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Report on *Human Rights Education Activities*



Academic Session
From 2010-11 to 2015-16

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INTRODUCTION:

Human Rights issues are the burning issues in present scenario. Liberalization of economy, structural adjustment and growing threats of globalization have endangered the right of the already vulnerable sections of the population. Human rights education, in fact, becomes the catalyst in bringing about attitudinal and social change among people, specially students. By sensitizing a person, awaken one's conscience and develop an attitude of mind imbining respect for human rights of others we have help to bring out a positive change in society. Besides constructing a holistic view, concerns of human rights violations for example gender rights, dalit rights, problems arising from globalization etc. need to be explored to give a concrete shape to a meaningful human rights education. With this noble intention Sevalal Mahila Mahavidyalaya has organized workshops guest lectures on this wide issue.

Session: 2010-11

1) UGC Sponsored Seven Days Workshop on Human Rights Awareness (18th – 24th December, 2010)

UGC Sponsored Seven Days Inter-collegiate Workshop was organized on 18th to 24th December, 2010. Rs.1,35,000/- was sanctioned from the University Grants Commission for this workshop. Around 150 students participated in this workshop. There was no registration fee for any students.

Inaugural Function:

The inaugural session of the workshop was held on 18th December, 2010 at 10.30 am. in college auditorium. The workshop was inaugurated by Hon'ble Smt. Madhuri Godse, Retd. Assistant Commissioner of Police, Nagpur in the auspicious presence of Chief Guest of the function Hon'ble Dr. Mohan Kashikar, Head, PGTD of Political Science, R.T.M. Nagpur University, Nagpur and the Chairman of the function Hon'ble Shri Sanjayji Shende, President, Sevadal Education Society, Nagpur. Hon'ble Principal Prof. Pravin Charde was present for this function. After the welcome ceremony Hon'ble Smt. Godse Madam shared her experiences of 32 years long police service. She insisted on the need of such awareness workshops for young generation. Dr. Mohan Kashikar gave a brief history of human rights from the Magnacharta (1215) to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948). In the Presidential address Hon'ble Shri Sanjayji Shende congratulated the organizers for this initiative of this workshop. The students and teaching faculty from various colleges were present in the inaugural function.



Hon'ble Dignitaries on the dais



Hon'ble Principal presenting welcome speech



Hon'ble Godse Madam delivering the inaugural speech



Hon'ble Dr. Mohan Kashikar addressing the gathering

First Technical Session:

Topic	-	“An Introduction to Human Rights”
Speaker	- 1)	Dr. Alka Deshmukh, Reader & Head, Dept. of Political Science, S. B. City College, Nagpur
	2)	Prof. Mrs. Sheela Mahalle, Head, Department of Psychology, S. B. City College, Nagpur
Time	-	1.00 pm. – 2.30 pm.

The first technical session on ‘An Introduction to Human Rights’ was conducted by Dr. (Mrs.) Alka Deshmukh, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Political Science, S. B. City College and Mrs. Sheela Mahalle, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Psychology, S. B. City College, Nagpur.

Dr. Alka Deshmukh Madam gave an introductory remark about rights. This session was conducted through group discussion. All the students were divided in the groups. They were given 10 minutes to discuss some topics.

All the groups actively participated in this session. Mrs. Mahalle Madam elaborates the psychological aspect of this issues. There was a healthy a fruitful discussion held during the session.



Dr. Alka Deshmukh and Mrs. Sheela Mahalle sharing the dais during the first session



Dr. Alka Deshmukh interacting with the students during Group Discussion

Second Day: 19th December, 2010

First Session	-	
Topic	-	“Awareness of Women’s Right”
Speaker	-	Dr. Kishor Mahabal, Reader, PGTD of Political Science, R. T. M. Nagpur University, Nagpur
Time	-	09.30 am. – 11.00 am.

In this session Hon’ble Speaker Dr. Kishor Mahabal focused on Women’s Rights. Women’s have to play different roles of mother, sister, wife, daughter in the family. While playing such role most of the times she sacrifices in the interest of her family. So many times even though she has a good potential she could not reach upto the mark in her career. He also guided the students on decision making as it is a key factor in personality development. He made the students aware about various rights which are specially for women. He also discussed about reservation bill and its impact. Unless and until the women are aware about their rights, no one could help them. He added that the real women empowerment will happen only when the women will decide to empower themselves and for that purpose one must be aware about his rights and duties as well.

This session was very informative and all the participants responded very enthusiastically and positively.



