



Vidyavardhini's
Annasaheb Vartak College of Arts, K.M. College of Commerce &
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Vasai West, Vasai -401202 Dist. Palghar, Maharashtra (India)

Estd: 1971, Affiliated to University of Mumbai.

Most of the people residing in and around Vasai are from the lower middle class or the working class. Being aware of this, our college has been providing reachable and affordable education to all sections of society since its inception. Therefore, it has adopted some mechanisms to address this issue.

A) Cash Prizes for meritorious students

The college offers cash prizes to toppers in the different subjects to motivate their love of learning. Even though it is a small amount, it works as a catalyst to accelerate their learning process.

The college felicitates scholar students with different prizes, such as:

- 1) Hon. R.M. Choudhari prize is given to those students of third-year BA students who secure the first rank in the subjects of Marathi, Rural Development, Economics, History, Hindi, Computer Science, Physics and Chemistry.
- 2) Hon. Hari Laxman Kelkar prize is given to students who secure the first rank in the subjects of English, Accountancy and Mathematics.
- 3) Late. C.R. Rajani prize is given to students who secure overall first rank in Arts, Commerce, and Science.

- 4) Late. Damodar Jagu Patil Prize is given to students who receive the first rank in the third year for the B.A. programmes of Marathi and Rural Development.
- 5) Smt. Rajani Keshav Joshi Memorial Prize is given to the student who receives the first rank in the subject of Marathi literature.

All qualified students are felicitated during the Annual Prize Distribution where they receive the cash amount, trophy and certificates.

B) College has a student-aid fund for students in need of financial aid

A deep sense of social commitment has resulted in the college having a Student-Aid Fund for students who are financially poor irrespective of caste or religion. What is special about this fund is that it is non-refundable. The college calls for applications from students with their economic status. The list of students is shortlisted by the committee, and these students are called for an interview. After the interview, the committee finalises the list of those students who deserve the fund, and after that, a certain amount has been given to them.

C) College offers the facility of instalment of payments.

Those students who are socially disadvantaged get government facilities in the form of fee concessions and scholarships. Students from socially mobilised groups are poor and cannot afford to pay fees on a one-time basis and often drop out of the system. The college sympathises with such students and developed mechanisms to address this issue. It offered the facility of instalment of payment to these students. The institution's uniqueness is that students can pay a minimum of Rs. 500 (Rupees Five Hundred) to ensure their admission; they are allowed to pay the rest through instalments.

D) Some college teacher collects money to pay a fee for poor or orphan Students.

Our teaching and non-teaching staff render social responsibility by collecting a certain amount to pay the fees of any orphan and extremely poor students (who are unable to pay even a minimum amount of 500 Rs.) The institution developed a good culture to realise a sense of responsibility and informally collects the amount to pay the fees of needy students.

E) Creation of Sahitya Katta (Literary Place)

‘*Sahitya Katta*’ is a literary platform started on our college campus. To instil a sense of humanistic sensibilities among the students is one of the objectives behind the creation of an open literary platform for all students of different streams. It is an open place where teachers and students come together to discuss various socio, economic and political issues from a literary angle. Literature is the mirror of society, likewise, this initiative will provide an open platform to understand society very well. This is a golden opportunity for all college students interested in language and literature. This platform stimulates young students, budding literary scholars, poets, writers, and essayists.

F) Women’s education has been prioritised to ensure sufficient participation of women in the main Flow

The institution has prioritised women’s education by providing a promising and favourable atmosphere for girl students. Girl student does not get a proper atmosphere for study at their home, due to the patriarchal nature of society, they have to work more comparatively to boy students therefore college started separate reading room for them to study without any reservation. For emergency purposes, a vending machine for sanitary napkins has been installed. The college ensures a lady supervisor is there in the reading room to look after the problems

of girl students. The college campus has operationalised CC TV cameras to maintain the women's and campus's overall security.

G) Institution tries to cultivate reading culture by promoting departmental Library.

Predominately, reading culture has deteriorated with the explorations of pictorial text, and it sounded alarmed for the need to preserve and develop proper linguistic development. Generally, students are not inquisitive about reading a new book, unless someone introduces them. The institution realises its intensity and came up with good initiatives to develop a departmental library to cultivate a reading culture among the students. The departmental faculty can introduce important books in terms of their extra-curricular and academic purposes to them. English, Marathi, Mathematics, and information and Technologies established a departmental library to percolate the reading culture among the students. The rest of the department has started to prepare to establish a library.

Over the period of 50 years, the institution has developed its uniqueness by creating many Vartakites. It is the collective efforts of the Vidyavardhini family to create not only civil servants, teachers, and politicians but also responsible citizens in all sense. We proudly say that students who studied in our institution have been working in different capacities. By providing a breeding ground to develop the inner talents of the students, the college takes utmost care.



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