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BEST PRACTICE- 02

Title of the Practice: Social Activities for Women Empowerment in Rural Areas [SAWERA]

Objectives of the Practice:

- 1. To encourage our students' sense of social responsibility catering to women empowerment in rural areas.
- 2. To raise students' awareness of the social divides that currently exist in terms of gender, income, health, education, and nutrition in rural women.
- 3. To cultivate in young people a sense of empathy and compassion for the needs of the socially and economically disadvantaged, especially women.
- 4. To instill a sense of environmental responsibility in the students so that they can promote the same in rural areas by educating rural women.

Context:

Our motherland is a land of enormous diversity wherein majority of the population is belonging to the rural background (approximately 64.61 % - according to World Bank/ tradingeconomics.com). Moreover, the state of Uttar Pradesh is ahead of the national average with 77.73% of its population in villages. The majority of students of Harcourt Butler Technical University, Kanpur (HBTU, Kanpur) are from rural background with a strong affinity and motivation towards the social causes and problems at their native places. Many students taking admission at HBTU, Kanpur from rural backgrounds are well aware of the issues being faced by women folks in rural India especially in terms of gender inequalities, poor health and hygiene, malnutrition, education, lack of awareness about the rights given by Government to rural women etc. Over the recent past such students discuss their ordeal to the faculty members/ University officials and as a result the University through National Service Schemes (NSS) and establishment of Women's Study Center (WSC) is committed to actively participate through various activities in raising the overall standard of girls/ women in rural areas.

The lives of women in rural areas are marked by social inequalities and lack of opportunities, whether it be a lack of opportunity for a sustainable livelihood or for education, or a lack of access to health care and good hygiene. Education is the only medium that can eliminate these inequalities.

Top premium University like HBTU, Kanpur which has a wonderful history and legacy of over 100 years is fully aware that India's educational system can minimize the above mentioned gaps and is also deeply committed to raise awareness among the nation's youth (our students) to cultivate a sense of empathy and compassion for the needs of the socially disadvantaged women. In order to inspire girls and women to pursue education, good health, self-respect, and economic independence, HBTU established the **WSC.** Women should be encouraged to use modern technological resources, and their trust should be earned by developing close relationships with isolated rural women and educating them about the social inequalities that still exist today against women.



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The Practice:

To achieve the above objective a large number of programs under the aegis of WSC and NSS are organized by the University approximately every month. The subject matter of the program is as follows:

- The students, teachers, officers and staff of the University organize various programs, lectures, sports competitions etc. to promote the overall personality development of the villagers.
- In this series, the Women's Study Center provides education to rural women for their empowerment, general health issues, nutrition, food, hygiene etc.
- Awareness is created among rural women about Central/State Government schemes, skill development practices that provide employment, scientific approach information is provided.
- Along with this, to establish the spirit of patriotism, various programs are organized on national days, such as run for freedom, run for unity, run for peace, street plays (on various social topics like: gender equality, women safety, women education, evil practices against women like dowry, women feticide, child marriage, right to vote etc.), debates, lectures etc.
- To develop the overall personality of HBTU stakeholders students, teachers, officers, employees, alumni and parents in order to create awareness problems faced in rural India along with emphasis among the villagers on self-defense, health related issues and for employment opportunities.
- The University has been associated with the National Service Schemes, NSS for a long time, with the aim of engaging our students in the service of the poor, downtrodden and rural people so that the students can be aware of their problems. Students are likely to do social service work in their future life. The said work also helps in developing important qualities like compassion, spirit of co-operation, managerial skills etc. in the students. In this direction, students visit villages for cleanliness, poor students are helped by coaching in their studies. In this series, the university has adopted three villages, whose names are as follows:
 - Barhat Bangar, Block Kalyanpur, Kanpur.
 - Tatyaganj, Block Chaubepur, Kanpur.
 - Maharajpur, Block Chaubepur, Kanpur.
- Over the years many programs have been organized on various topics like Tree Plantation Campaign, Clean and Green Village, School Chalo Abhiyan, Food Conservation Bank, Adult Education, Health Camp, Bank for Villages and Legal Counseling Camp, National Swachh Bharat Mission Program, Professional programs for Skill enhancements have been organized, which are very useful for the villagers.