Participants presenting their views during the session



Dr. Kishor Mahabal interacting the participants.

Second Session:

- Topic** - **“Consumer Rights”**
Speaker - Adv. Gauri Chandrayan, President, Rashtriya Mahila Aaghadi, Vice Chairman, Consumer Forum, Nagpur
Time - 11.00 am. – 12.30 pm.

Adv. Gauri Chandrayan imparted a very valuable guidance about consumer rights. In today's open market policy we have so many options for shopping like mall shopping, e-shopping etc. There are various products in every field. All the products are very attractive offers and packaging also. So as a consumer we have very choices but sometimes some of us experienced a fraud or fake promises of such products. In this situation what a person could do? Where and how one could register a complaint of such a company how one could get the compensation. All these questions were discussed and answered by the Speaker. Madam also explained the Consumer Protection Law, 2002. She gave many examples in daily life where we are cheated by such advertisements. She told about the Government bodies like Consumer Court, Consumer Forum and its functioning. She also shared the information about awareness programmes conducted by the Government and private agencies.

Through question-answer sessions many students grabbed the opportunities to clear their doubt. Very positive response was noted throughout the session.



Dr. (Smt.) Shubhada Mandavgade, welcoming Adv. Mrs. Gauri Chandrayan



Adv. Gauri Chandrayan delivering speech

Third Session:

Topic	-	“Origin and Development of Human Rights”
Speaker	-	Adv. Dipti Dawda- Ganatra
Time	-	1.00 pm. – 2.30 pm.

This session was based on concept of human rights. How the concept of human rights came forward where is the origin of this concept, how it was developed all these topics were discussed. The journey of rights from ‘Magnacharta’ in England in 1215 to the ‘Universal Declaration of Human Rights’ in 1948 was explained. Mainly after the Second World War the human rights issues were raised widely. Today the world is very much concerned about the violation of human rights. In daily life there are so many incidences of encroachment of rights. She gave information about UN’s efforts. She also explained the functionaries like International Human Rights Commission and at National level, National and State Level Commissions. She also explained the rights that are entitled to common man in the Universal Declarations. Through questions-answers session many more doubts were made clear. Students were very keenly interested to receive this valuable information.



Mr. Susheel Meshram, Head, Dept. of Marathi welcoming Adv. Dipti Ganatra



Adv. Ganatra explaining development of human rights

Third Day – 20th Dec. 2010

Topic	-	“Fundamental Rights in Indian Constitution”
Speaker	-	Prof. Varsha Deshpande, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Law, Dr. Ambedkar College, Deeksha Bhoomi, Nagpur
Time	-	11.00 am.- 12.30 pm

In this session Prof. Varsha Deshpande madam talked about the fundamental rights of every Indian citizen. Indian constitution has given six fundamental rights to each and every citizen without any discrimination regarding caste, creed, race, sex, religion, language etc. Indian constitution specially the fundamental rights have changed the nature of Indian society earlier which was based on ‘Varnavyawastha’. Untouchability was removed by their rights and each individual is free to exercise his rights. She explained each right with its limitations in detail. She also talked about the right to property which was eliminated from fundamental rights and moved towards legal rights. She also explained the provision of the protection of these rights which comes under article 32 i.e. right to Constitutional Remedies. Some Video clips based on the violation of rights from movies like ‘Lajja’, ‘Tare Jameen Par’ were shown.

She explained the role of fundamental rights in the development of common man of the society. Some court cases and their judgments by Supreme Court were discussed regarding the importance of human rights provision in the constitution.

This session received a overwhelming response from all the participants students cleared their queries through question answer session.



Mrs. Varsha Deshpande welcomed by Ms. Manwatkar, Head, Dept. of Home Eco.



Prof. Mrs. Deshpande explaining the Human Rights in Indian Constitution

Second Session -

Topic - “Child Rights”

Speaker - Dr. Prajakta Tanksale, Associate Professor, Matruseva Sangh Institute of Social Work, Nagpur.

Time - 1.00 pm - 2.30 pm.

In this session Guest speaker Dr. Prajakta Tanksale guided the students on the topic of Child Rights. As we say today’s children are tomorrow’s citizen so child should get a proper atmosphere to develop himself. He must be given proper facilities which are essential for his growth. In our society there are many problems like poverty, unemployment etc. One way or another these problems are hampering a child’s future. Even though we have a law against child labour still we have this problem in our society. Due to family problem, economic problem they are bound to work for their bread and butter. Our constitution provides a right to education, to every child of the society still the ground realities are different. She explained the UN’s Declaration on Child rights- Beijing 1985. She also talked about the Juvenile Justice Act-1986, Juvenile Home, Juvenile Court, Observation room etc. she expressed her concern on the increasing crime ratio among the young children. She emphasized on the need to be careful about every innocent child of the society as they are the future of India.



