

BEST PRACTICE-II

Collaborative Learning: A Report on Students and Staff Learning the National Anthem in Sign Language from Deaf Children at Navvani School

List of Activities

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Name of the Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>1</u>	Learning of Sign language	12.12.2022 (one week)
<u>2</u>	Holi Celebration	01.03.2023
<u>3</u>	Plantation Drive	01.03.2023
<u>4</u>	SDG 4 Quality Education at Navvani	12.01.2023





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Best Practice - 2

Nurturing Inclusivity and Compassion Through Collaborative Learning Project at NAV VANI- A School for the Hearing Impaired

The Context

Sunbeam Women's College Varuna has taken a transformative initiative, where students and staff actively engaged with the children of Nav Vani School, a special institution catering to hearing-impaired children. Through learning sign language and participating in joint activities like Holi celebrations, plantation drives, painting, and games, this collaborative effort not only promoted inclusiveness but also significantly developed a sense of empathy among the college community. The culmination of this project is reflected in the practice of sign language during the morning assembly, symbolizing a profound shift towards a more inclusive and understanding campus culture.

Objectives of the Practice

The initiative aims to:

- Cultivate inclusiveness within the college community.
- Develop a heightened sense of empathy and compassion among young girls students towards hearing-impaired individuals.
- Enable students and staff to learn sign language.
- Develop teamwork, communication, and social skills.
- Create a platform for higher-order thinking, creativity, and community service
- Understand the inclusive essence of the National Anthem.

The Practice

The initiative was executed through a series of weeklong workshops on learning the National Anthem in Indian Sign Language (ISL) and three well-structured activities, including celebrations, plantation drives, painting, and games. This collaborative effort not only promoted inclusiveness but also significantly developed a sense of empathy among the college community. Regular college visits to Navvani School facilitated the development of significant relationships and the real-world application of newly acquired abilities. For a week, two staff members and twenty-two students from all the streams received sign language instruction on the national anthem. Every day for thirty minutes during assembly, they provided training to other college students. Their flawless synchronization and internal sense of inclusivity led to the National Anthem's triumphant rendition.

Evidence of Success

The collaboration between Sunbeam Women's College Varuna and the children of Nav Vani School has fostered a more inclusive and empathetic college community. Beyond sign language skills, it strengthened the bond between college students and the children of Nav Vani School. This report





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underscores the transformative impact of collaborative learning, fostering empathy, breaking barriers, and building a more inclusive society. Finally, our effort came out in the form of a beautiful rendition of the national anthem in sign language in the daily morning assembly routine. The national anthem was also performed together with the children of Nav Vani, creating an environment where everyone feels valued and included.

National Anthem in Sign Language: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3AOXkfSt14k&t=11s>

Making of Collaborative Learning Project: https://youtu.be/QU0BZ8hnm_M

Problems Encountered

- Initially, communication was challenging due to differences in language and understanding between the college community and the children of Nav Vani School.
- Time constraints with existing academic commitments were a challenge for both staff and students.
- Different levels of proficiency in sign language, leading to discrepancies in learning pace.

Resources Required

- Qualified sign language instructors.
- Allocation of dedicated time within the college schedule for training sessions.
- Ensuring a respectful and inclusive learning environment.





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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the collaborative learning initiative between Sunbeam Women's College Varuna and Nav Vani School. It is with great pleasure that I *recommend the continuation and expansion* of the programs focused on learning Sign Language and other activities as a means to foster a more inclusive society.

Having closely observed the collaborative efforts between Sunbeam Women's College Varuna and Nav Vani School, I am genuinely impressed with the commitment and dedication demonstrated by the college administration in embracing the learning of Sign Language and other collaborative learning activities.

The initiative has facilitated a rich exchange of ideas, perspectives, and cultural awareness along with a sense of empathy, respect and shared responsibility among the students and staff of both the institutions.

I have witnessed firsthand the positive impact of this collaborative learning initiative, and I firmly believe that its continuation will contribute to holistic growth of students of both institutions.

Hence, I wholeheartedly recommend the ongoing collaboration between Sunbeam Women's College Varuna and Nav Vani School in the pursuit of Sign Language and other activities for the betterment of our society.

Thanking You

Yours Sincerely

Reetika
Principal

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Glimpses of students' learning of sign language at Nav Vani School





