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RAINBOW CIRCLE**

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In Coordination with

**Red Dot Foundation**

# Rainbow Circle

(for Safe, Inclusive and Diverse Campus)

• **Principal –**

**Dr.V.S.Nalawade madam**

• **Coordinator –**

**Dr.S.M.Shikalgar madam**

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## Rayat Shikshan Sanstha's

### AZAD COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, SATARA

The Rayat Shikshan Sanstha founded by late Padmabhushan Dr. Karmaveer Bhaurao Patil in 1919, is one of the leading educational institutions in Asia. The value of its contribution to education in general is enormously great, as it has from the very beginning, tried all its best to lay emphasis on the downtrodden, the poor and ignorant who really form the major bulk of our society. Late Padmabhushan Dr. Karmaveer Bhaurao Patil was a man of the masses who devoted all his mind and life to the cause of their education. He had an incisive understanding of the social ills that he set his times and hand fully realized the extreme need of the spread of the education. He believed that education alone could eradicate illiteracy, untouchability, caste-hierarchy, money lending, and superstitions, social and economic inequality. All his life, he tried to translate this belief into reality. He was the Prophet of the poor, the weak, the dispossessed and left no stone unturned for their upliftment. Such renowned person has established this educational institution with very specific aims and objectives.

"There should not be a village without school and a school without a trained teacher". This is the ideal, the founder of the Rayat Shikshan Sanstha, the late Padmabhushan Dr. Karmaveer Bhaurao Patil Cherished and earnestly struggled for throughout his life. He sincerely believed, a teacher from masses who knows the rural community with all its ills can effectively educate the students belonging to the rural areas. How to get trained teachers in such a large number was a genuine problem. To satisfy the growing demand of the

trained leaders for the secondary schools which he has started in nooks and corners in remote areas of Maharashtra for the education of masses, he strongly felt the need of having Sanstha's own secondary teacher's training college.

Realising the basic need of secondary schools, the founder of the sanstha opened a secondary teachers' training college in 1955 at the historical place Satara city. To commemorate the memory of the late Honorable Moulana Abdul Kalam Azad, the first Education Minister of Government of India the college was renamed as Azad College of Education, Satara in 1958.

## **OUR PRIDE**

The institution has a glorious tradition of outstanding achievements in the university examinations right from the beginning. Most times results were hundred percent and very often closer to it. Every year the students for the college secure ranks in the university merit list. Most often times the topper is from this college and the merit list consists of three to four students consistently. Many times all the students in the merit list are from our institution. During the period of 55 years 100 students for the B.Ed. Examination and 20 students for M.Ed.

Examination achieved the honour of being recorded in the merit list of both the universities i.e. Poona and Shivaji University. From the college centre 42 students have got M.Phil. degree. This we believe is the strength of our institution. This is the result of painstaking strenuous team work of students and the staff and supporting services provided by the management.



# Red Dot<sup>TM</sup> Foundation

## RED DOT FOUNDATION

Red Dot Foundation was founded in Nov 2014 to encourage women and girls to record incidences of sexual harassment and educate them about the issue of safety and mobility. Red Dot Foundation's aim is to make public spaces safer and accessible to all, especially women, girls and children, using data and technology. It works to empower women and girls to break their silence and take action by understanding their rights.

## RAINBOW CIRCLE

Rainbow Circle is the committee of the students of the respective college formed according to the total number of the students in the college. The main objective of the Rainbow Circles in the colleges is educating the students about women and child safety for safe, inclusive and diverse campus. These students are trained by the officials of about the aspects and objectives of the Red Dot Foundation and the programs to be carried out in the college regarding women and child safety. These ambassadors carry out the shortlisted programs in the respective areas also they give information and educate their peers about the women and child safety in the college and their areas.

## ●Rainbow Ambassadors●

1. Mahangade Komal Rajendra
2. Khan Asifa Ayub
3. Chavan Pradnya Jaywantrao
4. Jadhav Maheshwari Adinath
5. Mandave Saurabh Subhash

●Coordinator - Dr.S.M.Shikalgar

●Resource Person - Mrs. Mrunalini Kamble

## • Training •

The training of the Rainbow Ambassadors was organised in the college for 5 days from **23<sup>th</sup> December** to **27<sup>th</sup> December 2022**. The resource person, Mrs. Mrunalini Kamble madam gave the valuable information and guidance about the Red Dot Foundation and their contribution in the works done for the welfare and security of the women all over India and other countries. The points carried out in the training further are as follows –

- 1. Understanding Gender and Sexuality** - The difference between gender and sexuality was told in the question answer pattern and discussion about it was carried out.
- 2. Challenging Gender norms** – The points related to the Patriarchal society and the place of women in the society today was revised in this point. Also the work of house wife should Be recognised and they should be given the same respect as other members of the home and the society.
- 3. Bystander interventions i.e. 5D's** -  
Bystander interventions are the responses given during the incidents of sexual harassments in the public places through which we can help the victims. The bystander interventions mostly used are as follows-
  - **Distract**- Distracting the person harassing the victims in various ways like making noise or asking irrelevant questions to them during the incident.



- **Delegate** - Contacting the authority of the public places or the transport and informing them about the incident of harrasment.
  - **Document** - Documenting the incident with the help of taking pictures or videos and providing it to the authority or the victims.
  - **Delay**- Distracting the person harassing with various actions and giving time to the victims to get out of the situation.
  - **Direct** – Direct intervening the incident of harrasment and helping the victim to be safe and secure.
- 4. Self-care and Wellness Strategies** – Grooming i.e. dressing and personality development of the students in various aspects of life. Stress management techniques for the depression caused due to the incident of harrasment.
- 5. Digital Safety** – Educating the students about various types of online harassment and precautions to be taken while using the social media platforms like WhatsApp Messenger, Instagram, Twitter and Facebook.
- 6. Understanding Indian Legislature-**
- **POSH act** – The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, commonly known as the PoSH Act, was passed in 2013. It defined sexual harassment, lay down the procedures for complaint and inquiry, and the action to be taken in cases of sexual harassment.

Under the 2013 law, sexual harassment includes “any one or more” of the following “unwelcome acts or behaviour” committed directly or by implication:

- Physical contact and advances
- A demand or request for sexual favours
- Sexually coloured remarks
- Showing pornography
- Any other unwelcome physical, verbal or non-verbal conduct of sexual nature.

•**POCSO act –**

The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 was enacted to provide a robust legal framework for the protection of children from offences of sexual assault, sexual harassment and pornography, while safeguarding the interest of the child at every stage of the judicial process.

**7. Digital Literacy and using Data for Impact-** Educating the students about various types of online harassment and precautions to be taken while using the social media platforms like WhatsApp Messenger, Instagram, Twitter and Facebook. Also using the social media platforms for the impact in various ways like public awareness about the women and child safety, sexual harassments and the legislative acts made for the welfare and security of women and child.

**8. Art of Story Telling –**

Difference between Hearing and empathic Listening to understand the situation of the victims of the incidents of

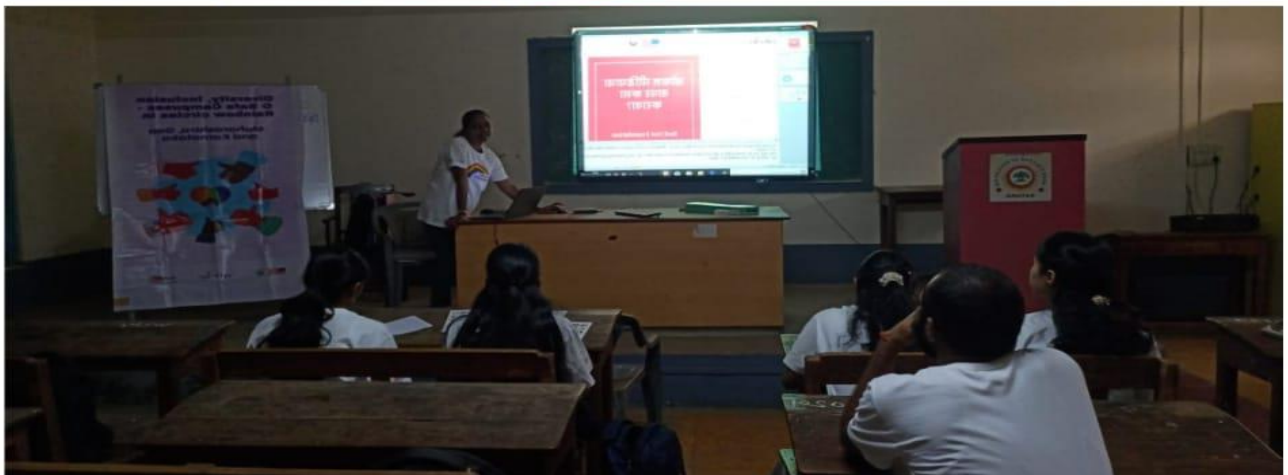
sexual harassments and helping them to report it to the authority and police and getting the justice.

- 9. Developing Advocacy Campaigns** – How to organise a social media campaign to make public awareness about the women and child safety and types of sexual harassments and the safety measures for it by using the Social Media platforms like WhatsApp Messenger, Instagram, Twitter and Facebook. This includes Instagram live, tweet chats on the topic of women and child safety.
- 10. How to use Social Media** – Educating the students about various types of online harassment and precautions to be taken while using the social media platforms like WhatsApp Messenger, Instagram, Twitter and Facebook. Two step verification, personal account safety measures and keeping the account personal rather than public to avoid the unnecessary problems like comments and online harassment.
- 11. Audit of Campus Safety** – The audit of Campus Safety carried out in the online means by filling the Google forms created by the Red Dot Foundation authority to collect the data about the women safety measures and threats in the college campus.
- 12. Audit of Bus Stop or Railway station** – The cases of harassments are frequently seen in the public places everyday. The audit of Bus Stop or Railway station is carried out in the online means by filling the Google forms created by the Red

Dot Foundation authority to collect the data about the women and child safety in the various public places like bus stop or Railway station.

