



Bharatiya Bhatke Vimukt Vikas va Sanshodhan Sanstha's
YASHWANTRAO CHAVAN SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
SATARA, MAHARASHTRA
Affiliated to Shivaji University, Kolhapur

Performance of the Institution in one area distinctive to its priority and thrust within 1000 words

Brief Overview of our Institutions performance in Protection of Constitutional Values and Human Rights

The main objective of Bhartiya Bhatke Vimukta Vikas va Sanshodhan Sanstha (BBVVSS), (Indian Institute of Research and Development of Nomadic and De-notified Tribes – IIRDNDT) is to promote development of disadvantaged and deprived sections of the society. In 1994, the Trust set up its academic centre, Yashwantrao Chavan School of Social Work (YCSSW), to train students in professional Social Work.

In the present scenario of information and technology where each and every person is facing cut throat competition, there are very few Oasis of Social Action Groups who are working to safe guard the human rights and promote social justice. Although the world is shrinking down and we are travelling in the global village, still there are millions who are living in the primitive age. The gap between the haves and the have not's is widening. According to Albert Einstein, "Those who have privilege to know have the duty to act." Based on this understanding it is the responsibility of the learned to act fast and pave the path of development for the depressed classes. YCSSW is the leading partner in promoting this path of development for the depressed classes.

CORE VALUES OF YCSSW

"As a learners 'community, we value learning in all its forms, guided by the ideals of human rights, social justice and transformation. We value diversity in membership, but unity in mission."

Our students have excelled professionally to the voice and aspirations of people in society, especially the less privileged sections. The course is so designed that it sensitises students on the nature of the society they live in. For an equitable, just, peaceful and prosperous society, we need citizens who are aware of their duties and responsibilities. Therefore, YCSSW is committed to fostering tolerance, national integrity, environment consciousness and social values among students enshrined by our Constitution. We believe that college life is not all about academics, games, friends, and fun. It is also about learning to interact with other people, being aware of social, environmental and gender issues, and inequities in the society. We provide an opportunity to every student to contribute to make the society in which they live a better place and to grow as better individuals. YCSSW has committed itself to the task of inculcating Human Rights and Constitutional values and responsibilities in its students so that they become responsible citizens of tomorrow.

The intense induction program gives the fresh students an insight into the institute's values and vision. The main aim of YCSSW was to provide an opportunity to the rural students of this area and especially the SC/ST students to pursue the higher education for their development and progress of the society. In line with



its core values of working towards the overall development of the society. YCSSW has taken utmost care to give back to the community. As a special thrust, Society Empowerment Activity (SEA) for societal development is instilled on a large scale every year into the students. Through SEA activities various services are undertaken to inculcate social values and to protect human rights.

The institutional curriculum is framed with courses that will sensitize the students and employees of the Institution to the constitutional obligations. The following subjects in YCSSW aim at making the learners acquire conceptual clarity and develop respect for norms and values of freedom, equality, fraternity and social justice with their philosophical, ethical, social, economic and political dimensions. A full understanding of Human Rights and the relevant Constitutional-legal provisions and institutional mechanism for realization and enforcement of these rights in the country constitute core objective of teaching, learning and evaluation. It also includes awareness of civil society organizations and movements promoting human rights and Constitutional Values. The courses offered are: **Human Rights and Social Inclusion, Paralegal Studies, Philosophies of Social Change, Social Work with Marginalized and Minority Community, International Social Work, Social Policy and Social Legislation, Democracy, Elections and Good Governance** as an attempt to inculcate constitutional obligations among the students.

In accordance with mission statement YCSSW gives exposure to all the students to get an opportunity to participate in every curricular, co-curricular and extension activities very actively. Through this the students get a stage and dais to develop their academic as well as professional, cultural, social consciousness, alertness, responsiveness towards Human Rights and Constitutional Values. India, the largest democracy in the world, is a big country with lots of human rights challenges. So for the sake of democracy and sustainable development in India, human rights education along with the teaching of Constitutional values is essential. This knowledge of human rights and Constitutional values is the best defence against their violation. Through the above papers taught in the institute it highlights the importance of above concepts in India for effectively discharging the duty imposed on all students and Indian citizens by the various Articles embodied in our constitution.

All the student class wise also do their bit by organizing several events under the supervision of their class teachers and field work instructors for a social cause, like Women empowerment, debate, discussion, and lectures by eminent speakers on Reservation policy. Street plays, cultural events, elocution competitions on various social issues like child marriage, child labour, school dropouts, caste system are arranged as per the need. Throughout the year, YCSSW undertakes abundance of events ranging from cleanliness drives, tree plantation drives, waste management drives, water management drives, through its field work activities. On the occasion of 15th August and 26th January students actively participate in Gram Sabhas and create awareness among villagers regarding constitutional provisions regarding Democratic Decentralisation and to make them aware about the power to people.

At YCSSW, every student, as individuals along with its faculty, takes part in this endless voyage of giving back to the society, and to transform it to make it a better place for all to live a healthy and bright future.

YCSSW's ultimate aim is to develop human right defenders and make them aware that Constitutional values are the central aspect of democratic transitions, peacebuilding and nation-building.




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