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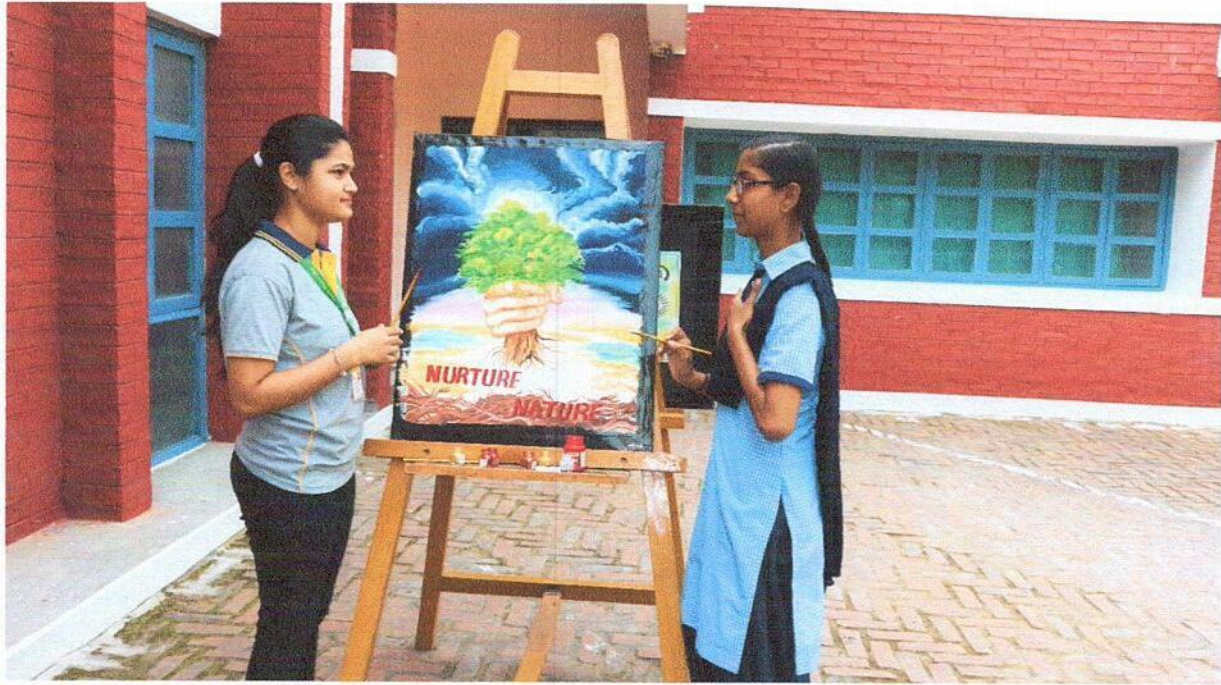
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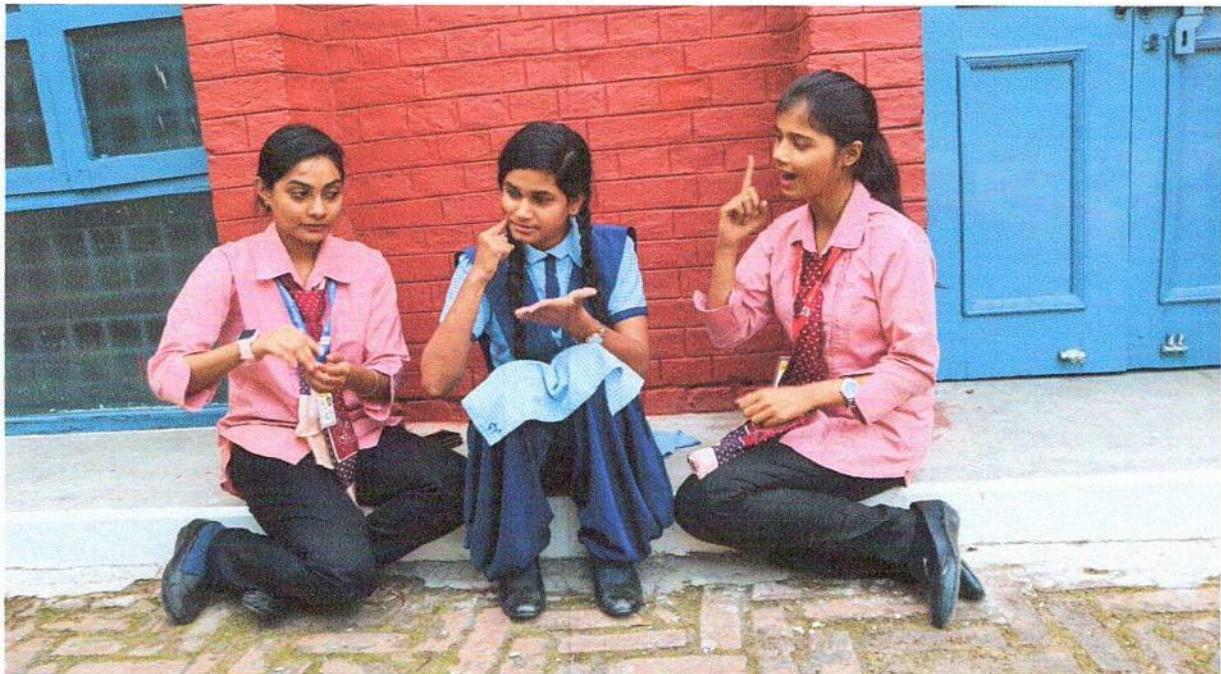
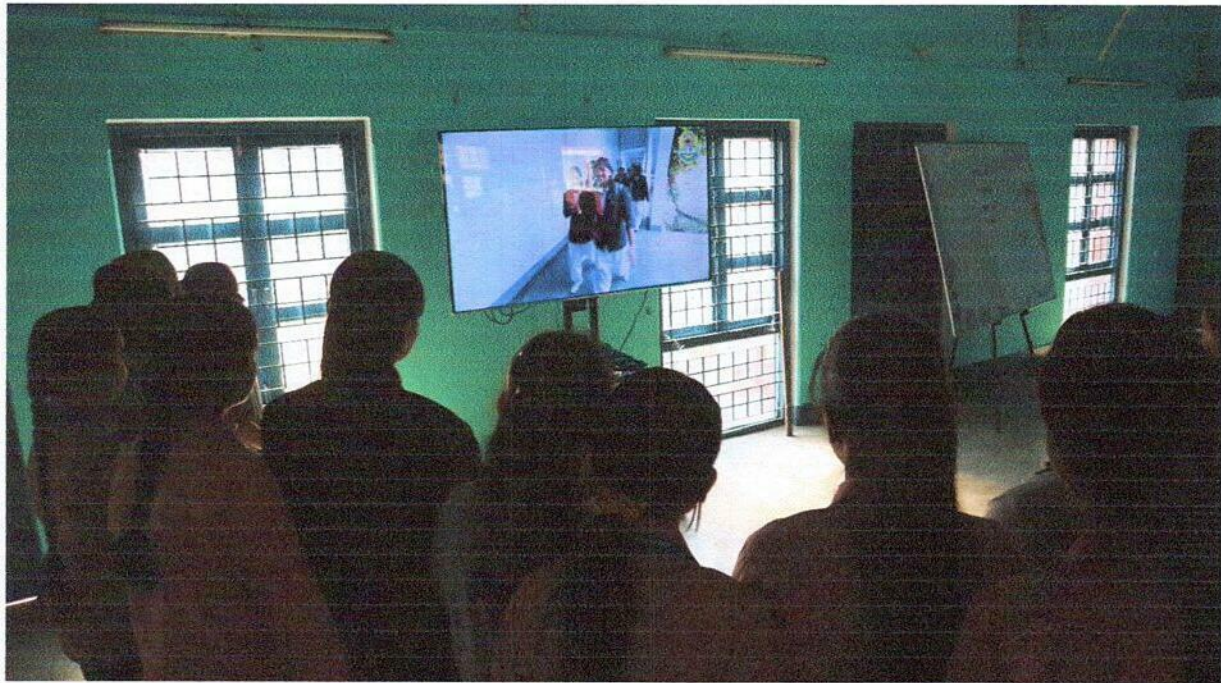
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22 students' went to learn sign language at Nav Vani School



