



## **Report on Relief to Flood Affected Students of Marathwada**

**Mentor College:** SIES College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Empowered Autonomous), Sion (West)

**Mentee College:** Shri Sant Gajanan Mahavidyalaya, Kharda, Ahilyanagar, Maharashtra

**Associations Involved:** SIES Institutional Social Responsibility (ISR), National Service Scheme (NSS), National Cadet Corps (NCC), Rotaract Club of SIES College

**Supported by:** SIES Management; Director, Higher and Technical Education, Pune, Government of Maharashtra

**Date of collection drive:** 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2025 to 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2025

**Date of delivery and interaction:** 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2025

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## **Summary**

The Institutional Social Responsibility (ISR) Team of SIES College, in collaboration with the National Service Scheme (NSS), National Cadet Corps (NCC) and the Rotaract Club, organised a major humanitarian relief initiative between 5th and 15th October 2025 under the guidance of the Director, Higher and Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra, Pune. The drive aimed to support students of Shri Sant Gajanan Mahavidyalaya, Kharda, Ahilyanagar, who were affected by severe floods that devastated agricultural communities in the region.

## **The 2025 Marathwada Floods — A Moment of Shared Humanity**

Natural calamities such as floods have a disproportionate impact on rural and agrarian communities. In late September and early October 2025, heavy rainfall and consequent flooding affected several talukas in Maharashtra, touching farming households and educational institutions that serve them. Shri Sant Gajanan Mahavidyalaya, Kharda, a rural college with a majority student body coming from agrarian families, recorded significant hardship among students — loss of crops, livestock, and personal property — which had an immediate impact on their ability to attend classes, access learning materials, and meet basic daily needs.

SIES College has a long-standing mentor-mentee relationship with Shri Sant Gajanan Mahavidyalaya. The ISR team, together with the NSS, NCC and Rotaract Club, mobilised the drive to provide immediate relief while reinforcing institutional solidarity. The Director, Higher and Technical Education, Pune provided overarching guidance for this relief effort, aligning it with the educational department's outreach priorities.

This relief operation should be read as part of a broader, compassionate response by educational institutions to socio-economic shocks experienced by their mentee colleges and their student communities.

## **SIES Initiative**

The ten-day collection drive mobilised SIES students, staff and management to donate clothes, stationery, daily essentials and packed food. The effort resulted in the collection of 15 cartons of assorted relief materials. Additionally, SIES Management provided 100 new back packs, each containing essential stationery, writing materials along with food items for the affected students.

## Delegation Members

The SIES delegation consisted of:

- **Dr. Satish Sarfare** – In-charge Principal, SIES College (Team Lead)
- **Mr. Krishnan Ramachandran** – NSS Programme Officer
- **Mr. Ved More** – SIES ISR Manager
- **Mr. Rakesh More** – Support Staff, Biology Lab

## Objectives of the Drive

The primary objectives of the collection drive were:

- To provide immediate relief to flood-affected students through distribution of clothes, writing books and stationery, essential household items and packed food.
- To ensure dignified distribution prioritising student needs and privacy.
- To strengthen mentor-mentee ties between SIES College and Shri Sant Gajanan Mahavidyalaya through coordinated institutional action and follow-up support.
- To mobilise student volunteers from SIES College in humanitarian service, enhancing their civic responsibility and leadership skills.
- To develop sustainable relations with the mentee college aiming for rural student development such as extending learning materials, future student exchange programmes, career and professional guidance sessions, etc.

## Travel and Delivery Plan

- The SIES team departed from Sion (West), Mumbai, on 16th October 2025 at 7:30 am by road. One team comprising of the Principal Dr. Satish Sarfare, NSS Programme Officer – Mr. Krishnan Ramachandran and SIES ISR Manager – Mr. Ved More took the lead to the destination followed by the deliverables that were transported through Maruti Suzuki Tempo accompanied by SIES Support Staff – Mr. Rakesh More. The journey of about 375 km took approximately 9 hours.
- The first team reached Shri Sant Gajanan Mahavidyalaya at 3:30 pm, where they were warmly received by the college administration, including Principal Dr. Aware and Vice Principal Dr. Jadhav.
- The tempo carrying deliverables reached the destination at near around 7.30 pm. Upon reaching, all items were duly inspected and unloaded and were transferred to College's Seminar Hall. Accommodation and meals for the SIES team were arranged locally by the staff of the mentee college.



