



Matsyodari Shikshan Sanstha's

Arts College, Tirthpuri Tq. Ghansawangi Dist. Jalna

Institute Vision and Mission: The motto of *Matsyodari Shikshan Sanstha* is “*Shahane Karuni Sodave Sakaljana.*” (Enlightening All through Quality Education). Since its establishment in the year 1974, the trust is doing its utmost in realizing this motto. *Matsyodari Shikshan Sanstha*’s Arts College Tirthpuri is established in the year 2000 in order to educate the masses of the rural area. The vision statement of the institute is: “To Enlighten, Empower and Awaken the Masses of the Rural Area through Qualitative Training and Value-Based Education.” Closely allied with this vision is the mission of the institute: “To make educational facilities available to the common people of the rural area so as to enable them to understand real life and to make them capable of facing the challenges of the present world through all round physical, ethical and intellectual development of their personality.” The distinctiveness of the institute is evident as it is the first and foremost institute established in a small village of *Grampanchayat* in Jalna District. Following key aspects of the institute suffice in stressing the distinctiveness

Facility of Higher Education at a *Grampanchayat* Village: The wannabe learners of the region either had to travel to places like Aurangabad, Jalna and Ambad for seeking higher education or abandon the dream of pursuing higher studies. Most of the financially weak students could not afford the lodging and boarding expenses and girls were not allowed to seek enrollment outside Tirthpuri due to the biased mentality of the rural region. This resulted in the denial of higher education to the poor and the needy. Most importantly, the girls had to drop the idea of seeking higher education after their Higher Secondary Certificate and accept the proposal of marriage put forth by their parents. The child marriage rate was considerably high before the year 2000. But it started declining gradually as the parents have now the facility to provide higher education at the local place thanks to our institute.

Vocational Education: Skill oriented courses are carried successfully such as B. voc. and community college in Drip Technology and Dairy Products. Certificate Courses in Beautician, Taloring and Computer Application are being run under Vedant Foundation, Mumbai. Apart from these Vocational courses each

departments have also started subject related certificate courses such as Communication skill in English, Tourism, Financial Literacy, Indian Constitution, Historical Tourism, Stress Management, Personality Development

Strong N.S.S. Unit: The N.S.S. unit of the institute has been consistently imparting its rigorous services to the community through many an extension activity. The unit has conducted many camps at different villages in the environs since its foundation. Notable contribution of N.S.S. is extension activities are being conducted each year at different neighbouring villages. The unit has been immensely contributing in the *Gram Swacchata Abhiyan* and spreading the importance of cleanliness among rural folks. To sum up, the institute has been engaged in the community service through many curricular and co-curricular activities in order to create skilled human resources in the rural region.

Dragon Fruit Plant: Innovative Dragon Fruit Project organically developed in baron land of Matsyodari Shikshan Sanstha's Arts College Tirthpuri, Tal. Ghansawangi Dist. Jalna. The project is developed in Covid-19 Pandemic situation under the guidance of Hon'ble Rajesh Tope Ex. Health and Welfare Minister. Under this project we cultivate 5000 Dragon Fruit Plant in 1 hectare in the baron land of college to raise money for college development. We involved our Teaching and Non-teaching staff to observe this project in lockdown period of Covid-19. We also involved our poor and needy students to practice Earn and Learn Scheme under this project. We look at this project as our dream project. We choose this Dragon Fruit Project as our best practice which is incorporated in NAAC. We want to inspire farmer and students to develop such cash crop in their own farm to develop their economical status. We would like to raise money from this project to develop facilities in our college. As we know regular funds from govt. is near about stopped for college development. The speciality of the project is organically developed. We prefer to become model of this project in the state. We want to prove that scarcity of water can not be barrier to develop our farm. Because Dragon Fruit Plant can be developed in dry area like Marathwada region. The project is needed minimum water to develop. We want to provide seed of this plant to any farmer, students and institute in free of cost. We are also interested to train any interested Educational institute, farmer and agency etc. to develop such project. Our pilot project of Dragon Fruit is succeeded in 18 month. We earned more than Rs. 5 Lakh from this pilot project for college development. We can earn more than 25 lakh per hectare in next year. We guided hundreds of farmers and agencies about this project

Principal

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