

Shikshan Mandal, Karad
Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Karad

Report of Centre for Skill Development for 2020-21

The Centre for Skill Development was formally launched in the College in 2016-17 with the precise aim to empower students through training of employment generating skills. The Centre conducts skill oriented training programmes to equip the students with entrepreneurial attitude, qualities, skills and mindset and thereby encourages self-employment and entrepreneurship among the students. The Centre also organizes some short duration courses that cater to the development of skills like language proficiency, environmental awareness, social awareness and hobbies.

The year 2020-21 was greatly overshadowed by the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic and it affected the normal functioning of the Centre as it did affect the regular College. The Centre provides employable skills at a nominal fee of Rs.1000/- (one thousand only) to the largely rural students thus providing them with vital support towards self-reliance. Attempts are made to secure funds under CSR under the able support of the Management for the purpose.

In the year 2020-21 too we tried our best to provide this facility by strictly adhering to the COVID guidelines in force from time to time. We faced a great threat to admissions due to COVID and as a result we convinced the corporate entity to sanction a part of the CSR towards the payment of fees. Accordingly 400 needy students were provided financial help of Rs. 500/- each towards the payment of fees. We could conduct limited courses in the year.

Certificate Course in Designer Blouses Making

The course with a duration of two months was conducted between Jan.15, 2021 and Mar.15, 2021. Instead of the Full year course in Fashion Designing this tailor-made course proved quite beneficial as it was conducted following COVID protocol and it provided the students with immediate employment opportunities. 18 students benefitted from the course which was coordinated by Dr. Ila Jogi and Ms. Asmita Kshirsagar was the faculty for the course. The course served to be a helping hand to the students and their families as many parents had lost their jobs due to COVID pandemic.

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Certificate Course in Beauty Care

Two batches of 25 students each underwent training under the course with a duration of two months between Jan. 14, 2021 to Mar. 14, 2021 and March 15, 2021 to May 15, 2021. 50 Students from B.A-I, B.Com. –I and B.Com. –III participated in the course following the COVID protocol meticulously. The second batch was conducted in a combination of online – offline modes in view of the COVID restrictions. The courses were conducted by Ms. Shital Dhere. Students were taught the basics as well as some advanced skills too. The areas covered included pedicure, manicure, facial, eye brows trimming, waxing, basic makeup, bridal makeup, hairstyling, hair spa, hair straightening, layer cut, step cut, feather cut etc. Students are encouraged to pursue self -employment and also seek employment in various parlours and salons. It is a matter of pride and satisfaction that many beneficiaries are successfully pursuing a career in the field of beauty care. A couple of students have also enrolled for advance courses after completing the course. The courses were coordinated by Dr. Ms. Snehal Prabhune

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