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Title of the practice: Inculcation of life skills and values through social and community outreach programs.

Objectives:

- 1. To instill in students the moral and ethical principles and life skills they need for holistic development through a variety of student activities.
- 2. To leverage community outreach initiatives for acquainting students about social harmony and fostering a sense of social responsibility.
- 3. To inculcate in students the value of 'dignity for labor' by exposing them to a variety of work occupations.

Context:

In order to equip students with essential life skills and social awareness, the college strives to promote pluralistic and multicultural ideals, where all faiths and views coexist democratically. The institution incorporates leadership and teamwork as core values into its programs to help students develop critical life skills and become more motivated in their actions.

The Practice:

1. Personality Development Program at the orphanage: The college conducted a Personality Development Program at the orphanage Apla Ghar. The Apla Ghar project is located near Donje village, at the foothills of the Sinhgad Fort. Our students and teachers took the initiative to offer digital and personality development skills to children in the orphanage. This initiative not only provides orphaned children with computer literacy, but italso instills confidence and self-esteem, which are critical for their future success. This program has developed into a continual activity over a period. Every Saturday, students and two staff members

visited the Aapla Ghar Foundation to teach children digital literacy skills. During the process, the children and teachers developed bonds of affection. They experienced the severity of the suffering and the seriousness of the problem intimately.

- Value Education Camp for Mine Workers' Children at the NGO Santulan: The
 college organized a Value Education Camp for Mine Workers' Children Schools at
 Wagholi, Pune, benefiting 110 boys and 90 girls. This initiative aimed to imbue
 young minds with moral values, fostering ethics and empathy vital for personal and
 social growth.
- 3. **Fear Free Girl Child Mission- Nirbhay Kanya Abhiyan:** MMCC's commitment to empowering young women was evident in the Nirbhay Kanya Abhiyan, which provided expert guidance on health, hygiene, mental wellness, and self-defense, instilling fearlessness and self-reliance in girl students.
- 4. **Rihe Camp:** The institute is resolute in bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application by exposing students to the realities and economic disparities prevalent in society. The college conducted the Rihe Camp at a government primary school, engaging 55 students from Rihe village. This initiative focused on moral values, nurturing ethical consciousness, and civic responsibility among young learners.

Evidence of Success:

The college evaluated the impact of community involvement programs based on stakeholder feedback.

Students indicated improvements in attitudes, social skills, initiative, leadership, and resilience. The teachers who took part showed enhanced empathy and social awareness. Beneficiary schoolchildren reported considerable benefits.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

Adapting to changes in academic calendars and examinations presented difficulties in time management and coordination. The variety of courses made it difficult to select appropriate programs. Students balanced study plans, assignments, and exam preparation. Prioritization, scheduling, and support from teachers were critical to success.

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