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**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STUDY VISIT AT - SAPGAON VILLAGE, TAL-
TRIMBAKESHWAR, DIST- NASHIK, DATED: 24 FEBRUARY 2026**

Under the subject of 'Community Engagement', students and teachers of SYBA Sociology, visited Sapgaon at Trimbakeshwar, district Nashik dated Tuesday, 24th February 2026. Our aim was to identify a needy community and do some active service task. Alongwith this, our other objectives were to help our students build relationship with others with empathy, humility and respect, to make them participate in interpersonal and group interactions situations that provide different and potentially challenging perspectives and recognize status and inequalities related to power, privilege and identity.

Firstly, we visited to the office of the Grampanchayat and interacted with the Gramapanchayat officer Mr. Chandrakant Bhojane and tried to get some information of the village. We distributed sanitary pad boxes to the women of the village. Mrs. Jayashree Jadhav took the initiative for this. She spoke with the women and girls and told them the importance of using sanitary pads. She also tried to debunk the myths and taboos regarding this. Sarpanch Mr. Bhima Bhaskar Dive was also present there.

We visited school. There Head of the Sociology Department, Prof. Dr. Satish Dhanwade spoke with children, he told the importance of education and further motivated them to study. Then we donated school stationary like notebook, pen, pencil and 20 liters two water tanks etc. All the students and teachers did survey of village by using interview schedule. Collectively we took interviews of 30 households. In which, 40% were of 20 to 30 age group. 33% were of 30 to 40 age group. And 11% were of 40 to 50 age group. Through this survey we got data related to the economic, social, political, cultural aspects of the village, which is as follows :

About village :

Village Name:	Sapgaon
Taluka:	Trimbakeshwar (Nashik District)

Population and Number of Houses :

Male Population:	618
Female Population:	603
Number of Houses:	290
Tribal Population:	1077 (88.21%)

Economical Aspect :

Majority of the people in this village are below poverty line. 48% households earn upto Rs. 5000 per month. 11% earn between Rs. 5000 and 10,000. 29% earn 10,000 to 15,000. 85% households are dependent on agricultural income. 11% women are homemakers. Merely 3% are daily wagers. Rice, Wheat, Bajara, Nagali, Varai are main crops. Scarcity of water, irregular electricity supply, lack of irrigation facilities are main problems. Many people are unaware about the government schemes. Women run self help groups, but as they lack financial literacy, they don't get much output from such groups. Through CSR, many women have got sewing machine, but training to use those machines has not been provided. Some men have to go far away from the village to seek employment. In agriculture too, they face seasonal unemployment.

Social Aspect :

Though majority of the households are having joint families, nuclear families are also increasing. 40% families have upto 5 members, 37% families have 6 to 10 members. 18% families have 11 to 15 members. The cases of child marriage are zero, early marriage is seen prevalent. Girls at the age of 18 and boys at the age of 21 gets married off. Many households, i.e. 80% don't have toilet facilities. It is a major issue over here. 60% households have tap water whereas 40% don't have taps at home. Even those having taps, bring water from wells, handpump. 40% households experience addicted member at home. Some women too are addicted of a kind of tobacco. Decision power lies mainly in the hands of father - in - law and husband. 75% households said that their decisions are taken mainly by father - in - law and husband. Some households are under the influence of mother - in - law. This shows the prevalence of patriarchy.

Educational Aspect :

18% people are illiterate. 18% have taken education upto 5th standard. And 48% are educated from 5th to 10th standard. The village has school only upto 5th. The school is digitally smart because of the CSR funds of some companies. There is screen on which educational videos

are shown. But, school also lack washroom facilities. For further education, i.e after 5th, they have to go to the trimbakeshwar or nashik city. While interacting with school teachers there, we realized that the IQ of these students is high, they are intelligent, but after school they don't get proper guidance. Parents are also illiterate thus there is no one to take follow up of these children's studies. This can cause hindrance in their educational journey. Also, for higher education, as they have to travel to trimbakeshwar or Nashik city, there's a threat of closing of the doors of their education, especially of female students. This shows that many can remain deprived of further education.

Political Aspect :

Village level meetings are held regularly. Women too take participation in it. There are records of women sarpanch in the past. But, many women lack leadership qualities which is a barrier to influence proper functioning of the gramapanchayat and development of the village.

Cultural aspect :

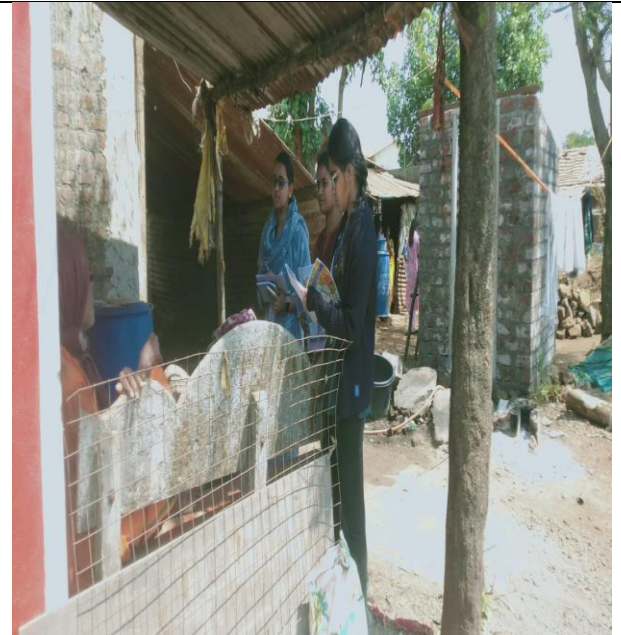
'Mahadeo Koli' is a major tribe here. Diwali, Holi, Nagpanchami are main festivals celebrated here. 'Sapdeo' is main deity here. There's a mythological story behind it. Far years ago, a woman delivered a baby snake, who got crushed and its neck fall here, so the village got the name Sapgaoon. The place where its skin was fallen, got the name 'Kachurli', and the place where its head was fallen got the name 'Shirasgaon'. Hanuman Temple, Sapdev Temple are the major religious sites. Dive, Mondhe, Bhojane, Kambale are main surnames found here. The road to Brahmagiri Mountain passes through the village. The yatra in the month of Shravan is famous. The work of the lake has been done.

In this way, we surveyed the Sapgaoon and tried to understand and engage with a different community. This experience helped students to interact and know the situation at grassroots level and helped to interrelate the bookish knowledge with the real world.

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