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प्राचार्य एम बी राजकीय स्नातकोत्तर महाविद्यालय हल्द्वानी (नैनीताल) - २६३१३९ दूरभाष: ०५९४६-२२२०१७

## INSTITUTIONAL EFFORTS IN PROVIDING AN INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT TO THE STUDENTS AND THE FACULTY

The institute proactively take efforts in providing an inclusive environment on the college campus. These initiatives include not just promoting or providing better education to all the stakeholders across the social, economic, class, and religious difference, but most importantly endeavours to uplift the socio-economically deprived students, and takes every effort to promote communal harmony. Due acknowledgment and appreciation thus should be made that throughout its history, from the inception year, 1960 to the present, no strife or event that would question the ethos being practiced and implemented in the college, has taken place, or been reported. The students enrolled in NCC, NSS, and Rogers & Rangers significantly play a role in raising awareness about the social issues to not just the other enrolled students, but society at large. Regular blood donation camps are held, and similarly, during the annual camps- mandatory for the NSS students, the students stage Nukkad plays, and organize other such socially relevant events during their 7-days camps organized outside the college.

In fact, the salient aspect of the college remains the fact that the students enrolled in the college are representative of the diverse background they belong, from students belonging to hilly terrain, to the plains (the Tarai belt, as one would refer to), from Kumaunis, with their unique mountainous culture- food habits, dress, etc, to a significant Muslim representation; the college is representative of culturally diverse India at large. The college administration, the teaching faculty, and the student representatives strive in sensitizing the students to the cultural, regional, linguistic, communal, and socio-economic diversities of the state and the nation.

Towards this prime objective, the college celebrates all the major festivals, and commemorative days (both national and international). Such events are celebrated on the campus with the initiative and support of the management for not only recreation and amusement but also to generate a feeling of oneness and social harmony. Mention of a few such festive occasions should be made here- The teaching faculty, the working staff, as well as the students jointly celebrate New-year's day, Fresher Party, teacher's day, orientation and farewell program, Induction program, plantation, Youth Day, Women's Day, Yoga Day, and festivals like Diwali, and most significantly the Holi Milan, which is celebrated in the characteristic Kumauni way, i.e., Bethak Holi.

Few departments remain at the forefront of organizing events on such commemorative days, like Hindi Diwas by the department of Hindi, Constitution Day by the Department of Political

Science, inclusive education for special students (differently abled) by the Department of Education, and so forth.

The Gender Equality Policy focuses on equal access, opportunities, and rights for women and men. Forums such as Eco-club similarly undertake awareness campaigns during annual events such as Environment Day or Earth Day, related to environment protection, the need for plantation and afforestation, and other equally significant issues. One of the effective measures towards this goal remains to organize different competitions, such as Chart competitions, holding talks by experts, etc.

Motivational lectures of eminent persons in the field are arranged for the all-round development of the students for their personality development and to make them responsible citizens following the national values of social and communal harmony and national integration. Sports activities remain a routine feature, where students are encouraged to take part in different sports activities. The sports activities culminate with the Annual Sports Meet, held towards the end of the Academic Session. In this regard, one must highlight the fact that notwithstanding the limited space for developing the infrastructural support base for sports, the college administration takes every initiative so that the aspiring students are provided maximum possible support to improve upon their abilities.

The college actively takes part in the *Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat initiative* undertaken by the Central government (Ministry of Human Resource Development) under its Cultural Exchange Programme, on the anniversary of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel. The program aims at strengthening the bond between states to strengthen the unity and integrity of India. Under its ambit, the college held the program from 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> February 2020, wherein two colleges-Government First Grade College, Raichur, Karnataka, and Government Degree College, Sindhnoor, Karnataka, both represented by 25 students each, participated. It is an annual feature, where a few students representing NCC and NSS are selected to take part in Regional Camps organized outside the state. Their participation remains obligatory during the celebration of such events, such as Independence Day, Republic Day, and 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Their services were availed by the local administration during the Covid-19 pandemic, and several students were felicitated with Commendation Certificates, for their services.

It is certified that the statement provided above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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