Loading of collected items into the Tempo



SIES Team before commencing their journey to the Mentee College

## Planning and Implementation

The SIES College team adopted a clear and practical approach to plan and execute the flood relief drive effectively, considering the limited time and the urgent needs of the affected students. The process began with identifying the exact requirements by communicating with contact persons from Shri Sant Gajanan Mahavidyalaya, Kharda. Through these discussions, the team understood that the most essential needs were clothes, stationery materials, and food supplies. Once the needs were identified, a time-bound collection period from 5th to 15th October 2025 was set. This timeline was widely circulated across the college campus to encourage active participation and create a sense of urgency among students, faculty and staff.

To ensure maximum participation, multiple communication channels were used. Notices were displayed on College notice boards, information was shared through social media platforms and announcements were made in classrooms. Members of NSS, NCC and the Rotaract Club spread the word among their peers, making the campaign a united institutional effort. Designated collection points were set up in accessible areas within the SIES College campus, where student volunteers took charge of receiving, sorting, and recording the donated items.

After the collection phase, sorting and packing were done carefully. Items were categorised into different groups such as clothes, stationery, household essentials, and packed food. Volunteers ensured that every item was usable, clean, and properly packed into cartons for easy transportation. The college administration managed transport logistics by arranging a suitable vehicle and a small team to accompany the supplies to Kharda.

## **Publicity, Mobilisation and Collection Strategy**

To make sure that the relief drive reached every corner of the campus and encouraged maximum participation, the ISR team followed a well-planned and cost-effective strategy. The approach combined direct communication with modern outreach methods to connect with both students and staff. Classroom announcements were made by professors and student leaders during lectures and practical sessions and exams ensuring that students from all courses and departments were informed about the purpose and importance of the initiative.

The college clubs and student organisations such as NSS, NCC and the Rotaract Club played a key role in motivating students to contribute. The NSS volunteers, with their experience in social service, handled awareness and outreach among peers, while the NCC members managed the logistical side of the drive with discipline and precision. The Rotaract Club further supported the campaign through creative engagement and communication.

In addition to personal interactions, posters and digital messaging were used to create visibility. Informative posters were displayed in College notice boards. At the same time, WhatsApp messages and social media updates were shared regularly, highlighting the collection dates, the types of items needed, and the impact the donations would make.

To make the process easy for contributors, multiple drop-off points were set up across the campus. The timings were kept flexible so that students with busy academic schedules could donate conveniently. The presence of volunteers at these points ensured smooth collection and immediate sorting of items.

Through this multi-level and inclusive strategy, the College managed to gather a large quantity of useful supplies within a short period, reflecting the unity and compassion of the entire college community.

4<sup>th</sup> October 2025

To,  
The I/e Principal  
SIES College of Arts, Science and Commerce  
(Empowered Autonomous)  
Sion (West), Mumbai – 400022.

**Subject:** Application to Conduct a Collection Drive for Clothes and Stationery for Flood-Affected People in Marathwada.

Respected Sir,

I am writing this application on behalf of <sup>committee</sup> ISR in collaboration with NSS and Rotaract of our college to seek your kind permission to organize a collection drive for the people affected by the recent floods in the Marathwada region of Maharashtra.

As we all are aware, the floods have caused widespread destruction, leaving many families homeless and without basic necessities. Children have lost access to education materials, and several communities are struggling for food and clothing.

Through this donation drive, we aim to collect:  
**Clothes** (in clean, usable condition)  
**Non-perishable food items** (like rice, dal, biscuits, dry snacks, ready-to-eat items)  
**Basic stationery** (notebooks, pens, pencils, erasers, school bags)  
 We also plan to collaborate with local NGOs or relief organizations for proper distribution.


