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We believe in the motto *Tamasoma Jyotirgamaya* in letter and spirit and so leave no stone unturned in making the students and society march towards enlightenment from darkness. In today's changing scenario students are inclined towards more modernized culture, western culture implementation and deviation from Indian cultural background. It is an universally accepted fact that., going by ones own cultural and traditional system we can bring about a drastic change in ones behaviour. Indian tradition and culture has spread its wings globally and many people from other countries have imbibed and implemented the Indian traditions and culture in their everyday life, Abiding by the statements of our Vision and Mission we make it a point to instill the feeling of oneness,spiritual awakening, cultural pride and ideal youth life by following the rich cultural Indian legacy. Our aim is to reach the last person in line and make him/her aware of his/her responsibilities as a citizen of family and also the country. From our experience we know that students are ignorant of our cultural heritage and traditional values.They are blindly following the modern hip-hop culture thus alienating themselves from the family bindings. The ethical and moral values in the youth are constantly on the decline. The youth believe in imitating foreign culture and are slowly and steadily moving away from the age old, morally, ethically rich Indian tradition. It has become imperative that to ensure proper upbringing of young generation; the time tested Indian ethical values must be reinstated in these young fragile minds.These values cannot be instilled in the students by force. Instead they can be directed towards noble values by way of providing cultural rich information from the lives of great Indian characters, sage-hermits and saintly persons, historical heroes, and patriots. The life sketch of our epic heroes and sages can improve the young minds and make them feel proud of the Indian knowledge system. The activities oriented towards bringing about ethical,cultural,spiritual and holistic awakening among budding youths must be a common programme which should include all students. At the college level when we try to convey this idea to them, the students sitting in group, feel more confident and try to imbibe the moral values which we teach them. They develop interest in our culture,tradition and the vibrant coexistence of Indians after hearing about the life of ideal persons, their sufferings and sacrifices which made them famous and popular while abiding by the Rich Indian ethos.. Students, when driven towards moral, ethical, cultural values tend to develop a feeling of positivity and inner strength to overcome all the physical and mental hurdles. One most special and distinctive activity chalked out for all the students of our Institution is the Dnyaneshwari Pathan or mass recital of the Holy Dnyaneshwari and verses from Bhagwadgeeta. **To inculcate a liking towards this positivity we make them listen to thought provoking, inspiring and motivating ideas from Vedas and other ancient scriptures through classroom discourses and you tube series called**

CHINTAN delivered by our faculty member Dr. Alka Badge in Marathi. We make the students recite the verses under the aegis of *Dnyaneshwari pathan*. Dnyaneshwari can be rightly called as Bhagwadgeeta in Marathi as it discusses the righteous path towards ones self purification and goal seeking. By making students recite stanzas from Dnyaneshwari- the most revered, easy to learn and understand scripture, we try to bring about a holistic atmosphere conducive for mental and physiological balance. As Dnyaneshwari, is a classic combination of spiritual, ethical, moral and humanistic values, its understanding and recitation can bring about ethical and spiritual awakening in the minds of youth. Hence we make it a regular exercise to impart the teachings of Sant Shri Dnyaneshwar. Each verse of the mighty scripture is a gem in itself which highlights the message of *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*. To develop a we-feeling it is utmost essential that students realize and recite the verses for peaceful global existence. The teachers from their side try to focus on ethical, cultural, humanistic patriotic and spiritual values included in our daily routine thus making young minds develop qualities like patriotism, compassion, Wisdom, humane values inspiring them to mould themselves as responsible and noble citizens. Sessions are based on real life experiences like Soul is the mirror of man, eternal happiness etc., Sanskrit and Marathi verses like Ramraksha stotram, the life sketch of Sant Kabir, the incarnation of Bhagwan GANESH, etc.

We also conduct Geeta Pathan classes to make the students aware of the universally accepted teachings of Shreemad Bhagwad Geeta. Bhagwad Geeta is considered as the guide to lead a pious, noble life focusing towards hard work, self purification and self less social life. It explains complex realities of life in lucid, simple way and proves to be a handbook for leading a peaceful, noble life. Students are made to understand the harsh realities of life and the spiritual inclination which will facilitate to lead a confident, successful life.

Our main aim in teaching the Dnyaneshwari and Bhagwadgeeta is to make the students aware of their duties towards their self improvement and staying away from evil deeds. It is a healthy exercise to foster a feeling of self confidence, spiritual and mental well-being, These great scriptures make the most stubborn student also, to realise the effect of our age old tradition in balancing ones life with all positiveness, righteous behaviour and ethical moves. while remaining an integral part of social fabric. Regular repetition of these scripts surely ignites a feeling of truthfulness, moral living, brotherhood, ethical thinking, holistic balance and self reliance. This is a very rare instance where such type of holistic balancing exercises are conducted for the future citizens of our nation. Hence we consider these activities as our distinctive area in developing the students as responsible citizens .