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Thus, NSS and Women's Study Center, HBTU, Kanpur is constantly trying to fight problems and empower rural women and adult girls by organizing various programs.

Evidence of Success:

Brief list of programs organized by Women's Study Centre, Harcourt Butler Technical University, Kanpur and their outcomes are as follows:

SNo	Program	Date	Place	Beneficiaries
1.	World Environment Day	June 05, 2021	Tatyaganj and Maharajpur	Plantation of 50 saplings was done in which 40-50 women and 20-30 primary school students participated.
	A Solotono	िस वेवेप सम्बद्धिक सम्धिक स्वि स्वि स्वि स्वि स्वि स्वि स्वि स्वि	एवबीटीयू ने ग्राम महाराजपुर व तातियागंज प्राथिन विद्यालय में किया कार्यक्रम: एववीटीयू ने कुलपित प्रो. शमशेर की प्रे से ग्राम महाराजपुर एवं तातियागंज के प्राथिमक विद्यालय में स्वच्छता, पौधरे एवं पर्यावरण संरक्षण हेतु विविध कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया। समिति सचिव विकास यादव व विवि कुलसचिव डॉ. नीरज कुमार सिंह ने सभी को पर्याव संरक्षण के प्रति जागरूक किया। ग्राम प्रधानों से अनुरोध किया गया कि वह ग्राम को विभिन्न सरकारी योजनाओं का लाभ दिलाते हुए पर्यावरण संरक्षण की दिश भी कार्य करें। कार्यक्रम में विवि की डॉ. अर्चना सिंह, प्रधान तातियागंज गुड्डी या श्रीमती दीनू निरंजन, अभिषेक शर्माआदि ने भागीदारी की।	
2.	World Day Against Child Labour	June 12, 2021	Barhat Bangar	130 child laborers (15-18 yrs) participated in a lecture discussing the cons of child labour and to promote the importance of education.



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Janani Suraksha
Scheme, laws related
to domestic violence,
rights of women on
property etc.



7.	National Friendship Day	August 01, 2021	Gram Panchayat Gadatha	Mrs. Neetu Gupta,
			, i	Secretary, Nav
				Chetan Mahila Samiti
				told about the
				schemes run by the
				committee for poor
				women like sewing,



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embroidery, weaving and making paper envelopes etc. Around 100 women participated.



8.	International Youth Day	August 12, 2021	Village Tatiaganj	The University WSC
				Committee went to
				around 50 houses of
				Village Tatiaganj for
				admission of village
				children in
				Anganwadi schools,
				girl students in
				primary & secondary
				schools and children
				of weaker sections.



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9	Visit of Women Pradhans of Kalyanpur and Chaubepur Blocks	August 25, 2021	administrative offices of Kanpur city like District Court / Family Court, District Officer's Office / Tehsil Sadar, District Jail, Women's Police Station, Office of the Chief Medical Officer, Ursala Hospital/Dufferin Hospital (Maternity Center) were visited	16 Village Pradhans visited administrative offices of Kanpur city like District Court / Family Court, District Officer's Office / Tehsil Sadar, District Jail, Women's Police Station, Office of the Chief Medical Officer, Ursala Hospital/Dufferin Hospital (Maternity Center)



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महिला प्रधानों को कैंपस व सरकारी विभाग दिखाए