We request your support and approval to:

1. Set up a collection desk in the college premises from 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025 to 18<sup>th</sup> October 2025.
2. Make announcements or send notices encouraging participation.
3. Collaborate with recognized NGOs for logistics and delivery.

We believe that this small effort can make a meaningful difference in the lives of the affected people. We assure you that the drive will be conducted in a well-organized and responsible manner.

Looking forward to your kind approval and support.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely,  
  
 Santosh Ramanuj Tiwari  
 Convener ISR Committee

*It is a good thought!  
Please go ahead.  
[Signature]*

**SIES College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Empowered Autonomous)**  
 Sion (W), Mumbai – 400022

**URGENT FLOOD RELIEF DRIVE NOTICE**

SIES ISR (Institutional Social Responsibility) Team along with the NSS, NCC and Rotaract, is organizing a donation drive to provide help for flood-affected VICTIMS in Solapur & Marathwada in Maharashtra.


**Items which can be donated:**


- Clothes
- Bedsheets
- Stationery
- Packaged Food Items
- Grocery

**How to Donate:**  
 Drop your items in the Collection Box placed at the College Foyer (Entrance).

**Deadline:** 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2025

Your generous donations can create hope for the victims.

  
 Mr. Santosh Ramanuj Tiwari  
 Convener, ISR Activities Committee

  
 Dr. Satish Salfare  
 I/e Principal

*To,  
The chief conductor/senior supervisor/junior supervisor  
Respected Madam/Sir,  
Please ask the supervisor in the classroom to  
read the above notice during examination. Kindly  
note that director, HOD, Director/Prin has  
requested college to provide support & cooperation  
for flood relief.*

Permission Letter to organise Collection Drive for Flood Affected Students

Notice for Collection (circulated in classrooms)



Set up of Collection Box (Labelled Cartons) in College Entrance

## Collected Items — Quantitative and Qualitative Summary

**Total cartons collected:** 15 labelled cartons of assorted useful supplies.

### Nature of items collected:

- Clothes (men's, women's and children) — a mix of gently used and new garments suitable for seasonal needs.
- Stationery — writing books, pens, pencils, erasers, sharpeners, compass boxes, notebooks of various sizes.
- Essentials — basic toiletries (soap, toothpaste, sanitary pads where available), drying cloths, blankets, bedsheets and other small household items.
- Packed food — sealed, non-perishable food items like biscuits, ready-to-eat and cook snacks that can be stored and used whenever necessary.

### SIES Management Special Support:

The SIES Management made necessary arrangements for 100 backpacks, all with a set of 6 notebooks including a pouch containing a pen, pencil and eraser especially to be handed to flood-affected students. Each backpack included a curated set of items (non-perishable food, basic toiletries and essential stationery), along with writing books and additional stationery materials.

## Distribution

The distribution ceremony for the flood relief materials collected by SIES College took place at Shri Sant Gajanan Mahavidyalaya, Kharda, Ahilyanagar on 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. onwards. The event was thoughtfully organised by the host institution and was graced by several dignitaries including a representative of Jamkhed MLA – Shri Rohit Dada Pawar. The proceedings were hosted by Dr. Shivanand Jadhav, Vice Principal of Shri Sant Gajanan Mahavidyalaya, who welcomed the guests, faculty members, and students with warmth and gratitude.

The event began with a formal welcome address by Principal Dr. Avase, who expressed his heartfelt appreciation to SIES College for standing beside their students in this time of distress. He spoke about the devastating floods that had affected the Marathwada region and the resilience shown by the young students who continued to pursue their education despite personal and family losses. His words reflected both the pain and hope of the community that was slowly rebuilding itself.

Following his address, Dr. Jadhav recited a touching remorse poem, beautifully capturing the emotions of loss, courage and hope that the flood victims had endured. His heartfelt words moved the audience deeply and reminded everyone of the human side of natural disasters — the silent struggles, the strength to recover and the collective responsibility of society to extend help.

