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FROM THE HOD'S DESK



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It gives me immense satisfaction to introduce our department newsletter 'MIMOSA' . This newsletter introduces various activities of Botany Department and skills of our lovely students.

Students of our department are bright and talented. This platform will showcase there talents. Congratulations to all achievers.

I wish to record my appreciation for the efforts made by all the student contributors and respective editors and faculty editor and department staff for their whole heartedly efforts(s) in bringing out this newsletter in given timeframe.

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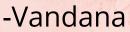
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IDOL OF LOVE-SINDHUTAI SAPKAL

Passion and hope are 2 big words that define the whole life. If there is no passion then life becomes hell and if there is no hope then it goes further down from the hell. So that's why one should never give up in any situation. Today we're going to read life story of an iron lady who not only never give up in any difficulties but also fights with same fighter man spirit. She had no money, no home, no family nothing but had passion to serve and after that she gave hope to lakhs of orphan children, and it is still alive today. She is one and only SINDHUTAI SAPKAL.

Recently, renowned social activist Sindhutai Sapkal passed away following a heart attack in pune. She was better known as "Anathanchi Maye" or Mother of Orphans. She was Known for her work in raising hundreds of orphans, abandoned and destitute children as well as towards

Sindhutai was horn on 14th November 1948 at She was horn on 14 November 1948 at Pimpri Meghe village in Wardha district Maharashtra. Her father was a cowherd. As an unwanted child she was nicknamed 'Chindhi' (torn piece of cloth). Against the wish of her mother her father wants to give education to Sindhutai. Her father used to send her to school under the pretext of cattle grazing, where she would use 'leaves of Bharadi Tree' as a slate as she could not afford a real slate because of financial reasons. Due to poverty, responsibility and early marriage she left her education after passing 4th grade. At the age of 12, she was married to a man 20 years her senior Shrihari Sapkal alias Harbaji, in Wardha District. Post marriage she faced a difficult life but she never loses hope. In her new home, she put up a successful agitation against she fought for herself on collection of dried cow dung used as fuel in India and selling it in collusion with forest department, without paying anything to the villagers. Her agitation brought the district collector to her village and on realizing she was right, he passed an order which the strongman did not like. Stung by the insult at the hands of a poor woman, he managed to convince her husband to abandon her when she was beyond 9 months of her pregnancy. She was beaten badly, tortured and left to die by her husband. In that condition she took shelter of a cowshed and gave birth to a baby child in that semi-conscious state. She cut her umbilical cord with the stone which was there. Sindhutai named her baby as Mamta. After she backed in normal state she went back to her husband then her own parents but no one accepted Sindhutai. She was all alone in this world, and wanted to save herself from hunger and bad people. So, she took shelter in crematory She saw a dead body was burning. The last rites were Ove and the relatives of the departed had left. They had left some flour as a part of the last rituals for the departed soul. Sindhutai took that flour, kneaded it and prepared a bhakari (roti) and baked it on the fire which was still consuming the dead body.

Sindhutai started living her life by begging and singing songs in temples, streets. Sometimes people called Sindhutai as GHOST, since she was seen at night in crematories. One day she had a thought of suicide, but she saw there are so many children abandoned by their parents, she get a purpose to live life. After that she adopted them as her own child and started begging even more enthusiastically to feed, nurture them. She decided to become a mother of all orphans, so she denoted her child Mamta to Shrimant Dagaduseth Halwai Trust, to cut down the feeling of partiality between Mamta and other children. After some years she started so many organizations for

She was such an Iron lady who devoted entire life to Orphans. Due to this she lovingly named as 'MAI(Meaning-Mother)'. Now she has a big family of 207 son-in-laws,36 daughters-in-law and over 1000 grandchildren. Many children are running their independent orphanages, many are doctor, lawyer, and doing PHD in renowned universities.

At the age of 70, her husband came back. He apologized. He felt guilty for his past mistakes. She accepted him as her naughty child stating she is only a mother nowl If you visit her ashram, she proudly and very affectionately introduces him as her oldest child!

She has been honoured with over 750 awards for her commendable work, got **Padma Shr** in 2021, she adopted more than 1000 orphans. In 2010 a Marathi biopic titled "Mee Sindhutai Sapkal" inspired by the true story of Sindhutai Sapkal. The film was elected for world premiere at the 54th London Film Festival.

Sindhutai was such a pure noble soul who puts her entire life in service of orphans. Sindhutai truly lived her life as the quote said by Swami Vivekananda 'SERVICE TO MAN IS SERVICE TO GOD'.

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THANK YOU

Name-Priyanka Panda

Evening Talks

Me and my Miss Eve relishing the flying leaves with gentle breeze.

Capturing views
full of tender kids
Laugh, fight side by side.

Aaha!!

Speaks our lips

What a beautiful memory it is."

Ask eve: "Remember",

"Forever", I replied.

Now it's time to say

"Bye Miss Eve".

Suddenly a voice came from behind

Hello!! Dear.

You are mine

I'm here with two glass of wine

Wello!! Mr. Dark,

let's create our park

with FUN as a landmark

And No past remarks.

- Subhashree Swain

ALUMNI

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