

DRAFT REPORT
ON
INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION
OF

*Maharaj Janardan Poharya Valvi Arts College
Dhadgaon, A/p-Dhadgaon, Tal. Akrani,
Dist. Nandurbar Maharashtra*

Visit Dates: 27th – 28th December'04

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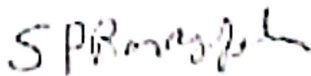
**ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION OF
MAHARAJ JANARDAN POHARYA VALVI ARTS COLLEGE, DHADGAON,
TAL. AKRANI, DIST. NANDURBAR, MAHARASHTRA**

SECTION I: PREFACE

Maharaj Janardhan Poharya Valvi Arts College, Dhadgaon volunteered to be assessed by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and submitted the Self-Study Report to NAAC in October 2003. A Peer Team was constituted by the council to visit the Institution and validate the Self-Study Report. The Peer Team, consisting of Prof. S.P. Rajagopalan, Dean CDC, University of Madras, Chennai, Tamilnadu, as Chairman, Prof. Md Basha Mohideen, Rector, Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Ananthapur, A.P. as Member and Dr. D. Vijaya Prasad, Principal, Government City College, Hyderabad, A.P. as Member Secretary visited the institution for two days on 27th and 28th December 2004.

Maharaj Janardhan Poharya Valvi Arts College, Dhadgaon is an undergraduate institution which was established in the year 1993 by Adiwasi Satpuda Shikshan Prasarak Mandal. This College is affiliated to North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon and it is a Grant-in-Aid institution. This is the only college located in the 4th range of Satpuda Mountain. The campus area of the college is around 2 acres and is located in a hilly tribal (Adiwasi) area. The college is recognized under 2f from December 2002 and is yet to be identified under 12 (B). The college has 8 departments with single UG programme in Arts only. There is one permanent teacher in the College with nine temporary teachers (full time) and one part-time teacher making a total of eleven


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teachers. There is only one female teacher in the College. There is one Ph. D. and no M. Phil. holders among the teaching staff. The total number of students enrolled for the current academic year 2003-04 is 212 out of which 57 are women. The total number of students admitted during the year 2001 is 158 out of which 89 appeared for the final year examination and 26 students passed and none has secured first class. The success rate is 29 per cent. The drop-out rate is approximately 44 per cent. The unit cost of the College is Rs. 9,509 for the year 2003-04 and the unit cost excluding salary component is Rs. 901. The Management runs Junior Colleges-3, High Schools-2, Post Basic Ashram Schools-6, Primary Ashram Schools-7 and Hostels-6.

The Peer Team carefully perused and analysed the Self-Study Report submitted by the institution. During institutional visit, the Team went through all the relevant documents and visited the various departments and the facilities. The academic co-curricular, extra - curricular, sports and extension facilities of the institution were visited. The Peer Team also interacted at length with the Governing Body, Principal, faculty, non-teaching staff, students, parents, alumni, NSS coordinator and functionaries of various associations. Based on the visit and the interactions and having in mind the seven criteria identified by NAAC, the Peer Team presents in the following pages an objective assessment of the college mentioning the features that deserve commendation and the issues that cause concern.

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SECTION II - CRITERION – WISE ANALYSIS

CRITERION I: CURRICULAR ASPECTS

The College imparts undergraduate education only in Arts faculty and the subjects taught are English, Hindi, Marathi, History, Geography, Economics, Defence Studies and Politics. The programme options to the students are B.A. with English, B.A. with Marathi, B.A. with Economics or B.A. with History. The knowledge to skills proportion in the programme options is 7: 3. The College offers limited flexibility to the students in the time-frame matching students convenience. There is neither scope for horizontal mobility nor elective options. It takes 4-8 months for the College to introduce a new programme with in the present University system.

