# VPM's K. G. Joshi College of Arts and N. G. Bedekar College of Commerce, (Autonomous) Thane

7.2 Best Practices for AY 2023 - 24

### **BEST PRACTICE - I**

1. Title of the practice: Institutional Social Responsibility (ISR)

#### 2. Objectives of the Practice:

To inculcate social awareness, values and environmentally responsible behaviour among students. To create awareness among all stake holders towards responsibility for societal development.

3. The Context: ISR is organized every year at our adopted village to nurture students as citizens with moral, ethical and social values. It aims to contribute towards rural development through different activities.

4. The Practice: All departments and committees participate with their volunteers by planning various activities. These are undertaken as per the needs and suggestions of villagers incorporating the niche area of each department i.e. celebrating Constitution Day, providing medical aid like eye testing, science exhibition for students, supplying information about the local biodiversity and donating books for under privileged students.

### 5. Evidence of success:

Since commencement of ISR we have been getting overwhelming response and positive outcomes. In cumulative 202 students and 35 teachers actively participated in 2023-24 and total 180 students of school benefitted.

# 6. Problems encountered, and resources required:

The major constraint in ISR involves commuting to the village due to its remoteness. More infrastructural and financial resources are required. We also believe that it requires more frequent and project-driven activities.

# **BEST PRACTICE - II**

1. Title of the practice: Creation of Bio Compost

2. Objectives of the Practice:



To inculcate Environment conservation awareness, values and environmentally responsible behaviour among students. To manage the waste generated in the kitchen and garden

**3. The Context:** The several Departments in collaboration with the IQAC, initiated an environment friendly activity of creating bio-compost by involving students in the process of bio-composting. All FY & SY students are appealed to actively participate in the initiative.

4. The Practice: Students are instructed to bring waste of vegetables and fruit peels, tea and coffee grounds, etc. Each student asked to bring about 300 grams of wet waste. The biocompost pit located behind the canteen of our college measures  $6 \times 6$  ft. used for the collection of waste and creation of Bio-compost

**5. Evidence of success:** Students actively participated in this initiative. Visited pits to check the result of wet waste being transformed into compost. Created compost used to increase the fertility of the soil in the college garden.

**6.** Problems encountered, and resources required: To avoid materials which take long time for composting. Limitations to ensure the material is composted thoroughly and measurement mechanism of formed compost.

