

Konkan Gyanpeeth
Uran College of Commerce and Arts
Best Practice of the Institute-02
(During the Period 2014-2015 to 2018-2019)

Title of Best Practice:

Diwali Celebration with Tribal Community

Introduction:

Diwali is a festival celebrated everywhere, Diwali festival is of special importance in Maharashtra, but the tribal communities in Maharashtra are financially weak and so their Diwali is dark. If a society in Maharashtra is deprived of this festive occasion, it is incompatible to framework of human values. So our College decided that we should celebrate Diwali with this tribal community and lighting crackers use shall spent that amount to light the festival with helping the tribal Community. This activity is celebrated annually by the college on the tribal belt. In the last five years we have celebrated Diwali by going to different places. The details are as follows.

Date of initiative	Place of initiative	Expenditure
22/10/2014	Swikar Matimand School, Uran, Dist-Raigad	20,940
28/10/2015	Punade Adhiwashi wadi, Tq. Uran, Dist- Raigad	30,000
29/10/2016	Chandyali wadi, Chirner, Uran- Raigad.	27,500
18/10/2017	Saneguruji Uddhyan, Uran-Raigad	23,900
06/11/2018	Koproli wadi, Koproli, Uran-Raigad	24,540

Objectives of the practice:

1. To enhance the happiness of the tribal community.
2. Not to let tribal know that they are deprived.
3. To distribute the food items specially prepared a festival among tribal community.
4. Distribution of new clothes to tribal community.
5. By Distributing Stationery to school students in tribal communities.
6. Creating a social commitment towards the tribal in the society.
7. To build moral and social commitment among college students.
8. Bridging the gap between civil society and tribal society.

The Context:

From Uran taluka of Raigad district has the part of the Sahyadri mountain range. In this Sahyadri hill, a large number of tribal communities are living. This society is not in contact with

modern economy and social order. There is rapid development in the country but tribal society is deprived of this development. This tribal society is still living the traditional way. Their main business is to cut wood and sell it, but they have been banned from deforestation recently. Therefore, hunger Starvation has come upon many tribal communities, some of the wild fruits and of the forest vegetables are sold to make a living by them. Their financial condition is not good. They are living in very bad condition. The tribal community does not even have enough money to fulfil their daily requirement.

Diwali is an important festival and so we celebrate Diwali with this tribal community considering all the circumstances that tribal community does not even have new clothes for this festival. These activities involve all staff members some and students. Every year new students Join the program. Social commitment it builds and develop their Human values among the students.

The Practice:

All staff Members and alumni of Konkan Gyanpeeth Uran College of Commerce and Arts come together and celebrate Diwali with tribal Community at Tribal Areas. Diwali is celebrated in a special way, Sari for tribal women, men clothing, T-shirts and school supplies for young children as well as various sweet treats are distributed to the tribal community. The program covers everyone from the children of the tribal community to the elderly. First of all, the problems of the tribal community are known and our Principal and experienced Professor in the College are guided of it. This event is held every year on the day of Diwali. This is a program to remove the darkness of tribal life as a whole. No government funds or college funds are used for this initiative. As a social commitment, all college staff and college alumni volunteer raise as much funds as possible for this activity. Various items are purchased through the funds collected. While buying these items, the number of women, men and children are taken into consideration before going to tribal area. Also, clothes are purchased with appropriate measurements based on their age group. This is done to ensure that the tribal can use the clothes and other things properly. They are also informed about various government policies regarding education, employment and provisions for backward areas so that they become aware and enjoy its benefits. Thus Diwali is celebrated with tribal community. Finally, the donors on behalf of the college principals are praised and thanked.

Evidence of Success:

Konkan Gyanpeeth uran College annually celebrates Diwali with tribal Community. There are three main principles of food donation, Clothe Distributing and enlightenment in activity. This program benefits not only the tribal community but also our students. Following are some of the key benefits of this initiative:

1. It adds to the happiness of the tribal community.
2. The tribes develop the feeling of belongingness to the society.
3. The tribal enjoy the fresh food and new clothes.
4. Students from tribal communities receive school material.

5. All communities have a commitment towards tribalism.
6. A kind of social commitment is created among all the college students.
7. The gap between civil society and tribal society decreases.
8. This initiative is silent message for the government to take initiatives for up liftmen of tribes.

Various things mentioned above make this program a success. News about this initiative is published in various newspapers Therefore, the community is motivated by this initiative. It is expected that if the government takes care of this initiative, the initiative will be more successful.

Problem Encountered and Resources Required:

There are no facilities where tribal society lives in the hills, there are many problems of tribal society, and it is not possible to solve all their problems. When all their problems are taken into account, those help fall short, Resources for solving tribal problems are inadequate, financial problems arise. When it comes to the purchase of various items for the tribal community, the financial contribution to it is on a personal level, all the college teachers and ex-alumni provide financial support on their personal level. No government or college funding is used for this initiative. Lack of funds is an important issue.

Through this initiative we distribute only Foods, clothing and school materials, but the tribal community needs many factors. There is transportation problem to go to tribal settlements, no electricity connection has reached their habitat, they have no access to pure drinking water etc. have serious problems. But with our initiative it is not possible to solve the all problems. More funding is needed to solve also their problems. The government has initiated many schemes, but the lack of knowledge of tribal community and the administration, they do not get fall allocated amount for their development by the government. So, another way is to enlighten the tribal and give proper knowledge to them all schemes of government.