कानपुर। कुलाधिपति आनंदी बेन पटेल के निर्देश पर एचबीटीयू ने महिला प्रधानों को कैंपस में आमंत्रित किया। विजिट कराया गया। थाना व अन्य सरकारी विभागों में ले जाकर जाग़रूक किया गया। कल्याणपुर एवं चौबेपुर ब्लॉक की प्रधान और अन्य 30 महिलाओं को न्यायालय, पारिवारिक न्यायालय, जिला अधिकारी कार्यालय, तहसील सदर, महिला पुलिस थाना, मुख्य चिकित्साधिकारी कार्यालय आदि का बस से भ्रमण कराया गया। ए डीसीपी दक्षिण रवीना त्यागी, अपर उप जिलाधिकारी रिजवाना शाहिद, अपर मुख्य चिकित्साधिकारी डॉ. शुभा मिश्रा, अपर जिला पंचायत अधिकारी शिव बिहारी शुक्ला ने महिला ग्राम प्रधानों को अनेक जानकारियां दीं।

10. **Literacy Day**

September 08, 2021

Nagar Nigam Inter College, Nawabganj Kanpur 87 students of Class VI and VII of Nagar Nigam Inter College, Nawabganj Kanpur participated in the lecture scheduled to promote the importance of education.







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11. **International Old Age Day** October 01, 2021 Barhat Bangar of Around 35 old Kalyanpur block women were told about Ayushman, and the old age center being built by the government for the elderly, which will be in every village, and other schemes being run by the government. गांधी तरांती की एचबीटीयू के शिक्षकों ने वृद्धों को सम्मानित किया सक्नान 12. Gandhi Jayanti October 02, 2021 Radhakrishnan Around 150-200 Auditorium, HBTU faculty, staff and students participated in a forum discussing the ideologies of Mahatama Gandhi Ji and Lal Bhadur Shashti Ji.



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13. International Girl Child Day

October 11, 2021

Radhakrishnan Auditorium, HBTU Around 58 girls participated in an awareness program on training girls/women for self-defense.





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14.	Children's Day	November 14, 2021	Bal Bhavan Phulbagh, Kanpur Nagar	A training camp was organized in which about 60-70 children
				participated.
	वट्टों ने दमस्वम दिखाकर जीते पुरस्कार कानपुर। बाल दिवस के अवसर पर 15/1/2021 एचबीटीयू के महिला अध्ययन केंद्र ने बाल भवन फूल बाग में बालक एवं बालिकाओं का मानसिक व शारीरिक विकास के संबंध में एक प्रशिक्षण शिविर व प्रतियोगिता आयोजित की। इसमे लगभग 60-70 बच्चों ने प्रतिभाग किया। कार्यक्रम का संचालन डिप्टी रजिस्ट्रार डा. विकास यादव डिप्टी रजिस्ट्रार और सचिव महिला अध्ययन केंद्र ने किया। एचबीटीयू के छात्रों ने बच्चों के लिए विवज का आयोजन किया। समापन पर संयोजक प्रो. रीना सिंगल ने पुरस्कार दिए। प्रो. विनय सिंघ, विभा श्रीवास्तव प्रधानाचार्य अशोक शर्मा, इंद्रेश त्रिपाठी, प्रद्युमन कुमार रहे।		मानुर। हरकोर्ट बटलर प्राविधिक विश्वविद्यालय (एचबीटीयू) के महिला अध्ययन केंद्र की आने से रिवबार को बाल भवन फूलबाग में शिविर का आयोजन किया गया। डॉ. विकास यादव ने बच्चों को लक्ष्य प्राप्त करने के प्रति अडिंग रहने, रोल मॉडल का अनुसरण करना, गुरु के प्रति सम्मान आदि के बारे में बताया। विवज समेत कई प्रतियोगिताएं हुई। महिला अध्ययन केंद्र की संयोजक प्रोफेसर रीना सिंघल ने पुरस्कार बांटे। इस मौके पर प्रोफेसर विनय सेंचल, विभा श्रीवास्तव, अशोक शर्मा और इंद्रेश त्रिपाठी आदि मौजूद रहे। (संवाव)	
15	National Pollution	December 02, 2021	Kalyanpur block of Kanpur	Women's Study
	Prevention Day	, -	city	Center highlighted
				the importance of cleanliness, clean
				drinking water,
				climate change and
				change in lifestyle,
				etc. to prevent pollution and around
				28 women
				participated.



