

NSS for Tribal Awareness

1. Title of the Practice

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2. Goals -

- To create awareness among tribal people in Melghat.
- To promote educational atmosphere, sound health and conservation of Melghat Jungles.
- To decrease Malnutrition problems among children and to reduce death rate.
- To train local women to prepare nutritional dishes from local grains.
- To uplift tribal people economically and to bring them in the mainstream of modern life.
- Conservation of medicinal plants and indigenous knowledge.

3. The Context

Extension is the third dimension of higher education. NSS and allied activities in B.S. Patil College have established a golden trend in the history of S.G.B Amravati University. Our students have participated in different NSS camps of National/State levels. The target of our extension activities is to develop all round personality of students through teaching, learning. We bring students to the harsh realities of the society so that they should be aware of the present social scenario. Our students have organized several forest and tribal based projects.

4. The Practice

NSS for Tribal Awareness was established in 2004. It was a unique effort of the college to undertake various issues in tribal life. A formal proposal was sent to NSS Dept. S.G.B. Amravati. Our college continues to implement the project and work on the following issues :-

- Malnutrition
- Self Help groups
- Diet and Nutrition
- Cleanliness
- Health
- Education
- Nature Conservation
- Medicinal plants and indigenous species
- Anti Addiction drive

5. Evidence of Success

Our college is holding special NSS camps in different tribal villages which are situated in the core pocket of the Satpura mountain Ranges. Some of the evidence of success is as follows -

- i. Our adopted villages have become 100% liquor free villages.
- ii. Self-help groups are formed.
- iii. The Dept. of HEC has organized various workshops for women on the preparation of nutritional dishes.
- iv. Medical camps and distribution of clothes have created awareness about health and cleanliness.
- v. Malnutrition grade is decreased and infant mortality rate is lowered in our adopted villages.
- vi. People have started sowing indigenous crops and become aware about the conservation of medicinal plants.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

The college uses NSS grants for this purpose. Moreover we collect clothes, medicines and other things from the local urban society. Tribal obstinacy was the main hindrance but nowadays we have developed a sense of collaboration among students and tribal people.

7. Notes (Optional)

As per the vision statement of the institution we are working in right direction to uplift the society. The most important thing is that in spite of hindrances we have not given up our efforts to uplift the tribal through Tribal cell.