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Participants List

Name of the Event: Sign language National Anthem Date: 12/12/2022

S. No.	Name of the Participants	Class & Sec.	Sign.
1	Anamika Singh	BA III	Anamika
2	Sagun Singh	BBA IV Sem	Sagun
3	Harshita Keshwani	BBA III Sem	Harshita
4	Parvathi Sharma	B.Sc III Sem	Parvathi
5	Anushka Pandey	B.Sc III Sem	Anushka
6	Zara Haryat	BBA III	Zara
7	Nidhi Singh	B.Com I	Nidhi
8	Sejal Singh	B.Com III	Sejal
9	Aayat	BBA III Sem	Aayat
10	Nikita Pandey	B.Sc III	Nikita
11	Anantika	B.COM I	Anantika
12	Surekha Sani	B.Sc III	Surekha Sani
13	A.Sara	B.Sc II	A.Sara
14	Mahak Kasmulhan	BBA III	Mahak
15	Varuni Pandey	B.Com I	Varuni
16	Rubha	B.Sc I	Rubha
17	Farheen	B.Com III	Farheen
18	Prabti Singh	BA III	Prabti Singh
19	Prityanka Sani	BA I Sem	Prityanka
20	Aditi Rai	B.Sc. III	Aditi Rai
21	Sonam Verma	BA I Sem	Sonam Verma
21	Apoorva Pandey	B.Com I Sem	Apoorva





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The outcome of the learning in the form of the National Anthem on Inclusivity