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16.	Energy Conservation Day	December 14, 2021	Colonelganj GIC Sub	Around 45 participants
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				way of using
				electricity, due to
				which the
				consumption of
				electricity and its
				bills can also be
				controlled.



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	पाड़ित ने थाने में तहरार दी। एपबीटीयः गांव में गलीबल फैमिली-डे मजाया गया कानपुर। हरकोर्ट बटलर प्राविधिक विश्वविद्यालय के महिला अध्ययन केंद्र ने रिववार को कल्याणपुर ब्लॉक में ग्लोबल फैमिली-डे मनाया। इसका आयोजन स्वयं सहायता समूह और ग्रामसभा की महिलाओं के साथ किया गया। डिप्टी रिजस्ट्रार एचबीटीयू एवं महिला अध्ययन केंद्र के सचिव डॉ. विकास यादव ने गरीबी उन्मूलन, महिला सशक्तिकरण एवं आर्थिक रूप से सक्षम होने के तरीके बताएं। केंद्र की संयोजक प्रो. रीना सिंघल ने सिंगल यूज प्लास्टिक, एडीओ पंचायत एके पांडे ने सरकारी योजनाओं की और सेंट्रल बैंक ऑफ इंडिया की शाखा प्रबंधक चारु श्रीवास्तव ने महिलाओं के लिए चलाई जा रही ऋण योजना के बारे में बताया। सुनीता यादव, नीत् गुप्ता, ज्योति मिश्रा, सिवता, मिथिलेश रानी कमल, राजपूत हिमांशी रहे।		महिलाओं के साथ मनाया गलोबल फैमिली डे जासं, कानपुर : हरकोर्ट बटलर प्राविधिक विवि के महिला अध्ययन केंद्र की ओर से कल्याणपुर ब्लाक में स्वयं सहायता समूह च ग्राम सभा की महिलाओं के साथ ग्लोबल फैमिली डे मनाया गया। इसका संचालन डिप्टी रजिस्ट्रार व केंद्र के सचिव डा. विकास यादव ने किया। उन्होंने महिलाओं को कुटीर उद्योगों के विकास के लिए सरकार की ओर से चलाई जा रही योजनाओं की जानकारी दी। केंद्र की संयोजक प्रो. रीना सिंघल, एडीओ पंचायत एकें पांडेय, सेंट्रल बैंक आफ इंडिया की शाखा प्रबंधक चारू श्रीवास्तव रहीं।	
19.	Birth Anniversary of Smt. Sarojini Naidu	February 13, 2022	Online	Discussion with around 100 women about the women's contribution in education, medicine and sports at the national and international level, presenting an example of a source of inspiration as a guide for the students and rural women.



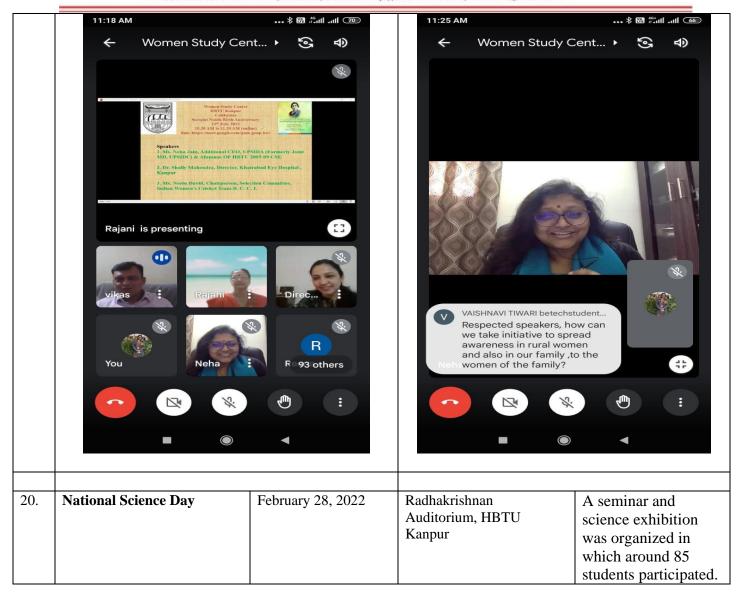
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21.	International Women's Day	March 08, 2022	Radhakrishnan Auditorium, HBTU.	A check-up camp for girl students was
			, , ,	organized in
				Radhakrishnan Auditorium which
				was attended by around 100
				participants.



