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**Criterion 7**

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India, the most culturally diverse nations in the world, an amalgam of distinct religions celebrates festivals throughout the year. The College in sync with the secular principles is involved in celebrating diverse cultural and religious fests and days of national and international significance.

Healthy Mind in a Healthy Body is the essence of education and this goal is furthered by the College by celebrating the International Yoga Day, Fit India Movement and Zumba. According to Swami Vivekananda, the youth of a country has the highest potential to change the world. In keeping with this ideal the College celebrated the Youth Day, Hiroshima Day, Nagasaki Day, International Peace Day, birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi highlighting the ill-effects of nuclear warfare and significance of peace by through the thoughts and lives of great peace heroes.

Sadhu T.L. Vaswani and Dada J.P. Vaswani aspired to inculcate in students the virtues of forgiveness towards our fellow beings and practicing non-violence with reference to animals for a sustainable living. To commemorate their birth anniversaries the College observed the Moment of Calm and Meatless Day.

In order to make the students aware of the Indian Constitution, the College celebrated the Constitution Day by witnessing a live telecast of the Parliament and speeches on the importance of Samvidhaan, contribution of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar and Fundamental Duties enshrined in the Constitution.

The College celebrated Ashadhi Ekadashi and Guru Nanak's birth anniversary by highlighting the significance of the teachings of saints.

The significance of patriotism were highlighted by celebrating the Independence Day, Republic day, Martyrs Day and Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav through song and speech competitions. Shiv Swarajya Din brought to the fore the qualities of Shivaji Maharaj. Celebrations of festivals enable to inculcate in students the ideals of unity in diversity. To further this aim the College celebrated Raksha Bandhan, Onam, Sankranti, Haloween and Christmas. Janmashtami was celebrated through dance and vocal performances and a quiz on the Life and Teachings of Lord Krishna. An eco-friendly Ganesh festival was organized focusing on Ganesh idol-making, decorations and visarjan practices.

The relevance of Guru and teacher were highlighted by celebrating the Guru Poornima and Teachers Day by felicitating teachers and through vocal and dance performances by students.

Upholding human rights should be inculcated among the students. With this objective the College celebrated the International Day of Persons with Disabilities emphasizing the importance of bringing them into the mainstream. International Aids Day, Electoral Day and Democracy Day brought to light the significance of spreading awareness about Aids and Voting.

Significance of languages was highlighted by celebrating the Marathi Bhasha Sanvardhan Pandharwada, Marathi and Hindi Diwasthrough varied activities like Workshops and one act play on the life of Savitribai Phule. The Reading Inspiration Day was celebrated through book displays to foster the habit of reading among students. The rich cultural heritage of India was demonstrated through the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat – Dekho Apna Desh' and the World Heritage Week.



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