

## **7.1.11 Institution Celebrates / Organizes National and International Commemorative Days, Events and Festivals**

### **Report**

The college celebrates national / international days, birth or death anniversaries of eminent national and international personalities from varied fields, regional and national festivals, etc. The programmes are conducted out of appreciation, respect, and honour the contribution of eminent personalities to the nation building and to the world at large. It helps increase feeling of acceptance and tolerance towards diverse ideas and cultures. On these occasions students or faculty give a talk on the significance of the day and elaborates on the reason/s for its celebration.

#### **1. Birth Anniversaries of Rajmata Jijamata and Swami Vivekanand: 12-01-2022**

The anniversaries were celebrated to honour the contribution of Jijamata in making of Shivaji Maharaj, and to motivate the youth for nation building. Students were made aware of the contribution of Rajmata Jijabai as an ideal of motherhood and the contribution of Swami Vivekanand for the nation building inspired the students to commit themselves to the sacred task.

#### **2. Rajarshi Shahu Birth Anniversary: 26-06-2021**

The day was observed to honour Ch. Shahu Maharaj for his work for the upliftment of the downtrodden. Students learnt about the social reforms initiated by Ch. Shahu Maharaj and the qualities of an ideal ruler, “people’s King”.

#### **3. Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri Birth Anniversary: 02-10-2021**

The day was observed to honour and celebrate the universal principle of Non-violence and work towards securing a culture of peace and tolerance. The attempt was to instill love for the nation through knowledge of such great leaders.

#### **4. Shivaji Maharaj Birth Anniversary: 19-02-2022**

The day was celebrated to honour Ch. Shivaji Maharaj for his bravery and valour in building Maratha Empire. The programme aimed at imbibing the values of valour, leadership, fight against injustice in the students.

#### **5. Savitribai Phule Birth and Death Anniversary: 03-01-2022 and 10-03-2022**

The programmes aimed at recognizing the achievements and significant contribution of India’s first female teacher and honouring her relentless struggle for women’s emancipation, her untiring efforts for upliftment of women and the downtrodden in general. The work done by Savitribai Phule was honored through posters, poems and street plays.

#### **6. Late Yashwantrao Chavan Birth Anniversary: 25-11-2021**

The day was observed to the honour and recognize the contribution of Mr. Yashwantrao Chavan to Maharashtra State and Indian Politics. Students were made aware of Mr. Yashwantrao Chavan's contribution as architect of modern Maharashtra.

#### **7. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Birth and Death Anniversary 06-12-2021 and 14-04-2022**

The programme was conducted to honour Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's contribution to India as a social reformer, economist, jurist, author, a thinker of comparative religion, and his scholarship. Online Elocution Competition & Quiz was organized during the day.

#### **8. International Yoga Day: 21-06-2021**

The International Yoga Day was celebrated for the attainment of Physical and mental Health. The students were made aware of Pranayam and its benefits.

#### **9. Tree Plantation Day/ Tree Plantation and 'Mazi Vasundhara' Day: 05-07-2021**

The day was observed to create environment consciousness in the students and make them aware of climate change and need to plant trees. The rangoli competition held during the day focused on importance of environment protection.

#### **10. Unity Day – Birth Anniversary of Sardar VallabhBhai Patel: 31-10-2021**

The day was observed to imbibe in students the reaffirmation of the inherent resilience to withstand the potential threats to the unity, security and integrity. It also attempted to create awareness about need of a united world and the significance of mutual cooperation and respect

#### **11. Azadi Ka Amrut Mahostav and Democracy Fortnight**

The programme was organized to inculcate the responsibilities in every Indian citizen to value the Constitution, generate awareness among the students regarding the rights and duties of citizens of this sovereign nation and motivate them to reaffirm faith in the values enshrined in the Constitution.

IQAC Department, NSS and Election Literacy Board organized various programmes on the occasion of "Democracy Fortnight" from 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 to 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2022. The "Democracy Fortnight" was organized with the aim of spreading awareness on various issues such as the importance of democracy, election commission, voter registration, voting duty, duty of well-informed citizens. During the fortnight, elocution competition, essay competition, painting competition were organized.

#### **12. International Women's Day Celebration: 08-03- 2022**

**The day was celebrated** to appreciate the social, economic, political and cultural achievements of women and to realize the need to focus attention on women's rights and

gender equality. In 'My Mother in My College' the college invited mothers of the students and felicitated them. The women non-teaching staff were also honoured during the day.

### **13. World Consumer Day: 15-3-2022**

Students of NSS participated in the street play and poster competition organized by Consumer forum Karad and Tehsil Office Karad on the occasion of World Consumer Day. The students received first and second place in the street play competition.

### **14. World AIDS Day: 04-12-2021**

Awareness Programme on Prevention of HIV/AIDS was organized by NSS on 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 at the College. The resource persons Ms. Sonali Mane and Ms. Smita Shinde made the students aware of HIV/AIDS related issues and also shared the concept of RRC, its objectives and strengthening of RRC unit. The students took part in an interaction which cleared their misconceptions regarding HIV/ AIDs.

### **15. World Health Day: 07 April 2022**

The NSS organized a poster exhibition on the occasion of World Health Day. The chief guest, the IQAC coordinator of our college, Prof. Dr. Ujjwala Tathe gave a valuable guidance on how to take care of health. The posters made by the students were displayed.

### **16. National Voters' Day" : 25-01-2022**

The NSS and IQAC observed the "National Voters' Day" on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Smt. Bhagyashree Deshmane, from Tilak High School and Junior College, Karad elaborated on the importance of democracy, election commission, voter registration, voting duty, and responsibilities of the citizens. Prin. Prof. Dr. Ila Jogi, explained the need to make the stakeholders aware of every civilian's right to cast their vote in a democratic country. A collective oath was taken on the occasion of this programme. Prof. Vilas Surve read out the oath. The programme began by watering a small sapling by the dignitaries. The programme was coordinated by Shri. Akhilesh Shinde, the NSS Programme Officer. On the occasion an elocution competition and essay competition for students were also organized.

### **17. Constitution Day: 26-11-2021**

The Constitution Day was celebrated in the college by the NSS. The programme was organized with the purpose of marking the significance of the constitutional values among the students and staff.

### **18. Sadbhavana Din (Rajiv Gandhi Birth Anniversary): 20-08-2021**

The National Service Scheme (NSS) observed "Sadbhavana Day" on the birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2021. NSS Programme Officer, Shri. Akhilesh Shinde, (Asst. Prof, Dept. of Sociology) coordinated the programme and talked about the need to promote

peace, national integration and communal harmony among students and staff. He emphasized the need to spread the feeling of brotherhood, social unity, and love among the people across the religions.

**19. Birth Anniversary of Pandit Nehru / Children's Day 14-11-2021**

The day was celebrated in honour of Pandit Nehru's legacy and fondness for children. It was also observed with the aim of making the students aware of the life work of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

**20. Blood Donation Camp (National Blood Donation Month) : 10 -12-2021**

It aimed at raising awareness about universal need for safe blood and sensitize the need of donating blood to the needy. Seven teachers participated in the Blood Donation Camp jointly organized by Mahalaxmi Blood bank, HDFC Bank and a junior college of the Sanstha on 10th December 2021.

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