commerce College, Nagthane is only HEI in vicinity to cater educational needs of nearby students. This Sanstha was founded by visionary educationalist Shikshanmaharshi Dr. Bapuji Salunkhe. With this intention Sanstha is dissemination education to downtrodden and deprived section of society. Charity is major concern of Sanstha. College was established in year 2000 to impart education to students of hilly, economically backward, underprivileged section of society and agricultural background. Total strength of College is 695; out of se 63 % are girl students. It has been reiterated that College is shaping up physically and mentally through public participation. CDC, IQAC and all stakeholders are constantly working through various programmes and activities. A good yardstick of institutional success is alignment of its behaviour and initiatives with its vision and mission.

### **Areas of Priority and Thrust -**

- College has clearly mentioned in its vision of overall development through quality education in context of global knowledge society.
- Motto of Parent Institute Shri Swami Vivekanand Shikshan Sanstha, Kolhapur is “Education for Knowledge, Science and Culture”
- College in past and in present is to help students grow into better human beings with ability to transform within.
- College's admission policy too is reflective of this broad vision.
- College is strongly committed towards development of youth and history and culture of Nagthane vicinity which is situated on bank of river Urmodi.

### **Quality infrastructure for quality education:**



- College is expanding its infrastructural facilities with changing time. Each and every stakeholder feels free to suggest ideas for development of College.
- It is promise of College to empower rural youth with quality education.
- To make this dream come true, it has been running twenty seven short term and add-on certificate courses for students.
- College has a spacious and well equipped ground with all gymnastic equipments. It is open for every youth of Nagthane at free of cost.
- Hundreds of students are benefitted from College infrastructure and joined services in private and public sector.
- Surprisingly, they are giving back us in form of guidance to present students and by donating squirrel's share.
- It is aim of our College to embolden talent of students and let m emerge.
- This can be achieved only through systematic education which College is providing.
- This College has tried to uplift lives of poor girl students who are not able to get education at Taluka as well as District place.
- Location of College is on Asian Highway No. 47 and it is 17 kilometer away from historical city Satara which is a District place.
- Nagthane is a developing village of near about 15000 population and is located on bank of Urmodi River.
- Major population is involved in agriculture sector and primary source of income of villagers is farming.
- Farmers are very innovative and hardworking people.
- Crops cultivated here in this area are ginger, guava, tomato, turmeric, sugarcane etc. Nagthane is famous in Maharashtra for ginger production since 700 years.
- It is said that Ginger has medicinal and Ayurvedic properties.
- It is used for dry cough, cold, digestion, spices, medicinal, cosmetic purposes etc.
- This village is surrounded by many small villages and colonies.
- Most students come to this College from very distant and remote places.

#### **Scholarships:**

- College has been implementing se schemes for scholarships and financial assistance to uplift economically weaker and meritorious students.
- Some of Schemes are in operational since establishment of College in 2000.

#### **Objective:**

- To provide financial assistance to meritorious students from low income families to meet a part of day-to-day expenses while pursuing higher studies.

#### **Procedure:**

- College has constituted a Scholarship and Freeships Committee that recommends students who deserve scholarship and freeships during Academic Year.
- Committee maintains all records relating to same.
- College believes in rewarding students who are First Rank Holders in class.
- Rank Holders in each class are promoted to apply for these scholarship schemes.
- Every year, Exam Committee forwards list of First Rank Holders to Scholarship and Freeships Committee.



- Exam Committee identifies First Rank Holders from First Year and Second Year across all programs of B. A. and B.Com.
- Scholarship and Freeships Committee presents a letter of appreciation to students deserving scholarship.
- Certain philanthropists including members of Organizing Board, in their individual capacities, have assisted students who are financially poor but are strong academically and/ or talented in extra-curricular activities.
- With objective of overall development of student, members of Scholarship and Freeships Committee recommend these students to Principal.
- Principal approves this educational scholarship.
- College provides letter of appreciation to private individuals for supporting our students' education.
- Scholarships and Freeships are provided to deserving students.
- Details regarding se scholarships will be put up on Notice Board from time to time.
- Applications for following awards, scholarships and free ships for students are forwarded by College to concerned authorities.