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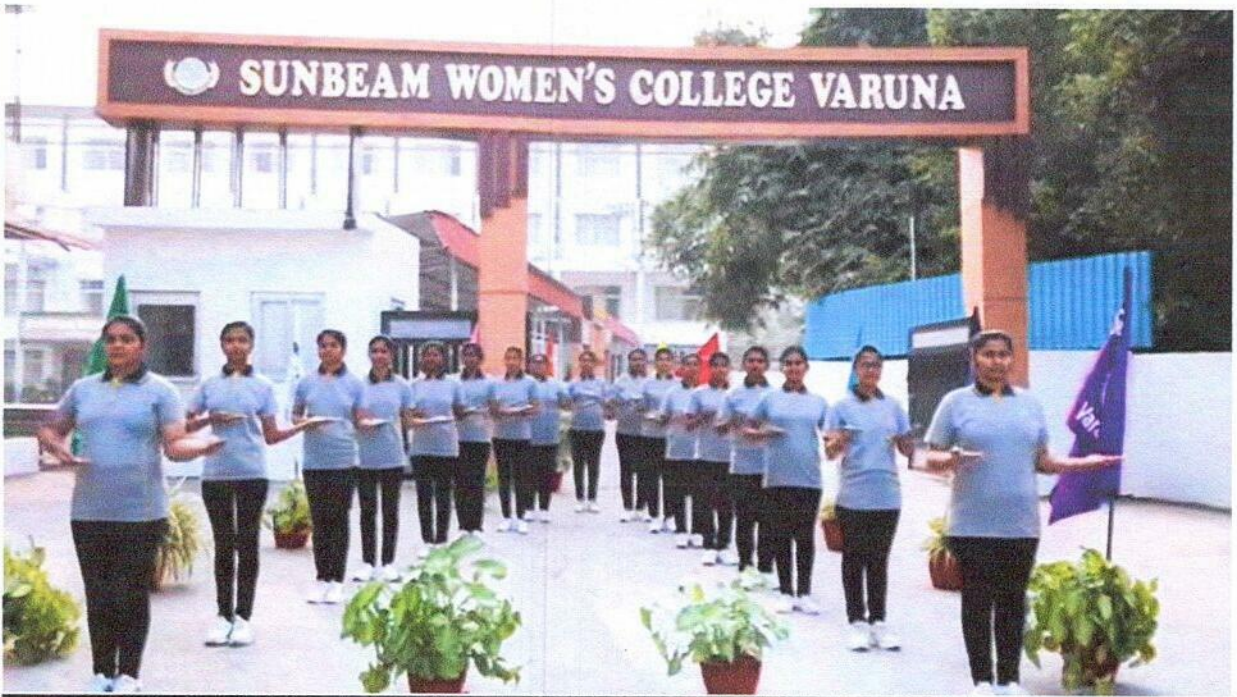
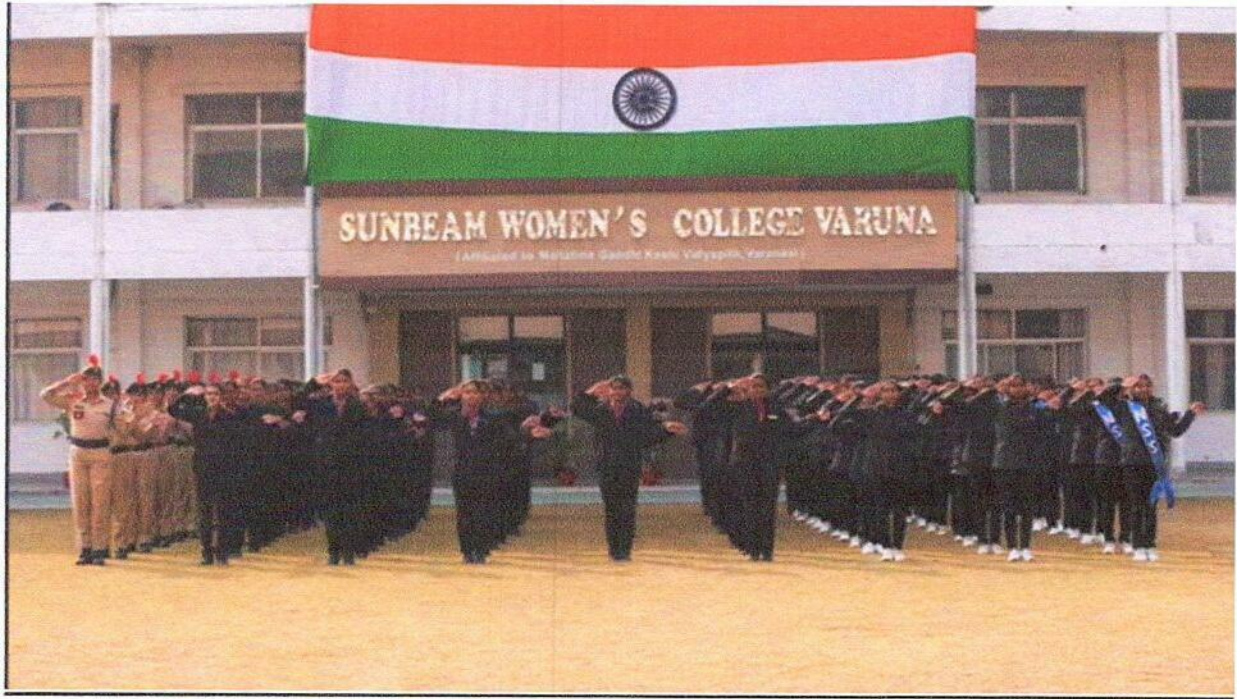
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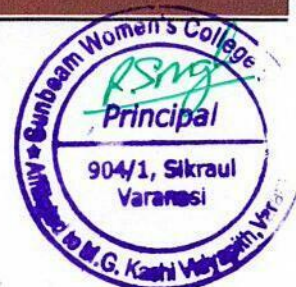
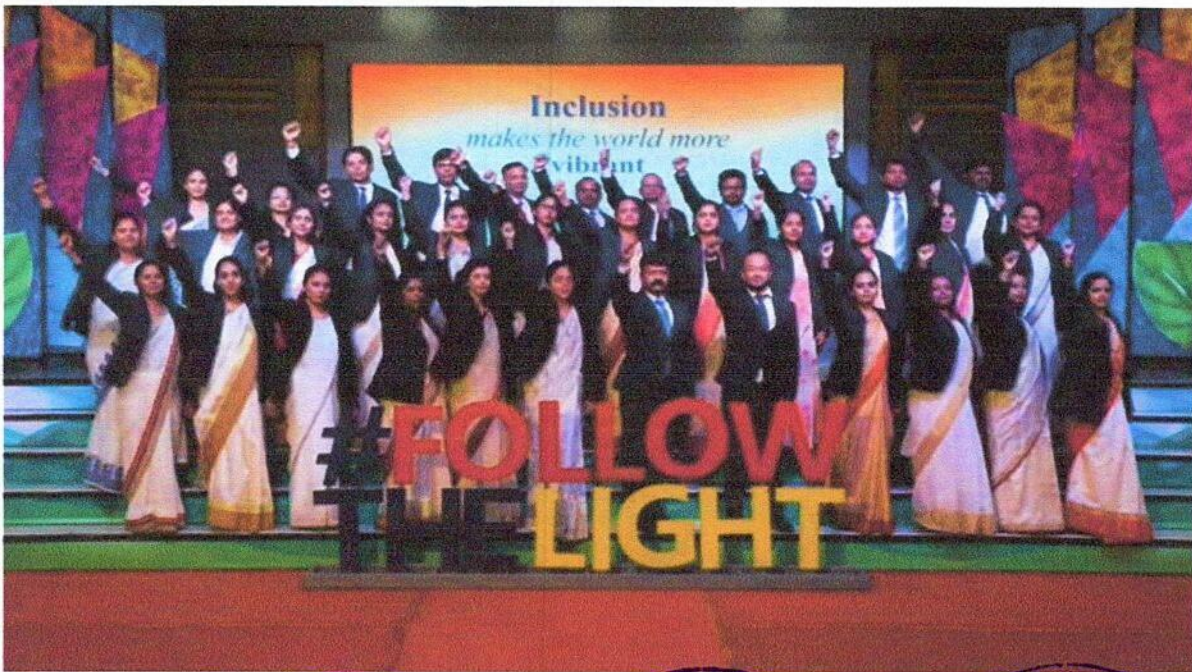
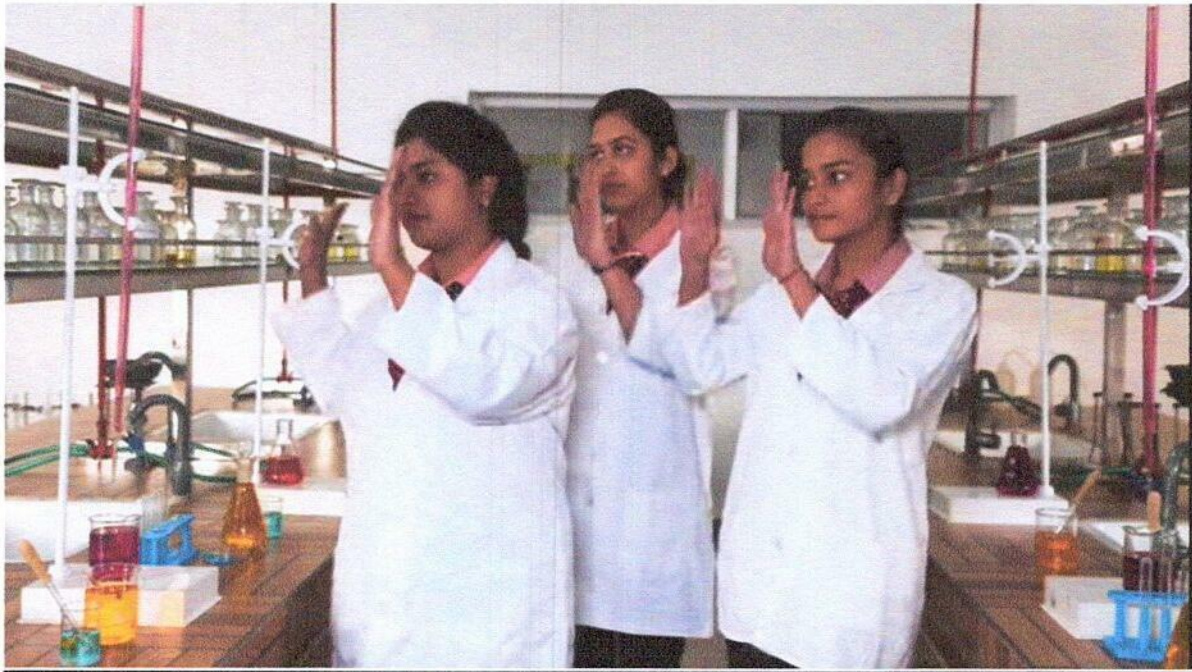
