

7.2 – Best Practices

7.2.1 – Describe at least two institutional best practices

Library's Involvement in Co-curricular Activities Social Contribution. The department of library provides books, periodicals, bound volumes of periodicals, News paper clipping files, E-Resources and other reading material to the readers. Along with its regular services, like issuing of books, giving them facilities like reading hall, drinking water, sanitary blocks etc. the library provides certain services to external readers also. To inculcate and to foster the reading habit of the young readers library organizes book exhibitions time to time. It also helps the students for personality development programme, enhancing their general knowledge etc. It particularly concentrates on increasing reading culture in students and for it, the college library manages 'Best Reader Award' every year. It helps the students to develop their study skills and concentration on particular sides. It also helps to expand their approaches about different studies. The library tries to preserve and conserve the knowledge resources of the local heritages. i.e. Primary resources of local History. The library arranges functions like birth death anniversaries of the great figures in the society. Through these activities homage and tributes are offered to those great workers of society and leaders of the world in general and the nation in particular. The special tributes are offered to the soldiers who sacrificed their lives, every year. The sacrifices of great martyrs such as late Shripati Kalgunde, Madhukar Mhaske, Sachin Sake, Bhausahab Talekar, Bhanudas Udar, Nana kale, Meeninath Giramakar, Kapil Gund, Yadavrao Kambale, Sukhadev Dhawale, Pramod Veer, Ram shinde, Rafiq Shiakh etc. are brought to the notice of the readers. Such moving and to achieving events impress greatly the readers, and help to deepen their respect for gone ones. The college library celebrates 38 days on different occasions such as anniversaries, dedication days, National festivals, events of social political importance as 'Birth Anniversary of Savitribai Phule, the first lady teacher of India, vivid anniversaries of eminent personalities and national leaders like Jyotiba Phule , Mahatma Gandhi, Pt. Jawaharlal Neharu, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Sardar Vallabhabhai Patel, Rajmata Jijabai, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bos, Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, Chatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, Sant Gadagebaba, Veer Sawarkar , Dr. Ambedkar , the great leader of Maharashtra Yashawantrao Chavan, late freedom fighter Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, Sukhadev: as Hutatma Day, Mahatma Basaweshwar, Rajshri Shahu , Karmveer Bhaurao Patil, Ahilya Devi Holkar, Lokmanya Tilak , The father of Indian library science Dr. Ranganathan, Dr. Radhakrishnan : as Teachers Day, late Prime Minister Lal Bhahadur Shashri, Dr. A.P. J. Abdul Kalam : as Reading Inspiration Day, death

anniversary of late Indira Gandhi : as Rashtriya Sankalp Din, Birth anniversary of Patel : as National Integrity Day, Nehru's anniversary : as children day , the great son of Shrigonda Freedom Fighter selfless late Babumiya Bandwale and so on. Considering the historical surrounding of Shrigonda the library celebrates regularly certain National international days. In these activities we added few more occasions such as 'World Heritage Day,' Museum Day, Tourism Day as well. The Institute also celebrates Indian Constitution Day, 'Anti-terrorism and Non-violence Day,' etc. Information and significance of these days is reflected on the notice board through photos written-material. All these events, occasions and activities awaken reader's minds to conserve the historical heritage sites, certain local heritages monuments. The sense of preservation and conservation is also inculcated in them. Students are brought in to contact with local monuments, memorials temples through field visits, which are on the verge of damage destruction. The great historical monument of the Bahadurgad remained the pride of Shrigonda. It is situated on the bank of the Bhima River, 12km away from the institution. The Bahadurgad , the very name of it sounds the velour noble deed of great dedication of Chatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, the son of Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. Chatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj sacrificed his life for the protection of Maratha kingdom. After this great sacrifice the Maratha masses rose with anger against the Mughals and fought bravely fearlessly without any leader king. This event has been noted in the world history. To keep intact this historical event, the library observes Chatrapati Sambhaji's death anniversary at Bhadurgad with the government officials of Shrigonda Tahsil Shrigonda police station. On this occasion the students of the institution and common masses around the place, who have and feel the intensity of the particular historical event of sacrifice of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, participate wholeheartedly. They carry the torch of memory through the road towards Wadhu, the holy place where Chatrapati Sambhaji's burial took place. The distance between Bahaduragad (Pedgaon) to Wadu is near about 95km. Many villages on the road participate in the event actively and listens great speeches / lectures delivered by certain eminent speakers on Chatrapati Sambhaji's life deeds. The same type of function is also arranged in Shrigonda in memory of the great Mhadaji Shinde's death anniversary. The Library and Shrigonda Municipal Council officials salute to this great son of Maratha. The library has taken initiative in these both Bahadurgad memorial of Mahadaji Shinde for preservation and conservation. To inculcate chivalry in the minds of the readers the library started a campaign through which a fund is raised for the needy ones. The library has played a leading role in contributing and raising funds for natural calamities, sickness, accidental deaths etc. Library organizes Gandhi Vichar Sanskar Examination every year and Gandhi

Research foundation, Jalgaon, controls it. It helps the readers to read carefully and thoroughly Gandhiji's life and thoughts and to make perspective about the father of nation. Library also conducts the Competition of General knowledge exam every year and Bharati Vidyapeet, Pune controls it. These competitions help the students for recognizing their abilities as well. It increases the competitive skill in the students. Maharashtra non addict youth organization arranges drug-free youth culture camp of the youths the institution fosters students to attend and participate actively in this camp. The library arranges, conducts and organizes such events functions/programmes regularly because of the active and enthusiastic support and contribution of the librarian (Dr. Gawali). The librarian has done sufficient correspondence with the various authorities NGO's the Maharashtra Govt. too. As a result of this persuasion the govt. of Maharashtra circulated a circular addressing all the universities colleges in Maharashtra to celebrate and observe the birth and death anniversaries of all great and eminent personalities. The government officials and the college observe the death anniversary of The great historical figure, Chatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj and Great Maratha fighter Mahadaji Shinde. Many historical monuments memorials are saved and brought to light because of the interest inquisitive nature of the librarian (Dr. Narayan Gawali).