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#### 1. The Title: The Weekly Prayer

All religions involve prayers. But a higher education institution is a social organization, so its working should be secular in nature. A general prayer, therefore, can serve the purpose in every Higher Education Institution.

#### 2. The Objectives of The Weekly Prayer

- i) To inculcate a desirable Value System among the students
- ii) To facilitate quick and timely felicitation of the winners
- iii) To provide a platform for singers

#### 3. The Context

Significance of the Prayer

Only bookish knowledge or one-sided development of the students doesn't make them good human beings. Hence, along with the core curricular program the College endeavors to train them in some skills that would mould them on par with the global demands. The Moral and Spiritual upbringing of the students, therefore, has become a matter of priority and thrust area for the College in the present context.

'Inculcating a Value System among students' is one of the Core Values of the Institution. The College consistently tries to impart Skill-Education through add-on courses and value-added courses. Skills, however, are of less significance in the absence of appropriate Value System. Therefore the College shoulders this responsibility of inculcating desirable Value System among the students.

Secondly, the College needed a common platform to felicitate the winners timely. So an occasion when all the components gather together was an imperative.

#### 4. The Practice

#### i) Activity

Every Monday, all the Students, Faculty, Administrative Staff and the Supports Staff along with the Principal gather on the three sides of the big central Banyan Tree in the College premises in order to offer the Prayer. The successful sports students, winners in various competitions and the Faculty members achieving some tasks or wining some Awards or doing some Research are appropriately felicitated on this occasion. The purpose of this felicitation is not only to congratulate the winners but to motivate and encourage the rest to do the same. In addition, this common platform is also used to pay homage to the renowned personalities on their death.

#### ii) The Text of the Prayer

The College has adopted the lyric 'Itani Shakti Hamein Dena Daata' written by Abhilash for the film 'Anuksh' as the Weekly Prayer. All words in it are secular. Hence this Prayer is applicable to all Religions. The term 'Daata' represents the concept of 'God' present in every religion with different names. There are two Stanzas in the Prayer along with a Refrain.

#### A) The Refrain

Itani shakti hamein dena daata Man ka vishavas kamzor ho na, Hum chalen nek raste pe hamse Bhoolkar bhi koi bhool ho na.

The refrain of the Prayer says 'Give us so much strength, O Lord, the Giver that the faith in our hearts never wavers. May we walk the path of Goodness and we don't commit any mistake even by accident.'

#### **B)** The First Stanza

Door agyaanke ho andhere
Tu hamein gyaan ki roshni de,
Har buraai se bachte rahein hum
jitni bhi den bhali jindgi de,
bair ho na kisi ka kisise
Bhaawana man mein badale ki ho na.

This stanza says, 'Let the darkness of ignorance be away, give us the light of Knowledge. Let us be far from all bad things, whatever life you give us, it be good. May there be no ill will between people, and there be no feeling of revenge.'

#### C) The Second Stanza

Hum na sochein hamen kya mila hai Hum yeh sochen kiya kya hai arpan Phool khushiyon ke baatein sabhi ko Sabka jeevan hi ban jaaye madhuban Apni karuna ka jal tu baha ke Kar de paavan har ik man ka kona

This Stanza says, 'May we never think what we have got, but what is it that we have contributed to the society. Let us give flowers of Happiness to all, and everyone's lives become a garden of Sweetness. You flow the water of Compassion and make every corner of the heart pious'.

#### The Vision of the Institution

The vision of the College is 'Duritache TimirJawo' which means 'May the darkness of ignorance, corruption and wickedness be eradicated from the society'. The first line of the first stanza 'Door agyaanke ho andhere' which means, 'Let the darkness of ignorance be

away, give us the light of knowledge' is analogous with the Vision of the College.

### The Human Values in The Weekly Prayer

Looking closely at the text of the prayer one may find that it is a reservoir of Human Values. The Prayer underlines Human Values like 'faith in God and goodness', 'life without mistakes i.e. righteousness', 'goodness with no ill will nor vengeance', 'contribution to the society', 'sharing happiness and sweetness', 'compassion' and 'piousness'. All these values are reiterated weekly so that they get engraved on the hearts of the students.

The second stanza upholds 'the attitude of selfless-service'. It is not 'what we get' but 'what we contribute' that matters much for us. Here a sense of 'benevolence' is highlighted. By giving 'flowers of happiness', we make everyone's life 'a garden of sweetness'. Finally, the prayer says 'by the water of compassion we can make every corner of the heart pious.

#### 5. The Evidence of Success

### A) Secularism in The Weekly Prayer

The Prayer does not contain any religious word. Words, for instance, God, Bhagwan or Allah which stand for the 'Almighty' are implicit and not explicit. This imparts a secular nature to the Prayer.

# B) The feedback from some of the Students speaks a lot about the success and impact of the Prayer

- The prayer gives Peace of Mind.
- It creates Positive Thoughts, Cheerfulness and Delight.
- It increases ability to think right.
- We can observe various types of Felicitation.
- Teachers give information on different subjects and Human Values.

