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Best Practices successfully implemented by the Institution

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“PATPANHALE MARATHON”

1. **TITLE OF THE PRACTICE: PATPANHALE MARATHON**
2. **OBJECTIVES OF THE PRACTICE:**
 - a. To promote interest in the sports field among the people, particularly youths of this area.
 - b. In the name of marathon, to arrange get-togetherness and promote belongingness among the sports lovers and also general public.
 - c. To prepare the youth for appointment in the State Police Department and also Armed Forces by generating interest among them in sports and games.
 - d. To prepare and make the students able bodied for undertaking any work and face any eventuality in their life.
3. **THE CONTEXT:** Patpanhale Education Society was established with an intention to provide thrust not only to education but also to sports activities. As is widely known the ‘sound mind exists in sound body’. Keeping in mind this concept, Patpanhale Marathon was started in the year 1997 to encourage interest in the sports activities by the Patpanhale Education Society. *Though all the institution running under the Society were involved in conducting the Marathon, Patpanhale Arts, Commerce and Science College played an instrumental role in conducting the marathon since the year of its starting.* Here an attempt is made to through light on different aspects of the marathon and the role of Patpanhale Arts, Commerce and Science College since beginning.
4. **THE PRACTICE:** As has been stated earlier, as a part of social obligation and to give boost to sports activities, Patpanhale Education Society started Patpanhale Marathon in the year 1997. Initially, the number of participants and distances to be covered by different participants under different categories was very limited. As the years passed, all the aforesaid factors began to increase. Different persons involved in it include students, teachers, the management, general public etc. From local level marathon it assumed the magnitude of Konkan level marathon. From the initial 10 km distance it surged to 42.195 km distance. Almost all the teachers and students of all the educational institutions running under Patpanhale Education Society actively take part in the Marathon competition. In addition to this, teachers belonging to other nearby educational institutions voluntarily and wholeheartedly participate as riders, arbitrators etc. in this marathon event. Moreover, the participants from the faraway places like Mumbai, Raigad have been participating in the event.
5. **EVIDENCE OF SUCCESS:** The management of Patpanhale Education Society and more particularly Patpanhale Arts, Commerce and Science College feel that the purpose behind starting Patpanhale marathon is really fulfilled.

Following points highlight the evidence of success of this endeavor.

- a. A number of youths, after being inspired by the marathon event every year, have got appointment in Maharashtra Police Department, Defense services etc.

- b. This practice has created a sense of belongingness and a spirit of sports among the students in particular and the general public in general.
- c. All the employees working in all the educational institutions come together and work unitedly for the successful conduct of this sports event.
- d. This event has been creating a sense of cohesiveness between the educational institutions on the one hand and the general society on the other.

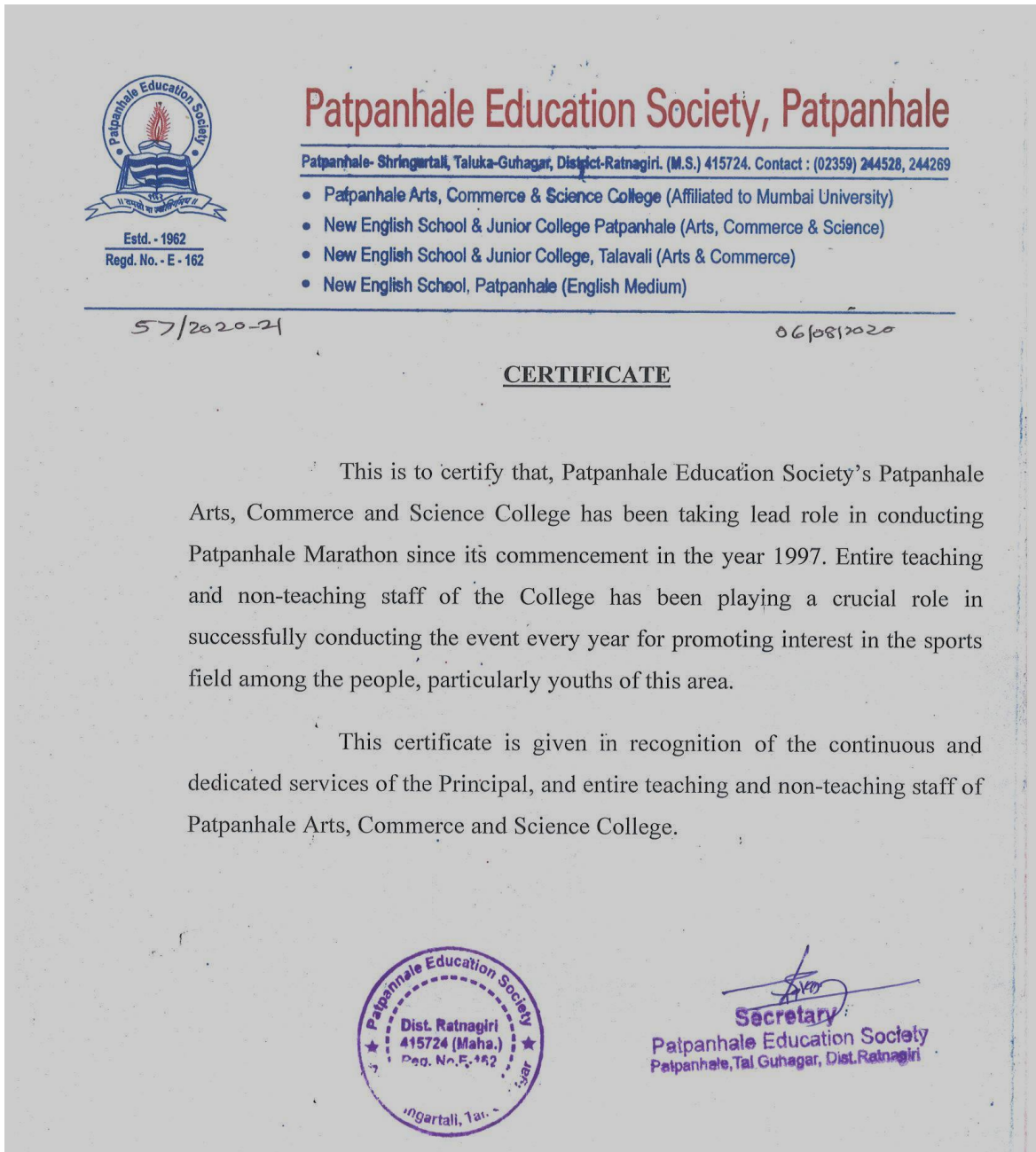
6. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AND RESOURCES REQUIRED:

a) Mobilization of Human Resources:

The institution, every takes, lead role in mobilizing the human resources required for successful conduct of the event. Though it is not a problem, the institution successfully puts in its best efforts in this regard.

b) Mobilization of Financial Resources:

Though the mobilization of financial resources is managed by the parent society, the employees of the institution, along with the employees of other institutions, try their level best in mobilizing the funds required for the event from the individuals and organization.



Some Photographs of the Event

