**Practice: Development of Reading and Writing Culture**

**1. Goals:**

● To develop reading and writing culture among the students, teachers and society.

● To create / form a civilized and skill based society as per the objective ‘Better Education foe Better Society’ through reading.

● To cultivate reading interest, critical approach and curiosity among students.

● To make reading facility available to the deprived classes from reading.

● To develop freedom of expression in students.

● To develop the reading interest in minority and backward class through ‘Book Gift Scheme ’.

● To organize lectures and workshops to develop reading culture.

**2. The Context**

It was observed from the records in the registers of lending and borrowing of books in library that the interest in reading in students is continually on the wane. The proportion of circulation of books for reference and other purposes has reduced compared to the text books of syllabus. Consequently, it is felt that the participation of students in wall-papers and magazine of college has also lessened. It is due to the increasing impact of social media; it is observed that the interest in reading is decreasing. This is being discussed all over nowaday. Besides, it is also noticed that the nature of syllabus and changes in examination system have also slowed down the interest of comprehension.

**A) GranthvedhWachanSanskriti Mandal:**

This activity is being run at B. A. B. Ed. unit of the college. Each subscriber student in this activity is provided with books. They are motivated to read and write reviews on them. Competitions and lectures related to reading and writing are organized. OPAC and Bar Coding of the books have been done for ease of access by students.

**B) My Library**

The Department of Commerce runs this activity. In the scheme, the books are donated by the students. These books are distributed among students.

**C) Departmental Library**

Each department in the college has its own departmental library. The book transactions of reference books and text books are regularly done.

**D) WachanKatta (Reading Forum)**

In order to improve the reading and pronunciation skills of students, this scheme has been started. Every Monday, between 10 am to 11 am, there is a publication of student written literature and famous books are serially read out.

**E) Mahavir College Times:**

Mahavir College Times is a non periodical published in order to develop writing ability in students. Students are motivated to compose poems, stories, articles, character sketches, news, advertisements, etc, for publication in it.

**F) Deshbhooshan Magazine**

To give scope to the creative writings of the students, the college publishes an annual magazine entitled ‘***Deshbhooshan***’. The students from Arts, Commerce, Education & Science faculty contibute their articles in various literary genres for the publication of magazine. Magazine committee organizes workshops on ‘Creative writing’ and also takes interviews of famous writers.

The college, through its various departments, organizes several activities like reading competition, debating competition, wallpaper writing competition, elocution competition on social issues and road shows etc.

**3. Evidence of Success**

● Scope of expression and reading competencies among students were broadened.

● The exchange transaction of books, magazines and journals in the libraries increased.

● Various activities concerning reading increased student’s creative consciousness. The college is receiving qualitative articles to be published in Mahavir Times and ‘***Deshbhooshan’*** Magazine.

● Due to the books provided by the mobile library scheme the reading habit has increased among the rural readers.

● The student participants in ***Granthvedh***and ***Maze Granthalaya scheme*** are found writing book reviews and critical articles.

**4.Problems Encountered and Resources Required:**

● Demand of specific books by readers is high, but availability is limited.

● Demands of variety of genre of books are there from readers which are partially fulfilled.

● Some readers are not punctual so the returning of books is delayed.

● Books available in library are mostly in Marathi language.

● Books donated by donors are as per their choice and not as per our demand.