Dr. (Mrs.) Tanksale explaining the Child Rights



Audience during the session

Fourth Day- 21st December 2010

Topic	-	“Women’s Right to Inheritance”
Speaker	-	Adv. Mukta Fadnavis, Advocate, Nagpur.
Time	-	11.00 am - 12.30 pm.

In the first session of the fourth day Women’s Right to Inheritance was discussed. Leading Advocate Mrs. Mukta Fadnavis guided the students on women’s right to inheritance.

In this session Fadnavis madam explained about the ancestral property rights. She explained the ‘Mitakshara’ and ‘Daaybhaag’ system which were practiced in north and south India as well. She explained the different ideologies which were part of traditional Indian society. She told about valuable information about Hindu Succession Act-1956, reforms that were made in this act. She also explained the articles in the Special Marriage Act-1954.

This session was full of curiosity of excitement. As it is a matter of great concern for every women this session was paid full attention by the students. Question answer session was fruitful to satisfy the doubts among the students.



Ms. Dhandekar welcoming Adv. Fadanvis



Adv. Mukta Fadanvis addressing on
‘Women’s right to inheritance

Second Session –

Topic	-	“Right to Marriage, Divorce and Maintenance”
Speaker	-	Prof. Ragini Khubalkar, Assistant Professor, Department of Law Govindrao Wanjari College of Law, Nagpur
Time	-	1.00 pm. - 2.30 pm

In this session very important issues like Marriage, Divorce and Rights to maintenance were discussed. Marriage ceremony is one of the most important ceremony in Indian society.

We have so many rituals during this function but basically all the tradition and rituals are in favour of man. Women are completely dependent upon man. Even Women didn’t have the rights to divorce. Most of the time divorce matters are one sided. She don’t have the right to maintenance in some religion. She explained the articles in the constitution and also discussed some court cases related with this like Shahabano case etc. Khubalkar Madam also talked about the obstacles in inter-religion and inter-caste marriage.

She also provided valuable information on special marriage act 1956. She expressed the need of reforms in this field. She also shared the valuable information about the Domestic Violence Act, 2001.

As this was a core issue of every women life a great response was noticed throughout the session.



Mrs. Khubalkar addressing on Marriage, Divorce and Right to Maintenance



Students presenting their views in Group Discussion

Fifth Day: 22nd December 2010

First Session

- Topic** - “Right to Minorities”
Speaker - Dr. Pravin Bhagadikar, Assistant Professor and Head, Dept. of Political Science, Annasaheb Gundewar College, Nagpur.
Time - 11.00 am - 12.30 pm

In this session the Guest speaker Dr. Pravin Bhagadikar enlightened the students on the topic of right to Minorities. He explained the concept of Minority. The norms by which any group of people comes under the term minority were discussed on the basis of religion, language how people can protect their identity and culture. He also told that now days how these norms are changing. Likewise how group which comes today under the minority can be turned into majority over the period of time. In India there are so many variety of caste, religion, language. Every state in India is having a different regional culture. A religion or language which comes under minority in one state, it is in majority in another. He also gave detail information about the constitutional provisions related to minorities. He explained their rights in detail. The constitutional structure like Minority Commission Act, 1992, its structure, powers and functions were explained. Question related to community like Muslims and others were discussed. All participants responded very positively in the session.



Mr. Jayendra Pendse welcoming Dr. Pravin Bhagadikar



Dr. Bhagadikar explaining the concept of minority rights

Second Session

- Topic** - “Right to Prisoners”
Speaker - Adv. Harshal Bobade, Advocate, Nagpur.
Time - 1.00 pm - 2.30 pm.

Hon’ble Guest Speaker, Advocate Harshal Bobade provided valuable information about prisoner’s rights. Ultimately prisoners are also human beings so also they are given some right. Any person is not a born criminal but certain situations made him so. Considering this fact every criminal is provided some rights during his punishment. He explained the difference between prisoners i.e. 1) Under trial and 2) Proved criminal. He explained the basic facilities that are provided to male and female prisoners. He also added the information about the female prisoners and their children below three years. He told about the new facilities which prisoners can avail for the emergency family purpose like payroll, etc. He also told about the legendary icon in this field Ms. Kiran Bedi, the first lady prison superintendent and her successful experiments with the worst considered prison i.e. Tihar prison was discussed. Session was full of questions as everybody was curious to know about the life behind bars. Students were very enthusiastically responding throughout the session.