The College follows annual system of examinations. Curriculum taught in the College in different combinations are in close conformity with the vision of the Adivasi Satpuda Shikshan Prasarak Mandal and the objectives of the College. Being an affiliated college, it has no control over the design, review of the syllabi. However, the Principal and senior staff of the college express their views at Subject Meetings about the inclusion of contemporary and relevant topics in connection with the framing of syllabus. The college can start some job-oriented courses and increase the employment potential of the Adivasi students. The temporal plans of academic work are based on annual system.

CRITERION II: TEACHING-LEARNING AND EVALUATION

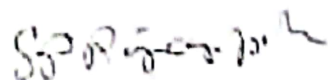
The students are admitted into the degree course on the basis of their academic performance at the qualifying examination. As the College management is also running



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three Junior colleges, first preference is given to in-house students for the admission in the first year. The teachers identify the students who are weak in subjects / topics and make special attempts to teach them and bring confidence in them in that subject. For the benefit of advanced learner, teachers give special attention to them by providing general knowledge books for the preparation of competitive examination such as UPSC and MPSC.

The College conducts bridge courses and remedial classes in all the subjects. In the beginning of the academic year, the teaching staff prepare monthly teaching section wise / year wise plans after discussing in the respective departmental meetings. The syllabus is unitized and the teaching schedule is informed to the students in advance. The total number of working days of the college is 228 and the teaching days are 180.

The ratio of full-time teachers to part-time teachers is 10:1 and that of teaching staff to non-teaching staff is 11:8. The College prospectus carries the information about the methods of evaluation. There is no practical examination for the first year. But there will be practical examinations for the special papers of second and third years.

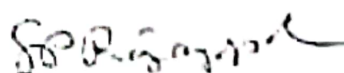
The teachers are recruited as per the UGC and Government norms. The college selection committee makes the recruitment after advertising in the local / state news papers. Some of the teachers have participated in the State-level and National-level Seminars / Conferences / Workshops. The Head of the Department monitors the performance of the teaching staff.



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CRITERION III: RESEARCH, CONSULTANCY AND EXTENSION

Out of the 11 teachers, there is only one Ph.D. and there are no M.Phil. degree holders. At present two members of the staff are doing Ph.D. and one member has submitted synopsis for registration. The College does not offer any consultancy services. No teacher is engaged in minor or major UGC research projects.

The College have two designated Programme Officers for NSS activities. The College does not have any outreach programmes other than NSS. The College NSS volunteers have worked in collaboration of various social organisations. During January 2002, a 'Youth for Healthy Society' camp was organised for 10 days by the College NSS unit with 50 volunteers at Mundalwad. Again, during 2002-03, a 'Youth for Preserving Water' camp was organised by NSS highlighting the importance of conservation of water. The extension activities of the College are community development, health and hygiene awareness, AIDS awareness, organising blood donation camps and environmental awareness. The College NSS wing also participates in different extension activities for community development keeping local needs into consideration.

CRITERION IV: INFRASTRUCTURE AND LEARNING RESOURCES

The campus is located in around 2 acres of land and the built up area is nearly 9439.40 sq.ft. accommodating the classrooms, office & Principal chamber, the Staff-Room, Library, Ladies Room and Assembly Hall. The campus, the buildings and the garden are all well maintained.

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The College possesses 6 computers and 3 printers and they are used mainly for administrative work. The Library functions from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm on all working days and allows the students on closed access system. The reading Room and the Library are in one and the same hall. The Library has a collection of 2348 volumes. It subscribes to 8 Journals / Periodicals. The College has advisory committee for the library and it helps the Librarian to maintain the Library in a good manner. The College has a recreation center and other Sports facilities. A few students of the College have been selected during the last academic year (2003-04) as University blues and some of the students have participated in Kho-Kho and Kabaddi at Inter-collegiate tournaments. Two female students have participated in the Interuniversity tournament with regard to Kho-Kho during this academic year (2004-05).

