

## **7.3 Institutional Distinctiveness**

### **1) Tradition of having University rank holders**

Vision of the Institution is to impart education for life encompassing excellence in knowledge, skills and behaviour through quality education by developing competency to face the challenges of globalization of 21st century. Institution consistently inspires students to excel in their academics because this is the fundamental role of any student. And for this our institution played a role of initiator. Our college took efforts to find out such students who has that passion towards study and made some extra efforts on them by providing guidance after college in evening. College made available guest lectures for them in the campus and even on skype for the topics specifically they felt difficult or needed revision. College put extra efforts on them by encouraging them to solve extra numbers of test papers (round exams) and come up with queries and doubts which would have been solved by respective professors. Professors drafted their own notes and gave to students to bring more and more clarity in understanding the concepts. Moreover teachers, Principal and even Committee Members had periodic meetings with such students to motivate them and to make them realize that the whole institution is with them. Professors also encouraged students to study in group and come up with their doubts which their group has not solved. Advanced learners have given extra coaching and doubt solving session after the college hours as and when the need for it. Professors also made these students know extra efforts to be taken by them, where they are lacking etc. after evaluating their test answer papers precisely.

Fortunately with all efforts college got our first university topper in the year 2014. Ms. Rashmi Vinod Joysar was the first ranker and secured gold medal in Mumbai University. She secured 95.14 % with 'O' grade. After getting this degree successfully she cleared her post-graduation in M.Com. She also appeared for C.A (Chartered Accountant) exam and became C.A. in the year 2018. She also cleared SET (state eligibility test) exam in the year 2019. After 2014 college got another topper in the year 2016 Ms. Bushra Imtiaz Kawchali. She secured 91.43% with 'O' grade and stood third in Mumbai University T.Y.B.com exam. Then in 2017-18 we blessed to have Master Abrar Bashir Sange as Third University rank holder by securing 90.14% with 'O' grade in T.Y.B.Com exam.

Not only merit holders but college also witnessed a great success when Ms. Priya Pundalik Bavkar awarded as "Best NSS Volunteer" in Mumbai University. She also got awarded as "Best NSS Volunteer" at Ratnagiri district. She raised the college name by leading SRD (State Republic Day) parade in the academic year 2015-16 as platoon commander. She also participated in more than 10 camps such as Avhan (state level), Leadership Training camp (district level), Road safety (University level), SRD/NRD selection camp, SRD camp (state level), Bee keeping (district level), Disaster management camp (district level) etc.

## Rank Holders at 'University Of Mumbai'

Academic year	Ranker name	Type	Percentage	Grade	Rank in University
2014-15	Miss. Rashmi Vinod Joysar	Academic	95.14%	'O'	1 <sup>st</sup>
2015-16	Miss. Bushra Imtiaz Kawchali	Academic	91.43%	'O'	3 <sup>rd</sup>
2015-16	Miss. Priya Pundalik Bavkar	NSS	-	Best NSS Volunteer( University of Mumbai)	1 <sup>st</sup>
2017-18	Master. Abrar Bashir Sange	Academic	90.14%	'O'	3 <sup>rd</sup>

### **2) REGULAR INTERACTIONS WITH PARENTS OF SENIOR COLLEGE STUDENTS & INTERIM PARENT - TEACHERS MEETINGS.**

College conduct Induction meeting of not only the students at the start of college academic year but also their parents. In this meeting all the parents get informed with all the necessary rules and regulations, code of conduct of the college, professors, qualification and specialisation of professors etc. If they have any query regarding the functioning of college they are free to get their query solved in this meeting. Also the academic calendar of the year made clear to them so the students and parents can plan accordingly.

We also conduct a meeting before the exam so that the parents will be aware of their students' progress, weaknesses and the improvements to be made by the students in their study plan.

After the declaration of result another meeting get conducted where parents get informed about overall performance of their ward for the semester, steps to be taken if the performance of the students is poor, when and how will be the remedial course be conducted and next semester planning.

The similar meeting schedule is followed in the second term of the academic year also. A meeting also get arranged if any misbehaviour or malpractice is observed in the college campus by the students.

This helps the organisation in maintaining a good rapport with the students as well as their parent. Where very rarely parent teacher meeting happen in senior college our college conduct regular meetings.