Mr. Sushil Meshram welcoming
Adv. Harshal Bobde



Adv. Bobde presenting his views on
'Prisoner's Right'

Sixth Day

First Session:

- Topic** - “Rights to Health”
Speaker - Dr. Manisha Kothekar, Head, Department of Physiology,
Shree Ayurved Mahavidyalaya, Nagpur
Time - 11.00 am. – 12.30 pm.

In the first session of the sixth day Dr. Manisha Kothekar enlightened the students with the right to health. A good health is basic right to every human being as we all believe healthy mind rests in healthy body so it is a matter of great concern. Health is depend upon pure air, fresh drinking water, fresh and nutritive food. Environment pollution is causing great damage to our health. In rural India we still don't have proper medical facilities and at city places medical treatments are not affordable for common people. She also explained some of the Government schemes on health issues. She insisted to the students to be concern about their health to built up healthy nation. She advised the students to prefer nutritional food rather than junk food.

All the students raised various questions related to health problems and they were solved by the Speaker.



Welcoming Dr. Manisha Kothekar



Dr. Manisha Kothekar addressing on Right to Health

Second Session:

Topic - “Value Education”

Speaker - Prof. Pravin Charde, Principal, Sevadal Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Nagpur

Time - 1.00 pm. – 2.30 pm.

Hon'ble Principal, Prof. Pravin Charde enlightened the participants with the valuable guidance on value education. He insisted the value education and duties education is equally important with the education of rights. He pointed out very correctly that everyone is concern about rights but less concern about their duties towards society. He told that rights and duties are two sides of coin. We must be aware about our rights and duties as well. All the participants responded very positively throughout the session.



Mr. Kawale welcoming
Hon'ble Principal Prof. Pravin Charde



Prof. Pravin Charde addressing
the gathering

Seventh Day

Topic - “Rights to Tribal”

Speaker - Dr. Sandeep Tundurwar, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Political Science, S.B. City College, Nagpur

Time - 9.30 am. to 11.00 am.

The first session of last day was on Tribal's rights. Dr. Sandeep Tundurwar addressed the participants. He defined the term 'Tribal'. He gave a brief history of these people. He explained about their living and other things. He told the students that as per 2001 Census there are more than 7% tribal people which are around 9 Crore in India. As per Article 330 in the Constitution 49 seats out of 543 seats in

Loksabha are reserved for them. Likewise Article 164 bounds the State like Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa to have at least one Minister in the Council of Ministers from this faculty. He also talk about some of the famous NGOs like SEARCH, Gadchiroli and Lok Biradari Prakalp, Hemalkasa who worked for the betterment of tribals.

Students made their query clear by raising questions. The session was very fruitful.



Mrs. Chinchkhede welcoming
Dr. Sandeep Tundurwar



Dr. Sandeep Tundurwar addressing
on Tribal's Right

Second Session:

Topic - **“Right to Information”**

Speaker - Dr. Shrikant Komawar, Associate Professor, PGTD of Law,
R.T.M. Nagpur University, Nagpur.

Time - 11.30 am. – 01.00 pm.

In this session Hon'ble Speaker Dr. Komawar shared valuable information on the topic of Right to Information. He explained that in this age of information technology we have great source of knowledge likewise right to information act is proved as an weapon to fight against the violation of rights. This right to information can be used to fight against the evil of corruption. He explained the articles of right to information Act, 2005 in detail. All the students were actively participated in this session and great question-answer session was followed.



Mr. Khandekar welcoming
Dr. Shrikant Komawar



Dr. Komawar addressing the gathering
on 'Right to Information'

Third Session:

Topic - **“Human Rights Protection Act, 1993”**

Speaker - Adv. Rekha Barahate, Nagpur

Time - 1.30 pm. – 3.00 pm.

In this session one of the most important topic on the protection of human rights was discussed. Hon'ble Speaker Mrs. Barahate guided about the Human Rights

Protection Act, 1993. She told about the functionaries of Government like National and State Human Rights Commission, its structures, power and functions. She insisted on the need of the awareness about rights and its protection system as well. Some video clips were shown on the encroachment of rights in our society like child labour, malnutrition etc. This session was also followed by question-answer session. All the participants showed a keen interest in the subject.