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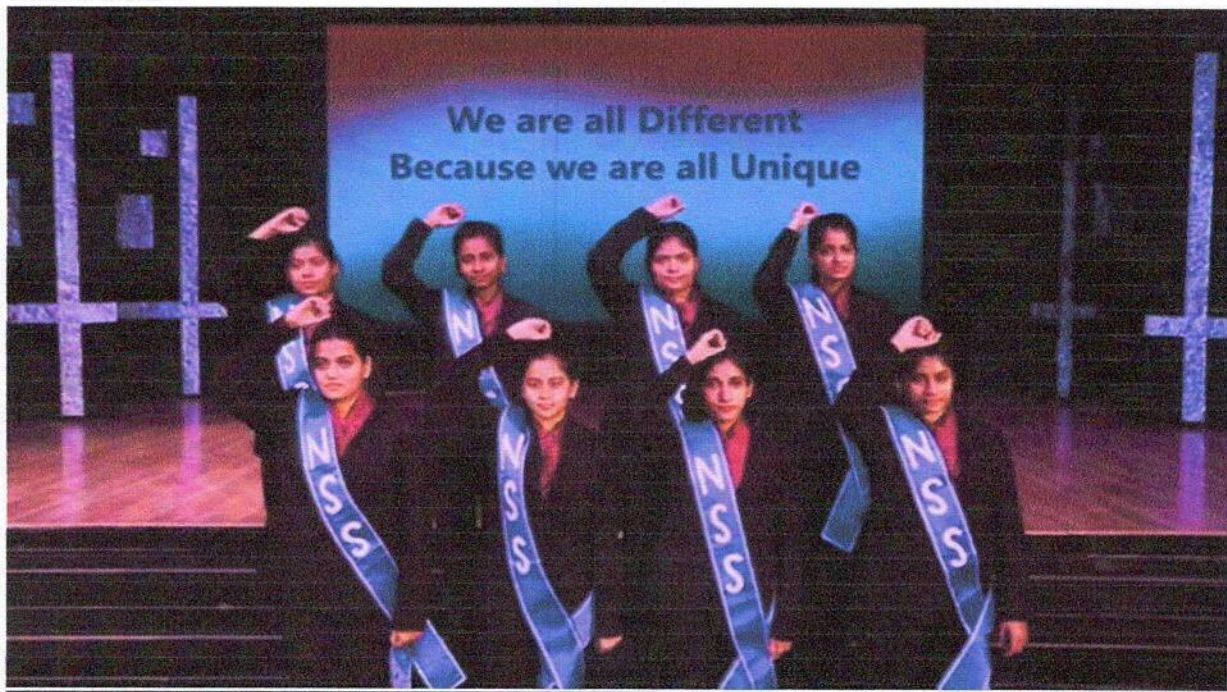
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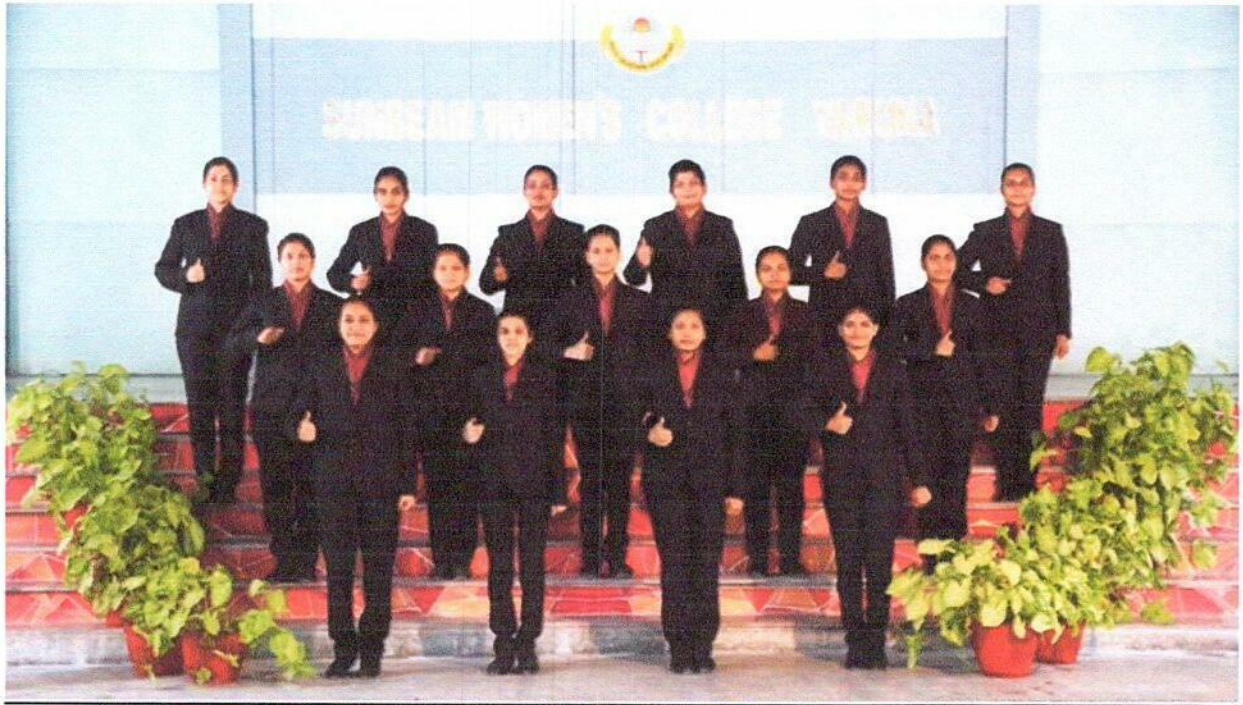
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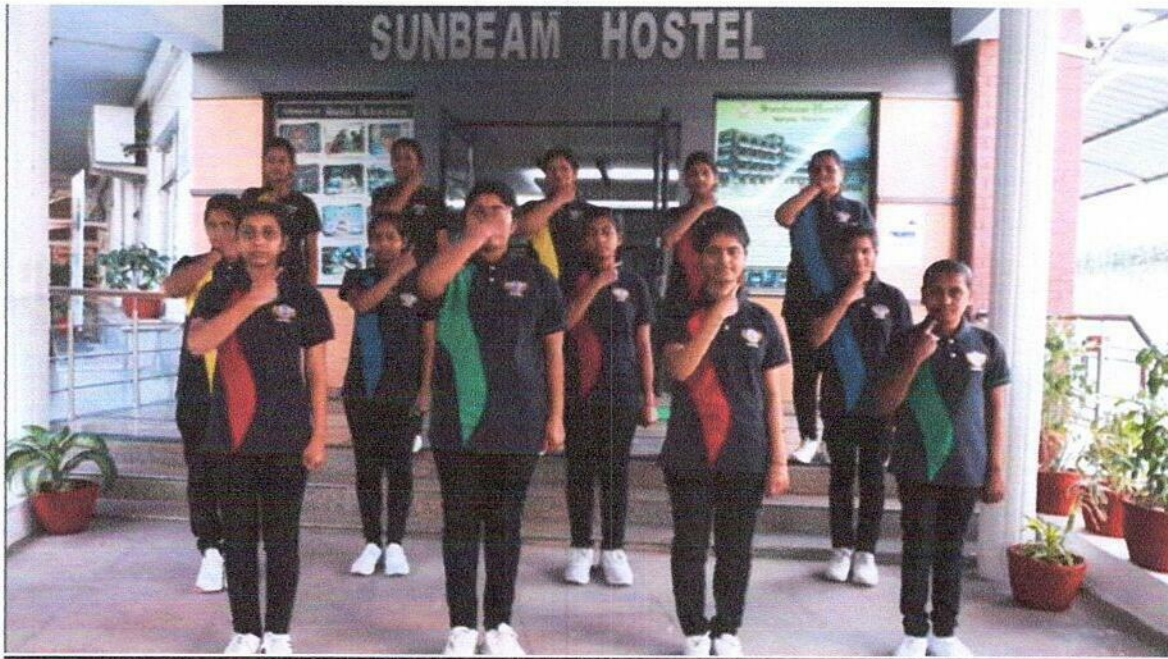