### **Objectives:**

- To make parents aware about the progress of his/her ward.
- To make parents know his/her ward's performance.
- To make parents know the conduction of various courses like competitive exams, Banking exams, Tally, BEC (English) etc.
- To make them know the discipline followed or not by his/her ward in college premises.
- To enhance the relationship between Parents and teacher regarding the overall progress of his/her ward.
- To understand the viewpoints, approaches, expectations and demand of all parents from the college.
- To have feedback from the parents regarding the educational, infrastructural services provided to students.
- To make parents know about strengths and weaknesses
- To make them know about any unusual behaviour of their child.
- And to make them understand what they can do at home to help support his/her ward's academic progress. Etc.

### **3) STRICT PROHIBITION OF MOBILE PHONES INSIDE THE CAMPUS.**

In this century it's very difficult for anyone to keep children away from mobile phones even for some couple of minutes. In this era college successfully trying to have such "No mobile" environment in the college campus. Students strictly compelled to not to bring their mobile phones inside the college campus. If any student found with phone in their hand inside the classroom or around the campus will be punished and penalised with amount of rupees 500/- . To make this drive more effective college converted it as declaration which is to be taken by student's parent with their due signature at the time of taking admission itself.

#### **Purpose :**

- To reduce the use of mobile phones inside the college campus and in studying hours.
- To reduce the over dependence of children on mobile phones for all small activities.
- To minimise the crimes, those takes place with the help of mobile phones.
- To reduce the major reason of distraction while being in classroom.
- To reduce unnecessary chit chatting inside the classroom
- To avoid misconduct and misbehaviour of students using smart phones.

Students at beginning refused and they were reluctant to accept this rule. But later they understood n started taking it as part of compulsory discipline of college. To create the seriousness of this discipline college staff and non-teaching staff both together checked the bags of students in front of them. And if mobile phones found in their bags they sent to

Principal for further action. All these things resulted in a successful "No Mobile" atmosphere around the college.

#### **4) EVERY DAY NATIONAL ANTHEM AND UNIVERSITY SONG RECITATION IN THE MORNING BEFORE COLLEGE BEGINS WITH LECTURES.**

College believes that every student is going to be a responsible citizen of this country and hence it is necessary to inculcate this feeling in them on a daily basis. Where students get attracted towards violence, jealousy and other unwelcomed activities, it is an urgent need of those institutions where students spend maximum time of their day in their learning period. Keeping all this in mind, college made this activity regular in campus. All the students and professors have to be present in the campus before 9:00 O' clock in the morning. All students along with professors and principal do gather in the corridor of college. Firstly all present students, professors and principal sing National Anthem and follow with University Song. This is the regular assembly that takes place in the college campus and then only regular lectures get started.

##### **Benefits:**

- Students are becoming more and more sensitive towards nation.
- Feelings of brotherhood and integration inculcated in the mind of students.
- Students remind our nation daily.
- It helps to have respect in the mind of students about their university where they are getting education.
- Students come regularly on time in the college.

#### **5) SENDING DAILY SMS TO PARENTS ABOUT THEIR WARD'S ABSENTEE**

This is a unique practice followed by the college where college sends SMS of absenteeism to the parents of absent students. The main purpose behind this practice is to encourage the regularity of all the students. Where colleges rarely bother about the number of students present in college premises and in lectures, our college strictly follows this practice which creates the fear in the mind of students because their parents directly get informed about their absenteeism. If some students remained absent for more than 3 days respectively, the class teacher calls his or her parent and informs about the same. This results in the regularity of such students again in the college. In some of the sensitive cases if any parent is not reachable over the phone, we visit their homes and try to acquire the reasons behind not only the absenteeism but also the poor performance of his or her child in academics. Teachers do some home visits sometimes for different reasons like motivation, encouragement for more and more participations in sports

or curriculum activities and sometimes even to know student's health issue, stress reasons etc.

**Benefits:**

- Absenteeism of students reduced to remarkable level.
- Increased regularity in the college.
- Students – Teachers rapport enhanced
- Students – Teachers bonding strengthened & relation between them also got improved.
- Parents – Teachers relationship also got strengthened.
- Secured true reasons of absenteeism of students.
- Helped us to solve the grievances correctly.

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