The in-charge Principal of SIES College, Dr. Satish Sarfare, then addressed the gathering with compassion and encouragement. He spoke about the importance of education as the strongest foundation in times of adversity and assured full support from SIES College in every possible way. Dr. Sarfare emphasized that SIES would continue to act as a mentor college and would always stand with Shri Sant Gajanan Mahavidyalaya not only during times of crisis but also in their journey of progress. His inspiring words instilled hope and motivated students to remain strong, focused and determined in rebuilding their lives and careers.



I/c Principal, SIES College - Dr. Satish Sarfare felicitated by Dr. Golekar, Honourable Trustee



Start of Distribution Session



Addressing by I/c Principal of SIES College – Dr. Satish Sarfare



Addressing by Dr. Jadhav

After the addresses, the distribution session began. The atmosphere in the college premises was filled with gratitude. Students were invited one by one onto the stage to receive their backpacks, each containing sets of writing books, stationery items and essential materials. The representatives from SIES College personally handed over the kits to the students, symbolising care, connection and solidarity. The joy and relief on the faces of the beneficiaries made the effort truly meaningful.



Handing over backpack, stationery and essentials to flood affected students of Shri Sant Gajanan Mahavidyalaya

During the session, a student named Rutuja from SYBSC shared her heartfelt story of survival. She narrated how the floods had caused her family to lose their cattle and how they had gone without food or water for four to five days. Her story touched everyone in the audience and reminded all present of the depth of suffering caused by the calamity. Her words also highlighted the importance of such humanitarian initiatives that bring comfort and support to those in distress.

In total, 59 students were physically present at the event and received the relief materials directly. However, arrangements were made to ensure that the remaining 56 students, who were unable to attend due to personal reasons, would receive their supplies through the college administration.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Shrikant Tanpure, who expressed deep gratitude on behalf of the entire college community to SIES College, its management and all volunteers for their generous contributions. The ceremony ended on a patriotic note as everyone stood together for the National Anthem, symbolising unity and collective strength followed by a group photo.



Group photo of staff and students

After the formal distribution program, Dr. Satish Sarfare and Mr. Krishnan Ramachandran interacted personally with several students to understand their academic goals and career aspirations. During these informal discussions, the students expressed particular interest in building careers in banking, insurance, and teaching. Dr. Sarfare shared valuable guidance and practical advice on how they could pursue these fields, encouraging them to explore various opportunities and remain confident in their abilities.



I/c Principal of SIES – Dr. Satish Sarfare interacting with students

The host college then arranged a campus tour for the visiting SIES team, showcasing the historic collections, academic facilities, and cultural artifacts preserved by the institution. Towards the end of the visit, the SIES delegation had the honour of meeting Dr. Mahesh Golekar, the Trustee of the college. The interaction was warm and meaningful, marked by an exchange of ideas on institutional development and student welfare. A small felicitation ceremony along with handing over of the letter of appreciation was held as a gesture of appreciation for the SIES team’s efforts and support.

After sharing lunch with the host faculty, the SIES team departed from Kharda around 3:00 p.m., carrying back with them memories of gratitude, compassion and connection. The journey back to Mumbai took about eight and a half hours, and the team reached safely by 11:30 p.m., feeling fulfilled by the impact of their mission.

The entire day stood as a shining example of humanity, empathy, and educational solidarity — a moment where academic institutions transcended boundaries to share strength and support in times of crisis.

*Though we cannot give back life, we can together create hope.*

**Dr. Satish Sarfare**  
**I/C Principal**

## **Annexures**

1. Attendance of students present on the date of distribution

[ATTENDANCE FLOOD RELIEF.pdf](#)

2. Link for photographs

[MAHARASHTRA FLOOD RELIEF - ISR \(OCT 2025\)](#)

3. Appreciation Letter

[Letter of Appreciation from Shri Sant Gajanan Mahavidyalaya, Kharda .pdf](#)

4. Media Presence

[In the news – News paper clippings](#)