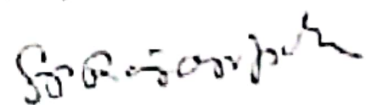
CRITERION V: STUDENTS SUPPORT AND PROGRESSION

The College is located in one of the most economically, socially backward and hilly tribal area of the Maharashtra State and thus caters to the educational needs of the tribal students of this region.

State Government Scholarships for SC / ST and BC students are obtained and disbursed to them in time. Nearly 99 per cent of the tribal students are able to pursue higher education on account of the scholarships provided by the Maharashtra State to SC / ST and BC category students. The 'Grievance Redressal Cell' is actively functioning in the College and the feedback is collected from the students to facilitate quality enhancement. A lecturer in the Department of Marathi is the coordinator for 'Students Counseling Center' and many students of the College are benefited by this center.


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Women students are provided with an exclusive waiting room. There are facilities for indoor games and recreational activities. The debates and other cultural programmes organised by the students union are highly commendable.

CRITERION VI: ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT

Maharaj J. P. Valvi Arts College, Dhadgaon was founded by Adiwasi Satpuda Shikshan Prasarak Mandal with a noble and philanthropic objective of educating the tribal community in and around Akrani Taluka. The Adiwasi Satpuda Shikshan Prasarak Mandal was duly registered and is now being headed by Shri. Janardan Poharya Valvi as President, Shri. Rameshbhai Pawara as Vice-President and Shri. Tukarambhai Patil as Secretary of the Governing Council. The said Mandal manages 3 junior colleges, 2 High Schools, 6 Post-Basic Ashram Schools, 7 Primary Ashram Schools and 6 Hostels.

The Mandal has constituted a local managing committee, which is headed by Shri. J. P. Valvi to assist the Principal in day-to-day administration of the College. Manpower requirement of the College is planned annually and wherever the need arises, the management appoints teachers and Non-Teaching Staff to ensure justice to the student community. The recruitment of teaching and non-teaching staff is in consonance with Government rules applicable to government-aided institution.

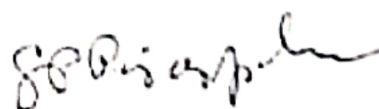
The finances of the College are judiciously allocated and effectively utilized to make the programme and functioning cost effective and efficacious in terms of benefit to the students. The budgeting is done by the management ahead of the academic year and auditing of accounts is done as per the stipulation laid down by the government for aided


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colleges. It is an aided institution and collects fees as approved by the Government of Maharashtra.


The functioning of the College office is satisfactory. The Principal periodically reviews and issues necessary instructions to expedite the office work.

The College has put in place various committees to look after Admissions, Timetable, Examination and Discipline and all of them are functioning satisfactorily.

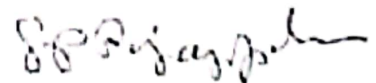
CRITERION VII: HEALTHY PRACTICES

The College has put in place internal quality check mechanism by way of periodical tests, seminars and examinations, which are all well documented. The feedback from the students is duly considered for further improvement and for necessary course corrections. The College accounts are got audited by qualified chartered accountant and certified copies of the same are regularly filed with the Director of Collegiate Education. Annual stock verification of the library, furniture, fixtures and fittings of the College is done. The non-teaching staff are given computer literacy training. The College celebrates important National Days and the NSS volunteers render services by helping the civic authorities on occasions like Independence Day.

The Hindi department of the College celebrates 'Hindi Day' every year to arouse the interest of the students in learning our National Language. The Marathi, Economics and History departments deserve a special mention for the impressive and enterprising society-oriented programmes undertaken by them for the upliftment of the tribal community of the region.


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SECTION III: OVERALL ANALYSIS

In the 11 years of its existence, Adiwasi Satpuda Shikshan Prasarak Mandal's Maharaj J. P. Valvi Arts College has made significant progress in its mission of providing opportunities for higher education to tribal and backward community of Akrani Taluka of Nandurbar District of Maharashtra State. The existing infrastructural potential to expand may be put to maximum utility by starting additional courses and programmes at UG, PG and Certificate levels. The College has earned enormous goodwill of the local population. The College has to focus on taking higher education to the poor and needy in a big way by augmenting its financial resources. The Peer Team is convinced of certain commendable features adopted for the improvement of quality of education.


