

# **1. Unique Social Responsibility During the Covid-19 Pandemic**

## **Introduction:**

Vivekanand College, Kolhapur, witnessed the exemplary efforts of its students during the Covid-19 pandemic. Their selfless acts of social responsibility provided significant relief to Covid-19 victims and their families, earning them numerous prestigious awards. This case study examines the contributions of Ms. Priya Patil, Ms. Arpita Raut, Ms. Anchal Katare, and Ms. Sejal Yeladi, a group of dedicated student volunteers, and their impact on the local community during the pandemic.

## **Background**

- [Ms. Priya Patil led the initiative to facilitate the dignified cremation of Covid-19 victims' bodies](#) from hospitals to Panchganga crematorium.
- [The Dream Team, consisting of Ms. Arpita Raut, Ms. Anchal Katare, and Ms. Sejal Yeladi](#), (Dreams brought into practice by young students named Dream Team) provided breakfast to Covid-19 patients every day outside the CPR government hospital in Kolhapur.

## **Contributions and Impact**

### **A. Ms. Priya Patil**

- Drove Covid-19 victim bodies from hospitals to the crematorium, ensuring a respectful farewell.
- Felicitated with "Ranragini Shahu Award" by Lokraja Chhatrapati Rajarshee Shahu Prathishthan for her selfless service.
- Awarded Jivan Gaurav Puraskar, Aai Durga Puraskar, State-level Social Sanman Chinha, and Brand Ambassador N.S.S. Government of Maharashtra.

Here are some highlights of the case study report that showcase the exceptional contributions of students from Vivekanand College, Kolhapur, during the Covid-19 pandemic:

- **Providing Support during the Pandemic: Miss Priya Patil exhibited extraordinary dedication by ensuring dignified cremation of Covid-19 victims' bodies from hospitals to Panchganga crematorium.**



Meet Priya Patil, college girl from Kohlapur who ferries Covid bodies



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Priya has been transporting bodies in a 9am-9pm shift from the government-run CPR Hospital



- A reputable national newspaper, the Times of India, has documented her efforts in a news article: ([Click here to View news](#))
- News clips from National Newspaper Times of India and other local papers

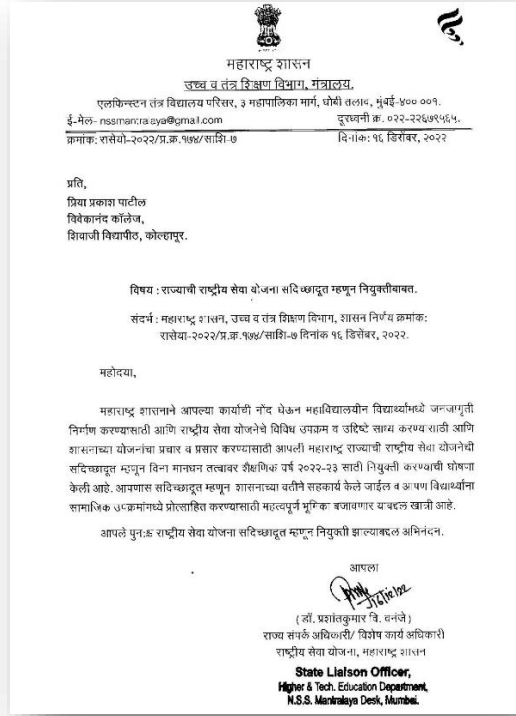


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कोल्हापूर : श्री स्वामी विवेकानंद शिक्षण संस्थेतर्फे रणरागिणी शिववाहिका चालक प्रिया पाटील यांचा सत्कार करताना प्राचार्य अभयकुमार साळुंखे, प्राचार्य डॉ. आर. आर. कुंभार.

- Her efforts not only brought relief to grieving families but also demonstrated her strong sense of social responsibility. She was honoured with various prestigious awards, including the Brand Ambassador N.S.S. by the Government of Maharashtra



- “Ranragini Shahu Award” and “Kolhapur Ranragini” (Brave Woman of Kolhapur) Award 2021





- **Dr. D. T. Shirke, Vice-Chancellor, Shivaji University, Kolhapur in the presence of our Principal Dr. R. R. Kumbhar along with NSS Program Officer Dr. H. P. Patil, College Registrar Mr. C. B. Dodamani Felicitated Priya Patil for her great social Work**



**B. The Dream Team of Ms. Arpita Raut, Ms. Anchal Katare, and Ms. Sejal Yeladi"**

- Provided breakfast daily to Covid-19 patients outside CPR hospital, beginning at 7:00 am. Vivekanand College generated funds from teachers, students, and donors for their efforts.



**Students distributing Diwali supplies to those in need during the pandemic: pic.1**







- students has been recognized with numerous prestigious awards for their outstanding social community work. These awards include honors from the Rotary Club of Sunrise, Corona Yodha, Youth Social Power Group-Corona Yodha Samajratna Puraskar, Kolhapuri Karbhari Award, Navdurga Awards, D.Y. Patil Institutes SHE FIRST, Women's Day Award, Nari Sanman Award 2022, Rotary Vocational Excellence Award, Best Social Work Award, Sartha Abhiman Patra, and Dream Inter Wheel Club Kolhapur Awards etc. Some of the most significant awards are as follows:

- Dream Team-Rotary Club of Kolhapur Sunrise-Corona Yodha Award



- Youth Social power group- Samajratna Puaskar (Community Jewel Award)



- Kolhapuri Karbhari Award (Kolhapur Stewardship Award)



### Conclusion

The exceptional work done by Ms. Priya Patil and the Dream Team volunteers from Vivekanand College, Kolhapur, exemplifies the spirit of social responsibility and community service. Their efforts during the Covid-19 pandemic not only provided critical support to families in need but also set a standard for student engagement and community outreach. The recognition they received through various prestigious awards reflects their significant impact on society and their dedication to helping others during these challenging times.



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