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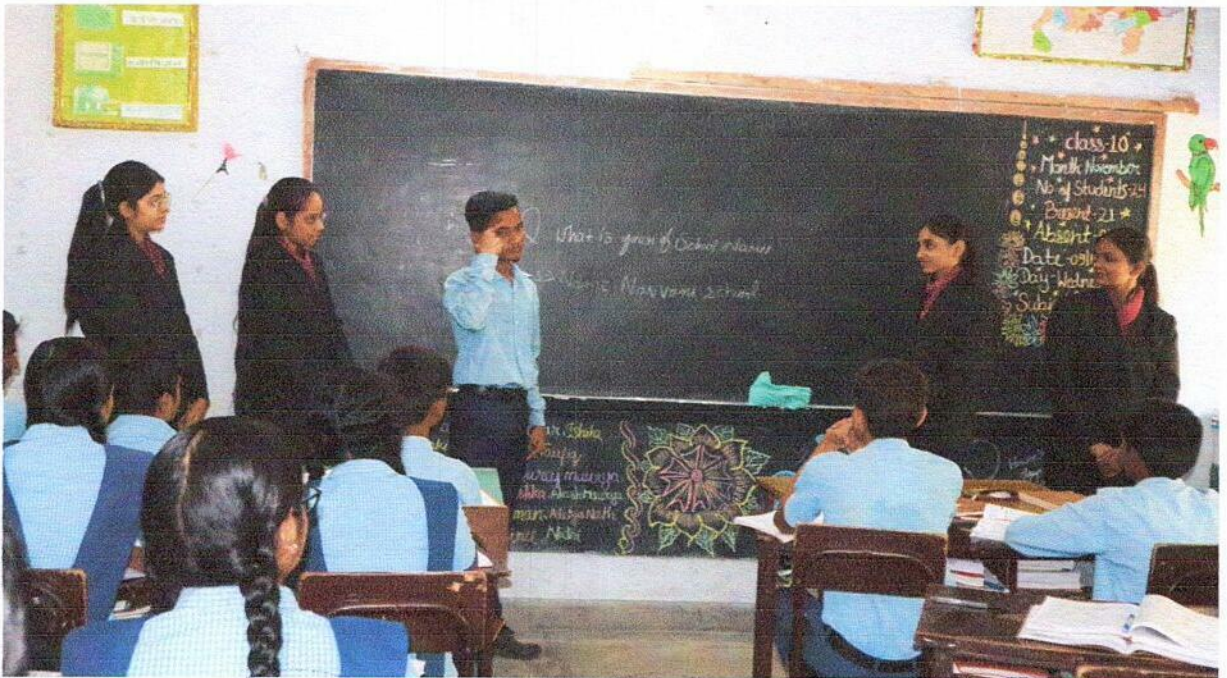
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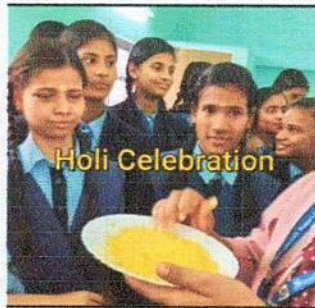
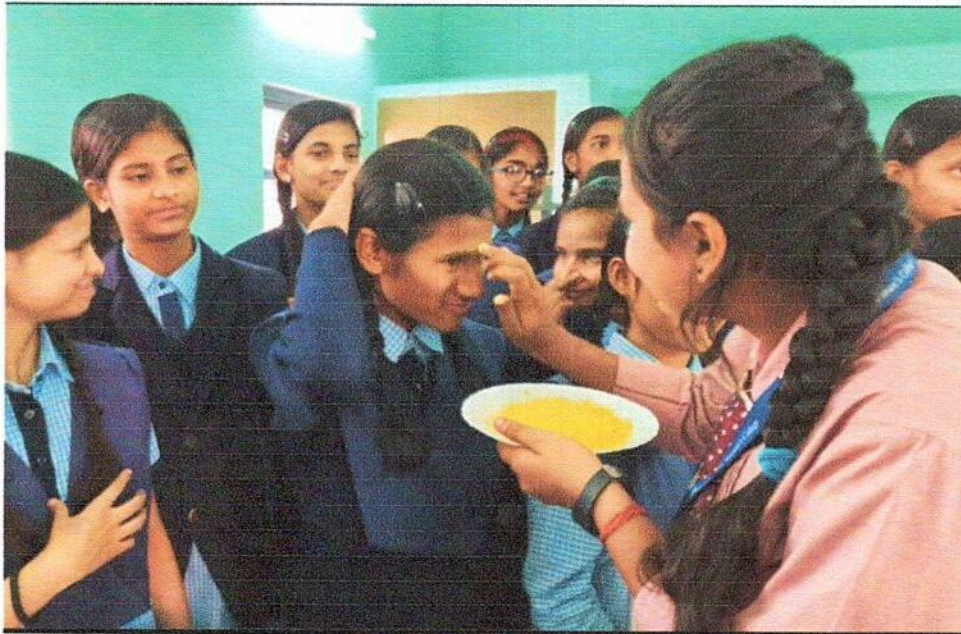
Name of the Event: New Year Plantations & Tree-planting Date: 01.01.23