A few important ones among the commendable features are given below:-

- The College is managed by the Adiwasi Satpuda Shikshan Prasarak Mandal, which runs other educational institutions. The vision and the initiative taken by Sri Janardan Poharya Valvi, popularly known as 'Maharaj' in this area, in establishing this College fighting against all odds is highly commendable. This association is perceived as a fore-runner in educational enterprises of Nandurbar District.
- The Peer Team is highly appreciative of the earnest endeavor and responsiveness of the Management for the development of this College.
- The College strictly follows the rules and regulations laid down by the North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon for an affiliated College and complies with the mandatory requirements of the government of Maharashtra as applicable to aided

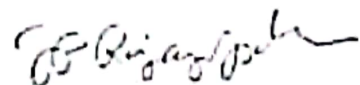
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- The College management is generous enough to divert funds from sister institutions to maintain the College campus and to add facilities whenever needed;
- The College lays emphasis on preservation and promotion of the cultural identity of this region as reflected in the cultural activities of the students of this College.
- The staff members of this College also evince keen interest in promoting the culture of the region through their publications and cultural activities of the students union.
- The teachers of this College are generally committed and devoted to the work. They have been undertaking community-oriented activities like educating the masses on literacy, hygiene and blood donation. The teachers also conduct special classes on holidays in the interest of the students.
- The students' feedback is analysed and used for enrichment of teaching-learning process. With the active participation and cooperation of the teaching and non-teaching staff and with the support of the management, the Principal of the College has been maintaining harmonious and well disciplined atmosphere in campus.

The Peer Team would like to make a few suggestions for the preferred consideration of the College Management, Principal and teachers with a view to bring further improvement in the quality of programmes and activities of the College in future.



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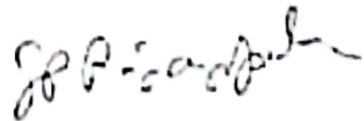
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- The teaching faculty may be given staff-room with sufficient space and amenities to keep departmental libraries;
- The Principal's chamber needs to be spacious with necessary facilities befitting his status;
- The College may design suitable short term programme in Spoken English for both Staff and Students.
- Computer literacy programme may be conducted for all the students and staff members;
- The college should conduct two centralised examinations on the lines of the university examinations-one in the month of October and the other in the month of March to all the students for three hours duration.
- The Management can explore ways and means to generate funds by starting self supporting programmes in computer literacy, sericulture and other forest related courses.
- The College may consider constructing an auditorium and a hostel for women students in the immediate future. A hostel for boys is also equally essential.

The Peer Team is impressed by the progress made by the College so far and the congenial ambience and opportunity that it is providing to the students of Akrani Taluka-said to be the only College at Taluka level in Maharashtra State.


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The Peer Team is pleased to see the regard and attention that the College has been receiving from alumni, parents and society. The Peer Team wishes the College the very best in its forward march to take higher education to the ruralities of Akrani Taluka of Nandurbar District and at the same time achieve excellence in all spheres. The Peer Team places on record its gratitude to NAAC for the opportunity given to assess and accredit this College. The Peer Team also acknowledges the cooperation, support, good-will and hospitality extended to it by the Management, Principal, local coordinator, staff and the students of the College.

Name and Signature of the Peer Team

(1) Prof. S. P. Rajagopalan, Chairperson

S. P. Rajagopalan
28.12.2004

(2) Dr. Vijaya Prasad, Member Coordinator

Dr. Vijaya Prasad
28.12.2004

(3) Prof. Md. Basha Mohideen, Member

Prof. Md. Basha Mohideen
28.12.04

I have gone through the report and agree with it.

28th December, 2004

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Dr. D. S. Nikumbh
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Name and Signature of the Principal

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