

## Institution Distinctiveness

### **Institutional Distinctiveness: Fostering Academic Excellence and Social Impact"**

The Sarojini College of Pharmacy, Kolhapur, takes immense pride in its institutional distinctiveness, encapsulated by the initiatives of "SAMPURNA" and "SAMARPAN". These programs harmoniously blend academic rigor with social responsibility, shaping a unique educational experience.

### **"SAMPURNA": Bridging the Academic Excellence**

"SAMPURNA" complements institutional distinctiveness by focusing on academic excellence and modern teaching practices. The program aims to streamline data compilation for comprehensive course records, aligning closely with the institution's academic goals.

The objectives of "SAMPURNA" are

- To compile academic records systematically.
- To ensure regular updation of academic information in adherence to good documentation practices.
- To record daily attendances and performances of students meticulously throughout the curriculum.

The context of "SAMPURNA" recognizes the importance of well-organized course records. In the academic environment of Sarojini College of Pharmacy, these records serve as invaluable resources for faculty members and students alike. The systematic compilation of records in a single file enhances the efficiency of academic management. Such records are instrumental in student evaluation, faculty development, and maintaining evidence of academic progress.

The practice of "SAMPURNA" revolves around the implementation of a single course file system. This comprehensive course file includes teaching plans for theory and practical sessions, the number of hours required per unit as per syllabus guidelines provided by the Pharmacy Council of India (PCI), student attendance records for theory, tutorial, and practical sessions, and students' performance in internal examinations. Furthermore, it incorporates records of continuous mode internal assessment activities such as student attendance, academic activities like assignments, open book tests, group discussions, seminars, and student-teacher interactions.

The course file also documents syllabus completion and declaration records, staff achievements in workshops, seminars, faculty development programs, and contributions to research work. In essence, it encapsulates academic rigor and accountability. Success is evident through the implementation of the course file system. It has led to a systematic online compilation of records in a single file through VMedulife (LMS system), streamlining academic documentation. The faculty members regularly update the course file, ensuring proper academic records. The essential student records, including academic data and examination performance, are efficiently maintained regularly. The course file is immediately presentable when requested, whether by inspection committees or parents, showcasing student performances and staff contributions throughout the semester.

### **"SAMARPAN": Empowering Communities through Social Engagement**

"SAMARPAN" is a testament to the philosophy of "Pharma Profession with a social Touch". It brings to life the idea that the pharmacy profession extends beyond medicine and into the heart of communities.

The practices of "SAMARPAN" are marked by a series of thoughtfully planned initiatives.

- To nurture student leadership

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- To address community needs, promote respect, foster friendly relationships
- To cooperate with Rotary clubs and inspire future Rotaract memberships

In the context of Rotary and Rotaract, "SAMARPAN" aligns with the global commitment to service and youth development. At Sarojini College of Pharmacy, all first-year undergraduate students participate in the Rotaract Club, initiating them into a world of community engagement and personal development.

The practice encompasses various social initiatives. After the election of office bearers, a formal installation function is conducted, with these office bearers pledging to engage in a range of voluntary activities. These activities include blood donation drives, tree plantation campaigns, voter awareness programs, Women's Day celebrations, road safety rallies, etc. Students' participation in these activities reflects a commitment to community well-being and social awareness.

Success is tangible through major event like World No Tobacco Day awareness camps. Students from the Rotaract Club of SAMARPAN in collaboration with National Service Scheme (NSS) actively involved in awareness of good health and counselling and communicating of adverse health effects of tobacco consumption and provided advice on combating its consequences. The community's response was encouraging, highlighting the positive impact of these endeavours.

The Rotaract Club of "SAMARPAN", Kolhapur, organized a free eye check-up camp that benefited 27 students from various educational institutions. This initiative aimed to raise awareness about eye disorders, early detection, and refractive errors. The event was conducted efficiently in the presence of key figures from the institution, including the principal and teaching staff.

#### **Challenges and Resources:**

Both "SAMARPAN" and "SAMPURNA" have encountered their unique challenges. For "SAMARPAN", high temperatures during outdoor events have affected member performance. The distribution of information leaflets at public gatherings has sometimes faced logistical challenges due to large crowds. These issues can be addressed with improved logistics, better planning, and considering weather conditions when organizing outdoor activities.

In the case of "SAMPURNA", the challenge lies in the maintenance and organization of extensive course records. While no significant problems have been encountered, the efficient management of these records requires dedicated resources and a well-structured process. Additionally, to strengthen the storage capacity and sustain the long-term preservation of records, adequate storage and archiving solutions may be required.

In conclusion, Sarojini College of Pharmacy's institutional distinctiveness is a blend of two unique programs – "SAMARPAN" and "SAMPURNA". "SAMARPAN" represents a commitment to community engagement and social awareness, fostering leadership skills among students. It aligns with the Rotaract movement, promoting positive change and ethical practices. On the other hand, "SAMPURNA" exemplifies academic excellence by streamlining data compilation for comprehensive course records. It offers a systematic approach to academic management and accountability.

Together, "SAMARPAN" and "SAMPURNA" reflect the essence of institutional distinctiveness, where academic excellence and social responsibility harmonize for the holistic development of graduate students who are both academically proficient and socially aware and engaged. This unique combination of academic rigor and community impact sets Sarojini College of Pharmacy apart, creating a truly distinctive institution.

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