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1	Sanya Pathak	B.A 1 st sec	Sanya Pathak
2	Ranjeet Singh	BBA 1 st sec	Ranjeet Singh
3	Rumana Khan	B.A 1 st sec	Rumana Khan
4	Darshita Khan	BBA 1 st sec	Darshita Khan
5	Pooja Kumari	BBA 1 st sec	Pooja Kumari
6	Neena	BBA 1 st sec	Neena
7	Tishizack	BBA 1 st sec	Tishizack
8	Aisam Khan	BBA 1 st sec	Aisam Khan
9	Ashmita	BBA 1 st sec	Ashmita
10	Khushi Singh	BBA 1 st sec	Khushi Singh
11	Ayusha Singh	BBA 1 st sec	Ayusha Singh
12	Jahnvi Sethi	BBA 1 st sec	Jahnvi Sethi
13	Jashanti Srivastava	BBA 1 st sec	Jashanti Srivastava
14	Baby Nazmeen	BBA 1 st sec	Baby Nazmeen
15	Anaysha	BBA 1 st sec	Anaysha
16	Nishi Yadav	BBA 1 st sec	Nishi Yadav
17	Nishi	BBA 1 st sec	Nishi
18	Sushmita	BBA 1 st sec	Sushmita
19	Ashmita	BBA 1 st sec	Ashmita
20	Vanshika Singh	BBA 1 st sec	Vanshika Singh
21	Adarsh	BBA 1 st sec	Adarsh
22	Adarsh	BBA 1 st sec	Adarsh
23	Adarsh	BBA 1 st sec	Adarsh
24	Adarsh	BBA 1 st sec	Adarsh
25	Adarsh	BBA 1 st sec	Adarsh
26	Adarsh	BBA 1 st sec	Adarsh
27	Adarsh	BBA 1 st sec	Adarsh
28	Adarsh	BBA 1 st sec	Adarsh
29	Adarsh	BBA 1 st sec	Adarsh
30	Adarsh	BBA 1 st sec	Adarsh



