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Report on Socially Useful Productive Work – Workshop

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In today's technosavy world, there are people who are still struggling to get one time meal for themselves. They are not only the underprivileged or marginalized citizens of India but also there are such people around the globe. In such a scenario, due to lack of education and unemployment, people indulge in activities to construct objects from used or left out materials e.g. creating pillows by using cutout pieces of fabrics, mattress-like (commonly known as godhdi in most Indian societies), creative decor items such as wall hangings, photo frames,etc. (which is popularly known as SUPW- Socially Useful Productive Work) which initially become their source of income and later may help them to raise their standards of living and being self-dependent. SUPW is a vocational course which are taught in many Indian schools where students can choose to do courses like painting, craft making, gardening, knitting, cooking, carpentry, glass painting, and many such other craft and hobbies. Nowadays, even the employed people are making this as a side business in order to promote their hobbies.

This SUPW workshop was also organized in our college, to make us learn some skills and become self-reliant. On the morning of 12th May, 2022, after finishing the prayer assembly and yoga, the SUPW workshop was commenced. Firstly, Prof. Sabiha More ma'am introduced us to the SUPW program and its objective followed by the guidance of teacher Gracy Ma'am, who taught us to make wall-hanging. To make this, all the students were asked to bring some unused cotton fabrics and hard cardboards like the rigid covers of used books or cartoons, pair of scissors, etc. She then instructed us on how to start with the wall-hanging by showing the sample and providing 3-4 stencils of different shapes necessary throughout the session. We then made the cutouts by tracing the stencils provided to us followed by pasting the fabrics of contrasting colours. All this was done on the first day of the workshop (i.e. on 12th May,2022). The workshop was continued on 17th May,2022 by first assembling the shapes in proper sequence and decorating the birds with beads, pearls and other customaries and then aligning

the birds on the string with the help of a glue. In doing so, we learnt the quality of sharing. Gracy ma'am is really great. Her instructions were really clear.

Through this workshop, along with learning to make wall hanging, we also learnt many social qualities of which one of the best quality is "sharing". There's a proverb, "Sharing is Caring", and we realised it's so true, every student from the class knowingly or unknowingly was involved into sharing because none of us could manage to complete with this artefact. This shows the importance of sharing. We also would be grateful to Gracy ma'am for bringing this artefact to us and the teaching staff and to all former authorities of Gandhi Shikshan Bhavan's Smt. Surajba College of Education for taking this initiative through which we learnt many social values like spreading smiles, kindness, being selfless lot from Gracy ma'am.

We would suggest to make us learn more such new craft making which will help us develop skills like creativity, critical thinking by brainstorming make it a source of earning.

SOME PICTURES FROM THE WORKSHOP:







