



SHRI CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJI SHIKSHAN SANSTHA'S

BAPUSAHEB THITE COLLEGE OF NURSING

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Best Practice 1:

Community Outreach Programs

Introduction

Bapusaheb Thite College of Nursing is committed to fulfilling its social responsibility by extending quality healthcare services beyond institutional boundaries, particularly to underserved and rural communities. Community outreach programs form a core component of the institution's **Institutional Distinctiveness**, reflecting its mission to integrate nursing education with community service, preventive healthcare, and health promotion.

Located in a predominantly rural region, the college recognizes the pressing need for accessible, affordable, and preventive health services. Through systematic planning and active student-faculty participation, the institution conducts regular community-based programs such as health awareness campaigns, health screening camps, school health programs, maternal and child health services, geriatric care initiatives, and national health observance activities. These initiatives not only address community health needs but also provide experiential learning opportunities for nursing students, thereby bridging the gap between theory and practice.

By collaborating with Primary Health Centres (PHCs), local governing bodies, non-governmental organizations, and community leaders, the college ensures sustainable and culturally appropriate healthcare interventions. The community outreach programs thus stand as a hallmark of the institution's commitment to social accountability, holistic nursing education, and nation-building.

Aim

To promote holistic community health and social well-being through structured, need-based outreach programs while fostering socially responsible, competent, and compassionate nursing professionals.


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Objectives

1. **To identify community health needs** through surveys and community diagnosis and plan appropriate outreach interventions.
2. **To provide preventive, promotive, and basic curative healthcare services** to rural and underserved populations.
3. **To enhance health awareness** among community members regarding nutrition, hygiene, maternal and child health, communicable and non-communicable diseases, mental health, and lifestyle modification.
4. **To integrate community outreach with nursing education**, enabling students to gain hands-on experience in community health nursing and public health practices.
5. **To develop leadership, communication, and ethical values** among nursing students through active participation in community service.
6. **To collaborate with governmental and non-governmental agencies** for effective implementation of national health programs and initiatives.
7. **To contribute to national health priorities** by observing and participating in national and international health days and campaigns.
8. **To promote sustainable community engagement** through follow-up activities and continuous health education.

Measurable Outcomes

1. Academic and Curricular Outcomes

- **100% curriculum compliance** achieved with Indian Nursing Council (INC) and MUHS requirements for community health nursing postings.
- **100% student participation** in mandatory community outreach activities such as home visits, family care studies, school health programs, and health education sessions.
- **Improvement of 25–30% in practical examination scores** in Community Health Nursing after structured field exposure.

- **Minimum 12–18 community-based learning activities** conducted annually as part of curricular enrichment.
- **Documented Course Outcome (CO) and Program Outcome (PO) attainment above 80%**, supported by assessment rubrics, logbooks, and reflective journals.
- **Enhanced employability**, with graduates demonstrating readiness for public health, primary healthcare, and community nursing roles.

2. Student Development and Value-Based Outcomes 100% student involvement in at least one community outreach or social responsibility program per academic year.

- **Noticeable improvement in soft skills** such as communication, leadership, teamwork, and ethical decision-making, as reflected in student self-assessment and faculty evaluation reports.
- **Increased student volunteerism** in national health campaigns (TB elimination, anemia control, NCD screening, immunization drives).
- **Strengthening of ethical values and empathy**, evidenced through reflective reports and community feedback.

3. Community Health Outcomes

- **3,000–5,000 beneficiaries served annually** through health camps, awareness programs, and screening activities.
- **Early identification and referral** of common health conditions such as anemia, hypertension, diabetes, malnutrition, and respiratory disorders.
- **Improved health awareness levels** among community members on nutrition, personal hygiene, maternal and child health, and lifestyle-related diseases.
- **Regular follow-up visits** conducted in adopted villages, ensuring continuity of care and sustained health education.

4. Institutional and Partnership Outcomes

- **Active collaborations** with Primary Health Centres (PHCs), local governing bodies, schools, and NGOs for community outreach.

- **Systematic documentation** of outreach activities through reports, photographs, attendance records, and beneficiary feedback.
- **Recognition of outreach programs** as a best practice contributing to institutional visibility and societal trust.

Impact on Community

Academic Impact

The integration of community outreach programs within the nursing curriculum has significantly strengthened experiential and competency-based learning. Students demonstrate improved clinical judgment, community assessment skills, and confidence in delivering primary healthcare services, thereby enhancing academic outcomes and professional preparedness.

Student Impact

Community outreach initiatives have instilled strong ethical values, empathy, and social accountability among students. Active engagement with rural and underserved populations has nurtured compassionate nursing professionals committed to patient-centered and community-oriented care.

Community Impact

The outreach programs have contributed to improved health awareness, early disease detection, and better utilization of healthcare services in rural communities. The institution has played a vital role in supporting preventive healthcare and promoting healthy lifestyles, leading to positive and sustainable community health outcomes.

Institutional Impact

Through consistent and impactful community engagement, Bapusaheb Thite College of Nursing has established itself as a socially responsible institution aligned with national health priorities and NAAC quality benchmarks. The outreach programs reinforce the institution's mission of integrating education, service, and societal development.


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COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMMES



World HIV and AIDS Awareness Day



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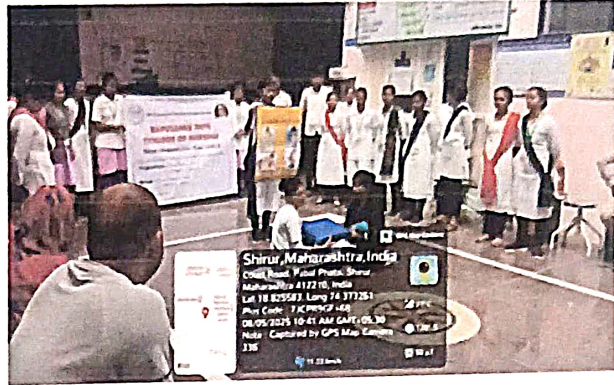
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World Suicide Prevention Day



Breast Feeding Week Awareness



Mental Health Day Awareness


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