**Following are schemes:**

**Government Scholarships and Freeships:**

These scholarships and freeships are given under Social Justice and Special Assistance Department by Central Government and to SC, ST, NT, OBC etc. students. Purpose is to provide financial assistance for education, to reduce drop out ratio, to create passion for higher education, to bring m in mainstream of education etc. It gives benefit of Tuition Fees. It needs valid caste certificate, income certificate, caste validity certificate, UID Card, SSC/HSC marksheets; ration card, nationalized bank account details.

**Rajarshi Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj Shikshan Shulkh Shishyavrutti Scheme:**

Under this scheme of Directorate of Higher Education, scholarship is applicable to economically weaker sections. Family income of students should be below rupees 8 lakh. Student admitted under General Category is eligible for this. He/she should be resident of Maharashtra.

**Central Sector Scholarships:**

Scheme is in operational since 2008. Objective of scheme is to provide financial assistance to meritorious students having family income of less than Rs.6 lakh per annum, to meet a part of day-to-day expenses while pursuing higher studies. This has been divided amongst State Education Boards based on State's population in age group of 18-25 years. Students who are above 80th percentile of successful candidates in relevant stream from a particular Board of Examination in class XII and pursuing regular course and not availing benefit of any or scholarships, are eligible to apply under this Scheme. Rate of scholarship is Rs. 10,000/- per annum for first three years and Rs. 20,000/- per annum for fourth and fifth year. Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students is covered under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) w.e.f. 1.1.2013 wherein scholarship is being disbursed directly into bank account of beneficiaries.

**Students Aid Fund (SAF):**

This is scheme of College to grant financial assistance to poor students encouraging them for all round development. Committee is constituted which invites applications from needy students. Students should produce income certificate of parents to Committee. On basis of financial background, regular attendance and academic progress, Committee recommends distributing amount to these students.

**Poor Students Hub:**

It is a type of financial help provided by College to economically poor students. It is innovative practice run by College. A box is circulated from classrooms and an appeal is made to students and staff to contribute some amount in box. Then Committee formed by College opens box before students'



representatives, cash is counted and later on financial aid is given to poor students selected by Committee by procedure.

**Golden Jubilee Foundation of Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) Scholarships:**

LIC Golden Jubilee is a type of scholarship given by LIC to economically backward students who have got above 60% marks in 12<sup>th</sup> standard. It is beneficial for economically backward students to pursue higher education. It gives encouragement to such students.

**Institutional Scholarships:**

This scholarship is innovative activity run by College. Its motive is to encourage students to learn by heart and to achieve higher rank in University examinations. Fund for this scholarship is raised by faculties. Individual contribution is given by each faculty to give encouragement to students. So that, junior students get motivation. Collected amount is deposited in bank. Then interest amount received by College is distributed amongst meritorious students.

**Om Sai Swadhyay Samiti's Scholarships:**

Om Sai Swadhyay Samiti is NGO based at Karad and having many branches in different cities. This NGO provides funds in form of financial assistance for educational, medical and economical help. Applications are scrutinised by Committee and financial help is given to needy students.

**Shivaji University, Kolhapur's Merit Scholarships:**

To enhance reputation of affiliating University, they have given contribution. Students who come from remote, rural and hilly areas should not be deprived of education. So for education inspiration, University has started 'Shivaji University Merit Scholarship' from 1998-1999. 9 students of College have got this scholarship. In year 2020-21, College got First Rank in University merit scholarship.

**State Transport Bus Financial Assistance:**

This scheme has been started by affiliating Shivaji University, Kolhapur to provide financial assistance to rural, hilly are students of Colleges. So they can pursue studies without financial burden. College has distributed 20000/- rupees among needy students.

**Shivaji University, Kolhapur Insurance Scheme for Students, Parents and Staff:**

This is a scheme or policy launched by University for students, parents, teachers and administrative staff of Colleges. In case of death of a student/ teacher/administrative staff, his/her nominee gets a compensation of 150000/-. In case of death of parent, a student can get a compensation of 75000/-. If an arm/leg/eyes/ of a student/parent/teacher/administrative staff get damaged, he/she can get 25000/- to 1, 50,000/- rupees. To get this fund a student should pay rupees 50 at time of admission. Teaching and non-teaching staff should pay rupees 200 and 100.

**Outcomes:**

- It has helped to increase number of girl students to enroll for Higher Education.
- It has boosted their performance in University examinations.
- It has helped them to fulfill educational expenses.
- It has reduced financial burden and resulting in overall development.
- Students' attendance has been increased.
- These scholarships helped to continue Post Graduate studies.
- This has helped bring them in mainstream of Higher education.



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