- 13. Workshop for Peers** – The peer workshop to be carried out in the college regarding the women and child safety in which the rainbow ambassadors are the resource persons and they conduct the workshop and share their knowledge about the various aspects of the training they have got from the Red Dot Foundation authority.
- 14. Safecity App** – Safecity is the smartphone Application available on the gogle play store for android users made by the Red Dot foundation. Safecity App collects the information related to the child and women’s safety and the incidents of sexual harassments in the different areas of the city and the data is used for the betterment and welfare of the women and children by the respected authorities. Here we can also report the incident of harassments without mentioning our personal information and we can get help and information about the legislature and how we can get help of the police and authorities.





**Ambassadors with Mrs.Mrunalini Kamble during training sessions 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> Dec.2023**



## • Execution •

After completing the training Ambassadors were told to carry out the activities assigned to the Rainbow ambassadors in the sessions. In which we carried out activities in College Campus, Bus stops and Schools during our School Internship Program.

The activities we carried out are as follows -

1. Bus stop Audit -7<sup>th</sup> Jan to 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023
2. Campus audit – 25<sup>th</sup> Feb to 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023
3. child sexual abuse prevention workshops In schools- 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023 For 7th Std
4. Peer workshop in the college – 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023
5. Poster presentation on women's safety – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023
6. Bystander intervention signature campaign – 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023
7. Digital Safety workshops in schools – 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023
8. Using social media / Data for impact i.e. Instagram reels, live, Twitter space, etc.
9. Panel Discussion – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023



**Ambassadors organizing Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Workshops in respected Schools 12<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> Feb.2023**



**Rainbow Ambassadors with Co-ordinator Dr.S.M.Shikalgar mam during Peer Workshop in Azad College of Education, Satara 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023**





**Poster Presentation on the International Women's Day 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023 in Azad College Of Education, Satara in the presence of Rainbow Ambassadors, Student Teachers, Dr.S.M.Shikalgar, Dr.V.E.Lawand, Mrs.S. S.Patil, Mrs.Patole and Mrs.Mrunalini Kamble**



**Rainbow Ambassadors taking Signatures of Student Teachers, Co-ordinator Dr. S.M.Shikalgar and Principal Dr.V.S.Nalawade during Bystander Interventions Signature Camping 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023**





**Rainbow Ambassadors Organizing Digital Safety Workshops in the Respected Schools during the 2<sup>nd</sup> School Internship Program 10<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> Feb.2023**



**Panel Discussion of Rainbow Ambassadors with Principal Dr.V.S.Nalawade, Vice-Principal Dr.N.D.Dhanawade, Co-Ordinator Dr.S.M.Shikalgar, Resource Person Mrs.Mrunalini Kamble and all respected Teaching Staff in Azad College of Education,Satara 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

## • Outcomes •

•No.of Students Influenced through Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Workshops during School internship Program -

1.Karmaveer Bhaurao Patil Vidyalay Bhuij,Satara – 121

2.Padm.Vasantdada Patil Vidyalay Rahimatpur,Satara – 120

3.Shree Koteswar Vidyalay,Gove – 115

4.R.D.Oswaal vidyaalay ,jamb Triputi – 100

•No.of Student Teachers Influenced through Peer Workshop in Azad College of Education,Satara – 150

•No.of People involved in the Bus Stop Audit – 125

•No.of Student Teachers Involved in the Campus Safety Audit -150

•Rainbow Ambassadors attended the National Online Panel Discussion of Red Dot Foundation's Rainbow Circle on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

•Rainbow Ambassador Mr. Saurabh Subhash Mandave selected for the National Online Panel Discussion of Red Dot Foundation's Rainbow Circle as the representative Ambassador on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023.



## • Review •

### (Rainbow Ambassadors)

The campaign of Rainbow circle by the Red dot foundation changed our perspective towards the women's safety and safe, inclusive and diverse college Campus. We got to learn about the Gender and Sexuality, Bystander interventions ie 5D. techniques, self care and wellness strategies, Digital safety and we got to learn more about the Indian Legislature and the POSH and Pocso acts. Also we got to learn more about the Sympathy and Empathy towards the victims of Sexual abuse and harassments. We got to learn about the impactful use of Data and social media for the wellness and safety of women and children.

While we carried out the various audits and activities in school college and bus stop the people responded very well and they were generous about the campaigns. While organising the child sexual abuse prevention workshop in schools the students responded well and they clarified their doubts by asking questions. Also the student teachers of our college responded very well during the peer workshop and they got involved in the conversation with the ambassadors. And took participation in the events like poster presentation and signature Campaign. It was very informative and developing event organised during the training and the campaigns. It changed our perspective and we feel confident about using the knowledge for impact in future life. Thank You.



