

Students' Development Cell
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“Until the great mass of the people shall be filled with the sense of responsibility for each other's welfare, social justice can never be attained”

.....Helen Keller

Social Justice is the paramount aspiration enshrined in the Preamble of our Constitution. Sagacity of social justice can be achieved only when every individual assumes a responsibility for welfare and wellbeing of his fellow individuals in his society. In order to imbibe a sense of responsibility among individuals, education is the only effective medium. Accordingly, Students' Development Cell of our college works to integrate this dimension of responsibility into the system of education that is being imparted to the law students. The cell strives to achieve multidimensional and multifaceted growth of the students through its various activities.

Students' Development Cell is constituted and works as per the directions and guidelines issued in this regard by the Board of Students' Development, (BSD) Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU). The cell works by coordinating and assisting other cells and departments of our college for carrying out different activities and thereby endeavor to foster mental, physical, cultural growth of the students as also to improve their overall personality.

This year, the cell started its work in collaboration with National Service Scheme (NSS) cell and participated in the joint initiative taken by BSD and NSS departments of SPPU on accord of Ashadi Ekadashi namely, '**Swacha Wari-Harit Wari.**' Due to Covid 19 Pandemic and consequent lockdown, this year it was not possible to provide extension facilities on field to the people who participate in Wari. Thus, it was directed by the SPPU to encourage students and faculty members for tree plantation and blood donation. There was a positive response from students to this initiative.

Another activity conducted was the **Intra College Essay Writing Competition on the occasion of Independence Day.** Students were also encouraged to participate in various Essay Writing Competitions conducted by different outside institutions. To name a few, Mahajyoti Institute, Nagpur conducted a State Level Essay Writing Competition on accord of Birth Anniversary of Savitribai Phule in December, 2020.

Following students participated in the qualifying round of the said competition conducted at district level.

1. Gopal Podhade – LL.B.-II
2. Vaishnavi Deshmukh – LL.B-II
3. AishwaryaKhandahale – LL.B-II
4. PranjaliBawane – B.A LL.B-IV
4. Aniruddha Purohit – B.A LL.B-V

Out of these students, Gopal Podhade got qualified for State Level and was also felicitated by the Social Welfare Department, Pune on 26th January, 2021.

Yet another competition was conducted by NSS department of Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune in January, 2021 based on the themes related to New Education Policy, 2020. Following students participated in the said competition.

Name of the students who participated in the said competition are;

1. Gopal Podhade – LL.B.-II
2. Siddhi Mobharkar – LL.B-II
3. Ketaki Patil – B.A LL.B-II
4. DevendraBankar – B.A LL.B-III
5. Anshita Singh - B.A LL.B-III
6. AartiRajapurkar – B.A LL.B-III
7. Pragati Lad – B.A LL.B-IV
8. MandarGhate - B.A LL.B-IV
9. PreetiGwalani – B.A LL.B-IV
10. Samina Mulla – LL.M-II
11. PradnyaKarandikar - Alumni

Further, in association with Library of the College, the cell took an initiative to encourage students to inculcate the habit of reading by circulating the links of e-books and various online literatures available in Marathi, Hindi and English on accord of celebration of **‘VachanPrernaDeen’ on 15th October, 2020.**

Next to this, as a measure of social outreach as well as in order to implement the directions of Government through Central Vigilance Commission, the Cell took an initiative towards observance of **‘Vigilance Awareness Week’ from 27th October-1st November, 2020.** Thereby, faculty, non-teaching staff, students, as well as society as a whole were encouraged for taking e-Integrity Pledge for establishing transferability and accountability in the administration at all levels of governance in the society. An awareness among the students and the society at large was created in this regard through college website and social media. On 27th October, 2020, the then Principal of the college, Dr. RohiniHonap along with all the teaching and non-teaching staff collectively took Integrity Pledge. On this occasion, Principal

of the college addressed the gathering so as to make everyone aware about the significance of transparent and accountable administration.

Thereafter, as per the directives of Environment and Climate Change Department, Government of Maharashtra, students were also encouraged to take e-pledge for protecting our environment and to save our Mother Earth from the bounds of ever-increasing pollution. It was a part of 'Majhi Vasundhara' project undertaken by the Government and SPPU in 1st - 15th January, 2021. Students were also encouraged to plant trees and take care of them.

One of the significant activities carried out by the cell under the guidance of Adv. Nitin Apte, Chairman, CDC, DES SNFLC was in regard to the celebration of **'Marathi BhashaSanvardhanPandharvada'** during **14th-30th January, 2021**. Accordingly, an initiative was taken for conducting a get-together of members from management, faculty, administrative staff and students on account of celebration of Marathi BhashaSanvardhanPandharvada on 26th January, 2021. It was a means of recreation and refreshment activity for all the members present for the same after experiencing a stressful lockdown due to COVID 19 Pandemic and consequent working in online mode only for months together. Chairman of Deccan Education Society, Dr. SharadKunte, Chairman of CDC of our college, Adv. Nitin Apte also participated in this program and addressed the gathering and shared their literary skills with all. All other members also showcase their literary talent in this program. It was a wonderful session for all and imparted new strength and vigor for working further.

Another prominent activity carried out by the Students' Development Cell is implementation of KarmaveerBhauraoPatil Earn and Learn Scheme. It is implemented to encourage and help the bright and meritorious students who are facing some financial difficulties. The scheme is implemented as per the directions of Board of Students' Development, Savitribai Phule Pune University. Thus, the college is waiting for the approval and thereby working of the scheme from Board of Students' Development, Savitribai Phule Pune University.

Another proposed activity of the cell is organization of Disaster Management Workshop and Training for college students, which has a great relevance in the present situation, posed due to COVID 19 Pandemic.

In this way various activities, which are prominently directed towards imbibing a sense of social responsibility among students are conducted by the Students' Development Cell and it is hoped that, this will definitely help students to grow and develop themselves as the responsible citizens.

