

1. Executive summary

1.1 INTRODUCTION

About the Village

Mayani is a small village located in Khatav Tehsil of Satara district. It is known as the permanently drought stricken and rain shadowed belt. People, especially the farmers in this region, are the frequent victim of famine who struggle for water for their livelihood and existence.

The establishment of Mayani Bhag Shikshan Prasarak Mandal in 1954 helped the regional students to quench their thirst for education. Being rare educational sources until 1954, the institution proved and stood as a milestone for this region. Since then, it has been devoted to education with the motto '*Upryupari Thshtet, Aaditya Ev Tejasa*' i.e., 'Be bright Like the Sun'.

Today, this intuition has been running eight High schools, one English medium school, one Junior college, this degree college and one Pharmacy college operational with D. Pharm and B. Pharm. The total student enrolment in this institution is more than 5000 from almost 40 neighbouring villages fulfilling their dreams.

Mayani village is popularly known for birds' residence especially the Flamingo birds. Recently the reservoir has been named after the first lady Prime Minister of India 'Indira Gandhi Bird Sanctuary Mayani'.

About the College

Arts and Commerce College, Mayani was established in June, 1991 with a vision to spread higher education in the drought-stricken, rural, hilly students and to develop their overall personality. Before its establishment, it was much difficult to the youths especially, female students from Mayani and the adjoining villages to join nearest cities for higher education to seek admissions. But the establishment of this college proved something like oasis in the drought prone area.

Today, college is running two faculties viz. Faculty of Humanities (1991) and Faculty of Science and Technology (2016). It is permanently affiliated to Shivaji University, Kolhapur and also received the 2 (f) and 12 (b) recognition from the UGC in 2012. Moreover, it has under gone one cycle of accreditation under National Assessment and Accreditation Council, Bangalore with the CGPA of 1.83 in 2009. The college and Mother Institution have consistently made efforts to maintain the quality and value-based education.