28 students went for Holi celebration and Plantation at NavVani School

<https://www.instagram.com/p/Cpme3ewSFt3/?igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==>



YouTube link of National Anthem on Inclusivity by Sunbeam Women's College Varuna

<https://youtu.be/3AOXkfSt14k>

Experience sharing by college students and faculties

In Navvani, the Holi celebration was an explosion of colors and shared laughter. Despite language differences, we connected through playful gestures, painting our joy onto the canvas of friendship. The vibrant hues of Holi united us, erasing barriers and filling our hearts with the spirit of togetherness.

- Aneesha BBA V Sem

In Navvani, the Holi celebration immersed us in a kaleidoscope of colors and infectious energy. Despite language barriers, we communicated through shared smiles and spirited gestures, forging bonds of camaraderie. The festival became a canvas for cultural exchange, uniting us in a joyous tapestry of diversity and friendship.

- Ananya Dwivedi BBA III Sem

Planting trees alongside Navvani students was deeply enriching. As we dug into the earth together, a sense of unity and purpose blossomed. Witnessing their dedication to the environment, I felt inspired by their resilience and determination. Each sapling we planted symbolized our shared commitment to nurturing our planet and fostering a greener, more sustainable future.

- Khushi Jaiswal, BBA V Sem

Learning sign language at Navvani unveiled a world of expression beyond words. Each gesture became a brushstroke in the canvas of communication, fostering deeper connections with the students and bridging the gap between silence and understanding.

- Sejal Singh BCom III



Immersing myself in sign language classes at Navvani was both challenging and rewarding. Through patient guidance and practice, I discovered the beauty of non-verbal communication and the universality of human emotion.

- Anamika Singh BA III

Communicating through sign language with Navvani students was a transformative experience. As we exchanged ideas and stories, I marveled at the power of gestures to convey profound emotions and build meaningful connections.

- Nikita Pandey BSc III

Mastering sign language at Navvani required dedication and perseverance. Yet, with each lesson, I grew more adept at expressing myself and understanding others without uttering a word.

- Apoorva Pandey BCom I Sem

Engaging in sign language workshops at Navvani deepened my appreciation for the nuances of non-verbal communication. Through shared experiences and mutual support, I embraced the art of signing as a language of empathy and inclusivity.

- Priyanka Soni BA I Sem

Learning sign language at Navvani was a transformative experience for me as a college teacher. Immersed in the language of gestures, I cultivated empathy and understanding, forging bonds of mutual respect with the students. It was a journey of growth, where communication transcended words.

- Dr. Ritu Singh, Assistant Professor, SWCV

Engaging in sign language workshops at Navvani expanded my teaching repertoire. Through collaborative learning and hands-on practice, I honed my skills in non-verbal communication, fostering inclusivity and accessibility in the classroom.

- Dr. Pooja Singh, Assistant Professor, SWCV

Mastering sign language at Navvani as a college teacher was a humbling yet empowering journey. Through perseverance and dedication, I unlocked new avenues of connection and comprehension with the students. It was a testament to the transformative power of education and empathy.

- Dr. Manisha Singh, Assistant Professor, SWCV

