

## Session 2021-22

### Best Practice 2

#### **Title of the Practice: Celebrating Bhasha Divas (International Mother Language Day) and other important days including Constitution Day for preaching inclusion, tolerance and human rights.**

**Objective:** India is a country where people speaking different languages live together peacefully. Gurudev has said – “Nana Bhasha, Nana Mat, Nana Paridhan/ Bibidher majhe dekho milan mahan”. Believing in that philosophy Mankar College celebrates International Mother Language Day every year. We celebrate Hindi Pakhwara, Santali Language Victory Day (22<sup>nd</sup> December), and most importantly Constitution Day (26<sup>th</sup> November) every year. Constitution Day is also known as 'Samvidhan Divas', is celebrated in our country on **26th November** every year to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India. On 26th November 1949, the Constituent Assembly of India adopted the Constitution of India, which came into effect on the 26th of January 1950. All citizens must abide by the law and make it a practice to live according to the law. It is also important to be aware of one's fundamental rights. Keeping this in mind the college takes initiative to celebrate Constitution Day each year on 26<sup>th</sup> November.

**Context:** Mankar College is situated in Rarh region of West Bengal. The college has students speaking different languages and dialects. Bengali, Hindi, Santali – at least students speaking in these three languages read in the college. The college thinks that in the institution there must be solidarity among all the students. So many people are unaware of their fundamental duties and rights. As a result, they are often found to break laws unwillingly, as well as get deprived of what they should get from the state. Ours being a rural college, we have many students, and their families face the same problem. In this context, it is important to make the students aware of the constitution so that they can help themselves as well as their family members. Thus, this seems to be an important practice.

**The Practice:** Every year cultural programme is organised on 21st February, the International Mother Language Day. This year we felicitated Padmashri Shri Sujit Chattopadhyay on the day. Teachers speaking different languages participated in it to motivate students. On 22<sup>nd</sup> December we celebrate Santali Language victory Divas and the Hindi Pakhwara in between 14<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September.

The celebration of the Constitution Day needs special mention. On 26<sup>th</sup> November every year we arrange a talk by eminent persons, lawyers, and judges on the day to make the students aware of their rights and duties. Throughout the year we discourage anything within the campus which does not abide by the constitution.

In 2021, on 26<sup>th</sup> November, which is celebrated as National Constitution Day we invited Prof. Jyotirmoy Bhattacharyya, a retired professor of the Department of Political Science, Burdwan Raj College to deliver a talk on **values, rights, duties, and responsibilities of citizens**. The occasion was chaired by Prof. (Dr.) Sukanta Bhattacharyya, Principal, Mankar College. He happens to be from the discipline of Political Science as well. The celebration began with reading the Preamble of The Indian Constitution and taking the pledge to abide by the Constitution and fulfil one's duties as a citizen.

**Evidence of Success:** In literary and cultural competitions it is seen that people of different languages participate with equal enthusiasm. This itself is a proof of success. Each year the number of students attending the Constitution Day Celebration is increasing, which shows the growing interest among the students.

**Barrier and Resource Needed:** Santali being a tribal language is not understood by all. Therefore, we feel that for the Santali speaking students, it is not possible to manage the whole academic or official work in their mother tongue. The government must investigate this matter. Also, A day's awareness programme on Constitution is not adequate. Constitution must be inculcated in syllabi like the study of ethics and values.



**Celebration of Santali Language Victory Day**



**Celebration of the Constitution Day**