

SHIVAJI UNIVERSITY, KOLHPUR

In collaboration with

BHARATI VIDYAPEETH'S

DR. PATANGRAO KADAM MAHAVIDYALAYA, SANGLI

(LEAD COLLEGE)

One day Workshop on

**'Democracy, Elections and Good Governance'**

### **Report**

A One-Day Workshop on 'Democracy, Elections and Good Governance' was organized under the 'Lead College Scheme' activities on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019, Saturday in collaboration of Shivaji University, Kolhapur and Bharati Vidyapeeth's Dr. Patangrao Kadam Mahavidyalaya, Sangli. Dr. Bhalaba Vibhute, former Member of Management Council, Shivaji University, Kolhapur, inaugurated the workshop. The workshop was presided over by the Member of Management Council, SUK Prin. Dr. D. G. Kanase. At the beginning of the workshop, Prof. Sanjay Thigale, Convener of the workshop explained the objectives of the workshop. He said that, such workshops play a vital role to make the college students aware of democracy and election.

Dr. Bhalaba Vibhute, in his inaugural speech said that democracy is the soul of our country. It is the responsibility of every individual in the society to ensure the survival of democracy. Social and economic inequality in the country is a major threat to the democracy. We will be unlucky if we do not pay heed to this alarming situation now. Democracy in a country where people do not cast their vote, abstain or bribe for voting has no great future. The mentality that we are superior to democracy is to plunge the country into ruin. It is the duty of every citizen to exercise the right to vote. In that regard, it is the need of the hour to raise awareness in society. Particularly, subjects like Democracy and Elections should be compulsory at university level. Not only should that, voting be made compulsory.

In the presidential speech, Prin. Dr. D. G. Kanase said that, the influence of the media is increasing in these days. Social media has had a huge impact on young people. Nevertheless, the youth should take responsibility of voting awareness as a national duty. Through the workshops at college and university level, the mission has undertaken to acknowledge the students about the importance of democracy and elections.

In the second session of the workshop, Dr. BhimraoPatil said that, it is good to adopt useful things of other country. However, at the same time we should remove the flaws in our democracy tostrengthen it. We all need to be vigilant in preventing misconduct in elections.

Prof. Dr. PrabhaPatil hosted the workshop. Prof. PradipDikule, Chairman, Lead College, thanked everyone for their attendance. For this workshop, teachers and students of cluster colleges were present.



(Prof. Sanjay Thigale)  
Convener



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