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Outcomes: The SAWERA practice has been helping rural women by providing them with access to information, resources, and support that they may not otherwise have. These activities include education and training programs, health clinics and services, and community development initiatives. They have helped rural women to improve their economic status, gain new skills, and become more involved in their communities. Additionally, these activities have helped to break down social barriers and stereotypes, and provide a sense of empowerment for rural women. The following data gives a brief overview of the kind of impact we have made:

• A check-up camp for 100 girl students was organized in Radha krishnan Auditorium on International Women's Day (March 08, 2022), where girls were made aware of anemia and its repercussions.



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- 50 women were made aware about commercial agriculture, minor irrigation fund, Kisan Credit Card, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Scheme on the occasion of Farmer's Day held on December 14, 2021 in the village Garhwa.
- 130 child laborers (15-18 yrs) were made aware about the policy against child labour and were told the importance of education on June 12, 2021.
- 20 women of village Maharajpur were informed about various government schemes like women in registry, Kanyadhan Yojana, Widow Pension, Janani Suraksha Scheme, laws related to domestic violence, rights of women on property etc. on the International Justice Day celebrated on July17, 2021
- Mrs. Neetu Gupta, Secretary, Nav Chetan Mahila Samiti told about the schemes run for poor women to promote sewing, embroidery, weaving and making paper envelopes etc. Around 100 women participated in the activity on August 01, 2021.
- The University WSC Committee went to around 50 houses of village Tatiaganj for admission of village children in Anganwadi schools, girl students in primary & secondary schools and children of weaker sections on the International Youth Day celebrated on August 12, 2021.
- Visit of Women Pradhans of Kalyanpur and Chaubepur Blocks was facilitated to the Administrative offices of Kanpur city like District Court / Family Court, District Officer's Office / Tehsil Sadar, District Jail, Women's Police Station, Office of the Chief Medical Officer, Ursala Hospital/Dufferin Hospital (Maternity Center) on August 25, 2021. This helped the Pradhans identify the offices for further perusal.
- 87 students of Class VI and VII of Nagar Nigam Inter College, Nawabganj Kanpur participated in the lecture scheduled to promote the importance of education held on the Literacy Day(September 08, 2021).
- Around 35 old women from Barhat Bangar, were told about Ayushman, and the old age center being built by the government for the elderly, which will be in every village, and other schemes being run by the government on the occasion of International Old Age Day(October 01, 2021).
- Around 58 girls participated in a self- defense training class organized on International Girl Child Day. (October 11, 2021).
- Around 45 participants from Colonelganj GIC Sub Station made aware of the way of using electricity, due to which the consumption of electricity and its bills can also be controlled on Energy Conservation Day (December 14, 2021).



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After understanding the problems and challenges faced by women/ girls, a book has been recently published to inspire rural women to excel in all aspects of life. The book is entitled "Aadarsh Naari" and has been authored by Dr. Vikas Yadav. This book comprises of activities conducted by WSC and its benefits. It was recently launched by Hon'ble Chancellor of the University.



Problem Encountered and Resources Required: There are no problems encountered in the task as all the involved stakeholders show keen interest in the same.



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