Dr. (Smt.) Shubhada Mandavgade
welcoming Adv. Mrs. Rekha Barahate



Adv. Rekha Barahate delivering lecture
on 'Protection of Human Rights'.

Valedictory Function

Date - 24th December, 2010

Time - 3.30 pm. – 4.30 pm.

The valedictory function of Seven Days Workshop on Human Rights Awareness was held on last day i.e. 24th December, 2010 at 3.30 pm. in college auditorium. Hon'ble Dr. Madhukar Nisal, Retd. Principal, Govt. Veterinary College, Nagpur and Social Activist was the Chief Guest of this function. Hon'ble Shri Kesharaoji Shende, Founder Member, Sevadal Education Society, Nagpur presided over the function. Hon'ble Principal, Prof. Pravin Charde was present for the function.

After the welcome ceremony the Organizing Secretary Ms. Reeta Dhandekar presented a detailed report of all the sessions which were conducted during these seven days workshop. After this participants from other colleges presented their feedback about the workshop. Hon'ble Dr. Nisal addressed the gathering and congratulate the college for organizing such workshop. He praised the organizers for covering such a wide and important topics in this workshop. In the Presidential address Hon'ble Shri Kesharao Shende congratulated the organizers for the successful organization of such useful topic. At the end of the function Organizing Secretary proposed vote of thanks and workshop was concluded with the distribution of certificates to all the participants.



Organizing Secretary Ms. Dhandekar
presenting brief report of workshop.



Hon'ble Dr. Madhukar Nisal addressing
the gathering

Session: 2014-15

National Voters Day - 25th January, 2015

Democracy is a worldwide phenomenon of today's political system. In India our constitution has given a right to vote for all Indians without any discrimination on caste, religion, gender etc. so this is a basic right of every Indian citizen. One can participate in political system through this right. Considering this fact the awareness programme about to vote was organized through National Voters Day on 25th January, 2015. It was observed to create awareness among the youths about one of the most salient features of our constitution.

Rangoli Competition:

This day was observed through events like poster-making rangoli and debate. On 24th January, 2015 rangoli competition was organized on the topic of 'voting'. Ms. Khushali Tingne, B.A.-I was received the first prize in this competition. Ms. Ankita Malamkar, B.Sc.-I (Home Science) received the second prize.

Debate Competition:

On 25th January, a debate competition was organized on the topic of 'Voters are responsible for present corrupted Indian political system'. Many students participated in this event. Nine students spoke for and six students spoke against the motion. Ms. Bhagyashali Patle, B.A.-II received the first prize. Ms. Komal Dhok, B.A.-I was given the second prize.

Poster Competition:

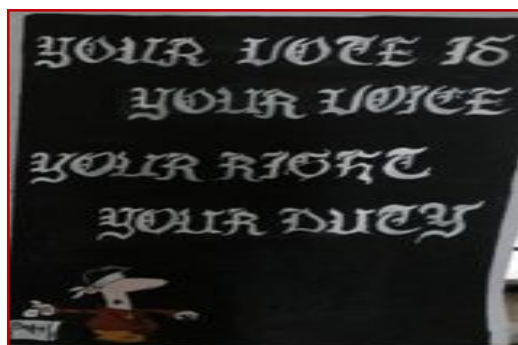
Poster competition was held on 25th January on the topic of 'Right to Vote'. Ten students participated in this event. Ms. Neha Mulik, B.A.-I received the first prize and second prize was given to Ms. Ruchira Dhabekar.



Prof. Pravin Charde observing the rangolis



Participant in Debate Competition



Posters prepared by the students

Session: 2015-16

International Human Rights Day – 10th December, 2015

On the occasion of International Human Rights Day, 10th December, 2015 our nine students participated in the workshop on ‘**Violation and Violence**’ organized by India Peace Centre, Nagpur as a part of MoU signed between Department of Political Science of Sevadal Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Nagpur and India Peace Centre, Nagpur. This workshop focused on increasing violence and intolerance in the society and throughout the world as well. The incidence of violence is causing the violation of rights of common people. Renowned Social Activists Dr. Jammu Anand addressed the youth. Young participants also presented their views on this occasion. Reasons behind the violence and violation were discussed. All the participants unanimously accepted the need to be united against the violation and violence so that human rights can be protected.



Presenting view on the occasion of Human Rights Day



Participants in the workshop