- It strikes Mental balance.
- The whole day becomes cheerful and happy.
- Felicitation of students motivates us by spirited atmosphere.
- We get inspiration to face and fight against all menaces in life.
- It removes evil thoughts.

#### View Document:

- 1) Photos of Weekly Morning Prayer.
- 2) Photos of Speeches.
- 3) Photos of Felicitation of the stakeholders.
  a) Sports b) Cultural c) NCC d) NSS e) Placement f) Alumni
- 4) The text of the weekly prayer.
- 5) A video of the weekly prayer.

## 1) Photos of Weekly Morning Prayer.

# a) Congregation at the Morning Prayer





## b) Use of Music (Tabala) for the Prayer



c) The Faculty at the Morning Prayer



# 2. a) Table of Speeches on Human Values given by the Faculty members at the Weekly Morning Prayer

Faculty	Values	Date
1. Prof. A. H. Pharane	Righteousness	07/01/2019
2. Prof. U. S. Rasal	Gender Equality	21/01/2019
3. Dr. S. A. Jadhav	Secularism	28/01/2019
4. Prin. Dr. Praveen Chougale	Work is Worship	04/02/2019
5. Dr. S. A. Jethithor	Chh.Shivaji Maharaj and Secularism	11/02/2019
6. Dr. Neela Joshi	Dignity of Labour	04/03/2019

# b) IQAC Register of Speeches on Human Values delivered by Faculty members at Weekly Morning Prayer

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- 3) Speeches on Human Values delivered by Faculty members at Weekly Morning Prayer
  - a) Prin.Dr Praveen Chougale speaking on 'Work is Worship' on 04/02/2019



b) Dr Smt Nila Joshi speaking on *Dignity of Labour* on 04/03/2019



4) Photos of Felicitation of the stakeholders.

### a)Sports

i)Prof.Dr N.B.Bhagwat Felicitating athlete Pragati Sankpal



ii) Prin.Dr Praveen Chougale felicitating Women's Inter-Zonal Football Winner team



# iii) Dr N.B.Bhagwat felicitating Women's Inter-Zonal Holleyball Winner team



iv) Dr.N.B.Bhagawat felicitating Miss Pooja Kumbhar for winning national level award in Rugby



### b) Cultural:

i)Prin. Dr Praveen Chougale felicitating Kumar Khirugade at weekly prayer for achieving first rank in mimicry in National



c) NCC: Prin.Dr Praveen Chougale felicitating Suraj Jadhav and his wife for getting recruited in the army.



**d)** NSS: Prof.Dr N.B.Bhagawat felicitating NSS volunteer Rahul S.Patil for participating university level Camp



e) Alumni :Prof.Dr N.G.Joshi offering financial help Rs.10000/- to Jay B.Powar an Alumnus participating International Yoga Competition in Sri Lanka

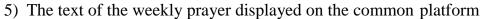


f) Faculty: i) Prin.Dr Praveen Chougale felicitating Prof.
Rajendra Mithari winning Nation 1 Level Educational Award



ii) )Prin.Dr Praveen Chougale felicitating Prof.Dr Aarti Chougale for participation in 'Gandhiyan Thoughts' Examination







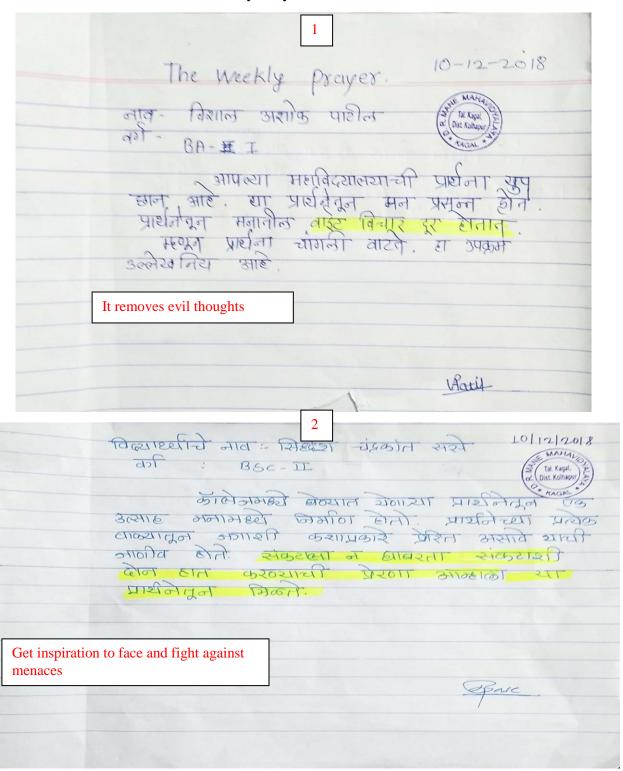
6) A Screen shot from a video of the Weekly Prayer.



Link for the Video of the Weekly Prayer-

 $\underline{https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-hoQXhyKYpo\&feature=youtu.be}$ 

#### Students Feedback on Weekly Prayer:



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