

## ARTS AND SCIENCE COLLEGE, NACHANGAON-PULGAON Institutional Distinctiveness

The Mission of the institution is to the upliftment of students with Right Knowledge in economically backward rural areas and to develop holistic personality and excellence in their walks of life. Our vision is to facilitate journey of students from Information to knowledge and from knowledge to wisdom. In this process, the student does not only acquire formal education in the chosen area but receives all round understanding of the environment and social sensitivity required to become a responsible citizen. Although most of the students belong to rural areas of Pulgaon, it is important that they are sensitized about the stark contrast of urban part of wardha district which still struggles for basic living and educational needs. Rural life poses many challenges such as lack of public health, malnutrition, water, sanitation, educational and vocational opportunities. In some of these areas, students can contribute and improve their understanding through participation. The rural society also benefits from such participative activities. Towards this, the College has adopted a village by named Laxminarayanpur situated in Deoli, Taluka of Wardha District. It is at distance of about 6 km from College. Through NSS Unit, our College organizes a number of academic and nonacademic activities for the Ashramshala and Rural hospital, Pulgaon. We have organized residential camp of NSS from the academic year 2019-2020. Highlight of programs organized by College in Laxminarayanpur village are as below:

Survey was conducted to identify the socioeconomic problems of the village and accordingly plan future programs.

• Survey of existing sources of water was conducted and to suggest possible solution to solve the acute water shortage in surrounding area.

• Streetplays on Swachh Bharat performed by NSS Volunteers

• Various competitions such as Essay writing, Bio diversity Rangoli Competition, Mono Acting Competition

• NSS camp with Pani foundation how to increase the level of water in the surrounding area

Department of Microbiology conducted a session on Awareness of hand washing in pandemic phase through Poster. Organized the Subject related rangoli competition and received the consolation prize, also the MicroFood fest (Fermented food) activity and one International conference on future tech in Life Sciences jointly.

• Organised the Coin Exhibition by Department of History for all the students of school and colleges of Pulgaon.

• Role play on importance of voting by Department of Political Science

TheWild life week by Department of Zoology including the Quiz, Poster making and slogan competition. Quiz, vachan din by Library science department

• Tree Plantation by NSS Unit (100)

• Charkha Training for students of B.Sc. and B.A. I year student to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

• Flower Rangoli Mehandi and Cooking Competition for college students by Home Science Department. Science day Celebration for college students through the live model demonstration and poster making.

Yoga training for students and staff

Self – defense training for girl students of College

The women empowerment programs were conducted. Various eminent woman personalities were being invited (online mode).

Special health related Seminars, work shop were organised and health check up camps has been organised to find out the health issues and provided them with Government and private hospital.