

Best Practice: 1

Title: Mould the Marginalized: For a Better Future

Context:

Though the College is located at the periphery of Guwahati, the population pattern of the greater Changsari area is primarily rural. The college receives a significant number of students from agricultural and allied backgrounds with poor socio- economic conditions. This status of marginalization is a prima facie cause for the college to admit the under performers and down trodden students into the institution. To enable the marginalized to avail the opportunity to receive higher education and create a better tomorrow, the college adopts numerous pro- student practices.

Objectives:

- To include the last standing individual into the realm of Higher Education.
- To secure the holistic development of the learners.
- To provide financial assistance to poor students.

Practice:

In consonance with the motto “Nothing is holier than knowledge”, the college seeks to bring Higher Education to the doorsteps of the downtrodden. Following steps are undertaken:

1. Free admission is provided to the BPL students under Govt. free ship scheme.
2. Govt. scholarship for ST/SC and OBC students.
3. Ishan Uday Scholarship is provided to the economically backward students.
4. Minority Scholarship is provided by the Govt.
5. Student Aid Fund is provided by the college to needy students.
6. The college library provides Book Bank facility for BPL students under which they can issue five textbooks for one academic session.
7. The librarian conducts orientation program for all students to inculcate the habit of reading books among the learners.
8. To accommodate the poor and low merit students in higher education, low cut off marks is maintained during admission.
9. Free health checkup is organized for the students.
10. Free excursions and educational tours.

Impact of the Practice:

The college has maintained a satisfactory pass percentage with many students progressing to higher education. By admitting students in UG program with lower percentage in Senior Secondary level, the college has been able to maintain a satisfactory enrollment ratio. The initiatives of book bank and “walk to library” have succeeded in increasing the student-library interface. Students are encouraged to build the habit of self learning instead of rote learning.

Obstacles:

1. Insufficient resource: The College endeavors to cater to the needs of all the underprivileged students. However due to insufficient funds, the college is unable to meet all its set goals.
2. Lower student participation in the Programs: Student participation in many programs addressed or undertaken for their welfare is not very encouraging as most of them have to assist their parents in household works and some parents cannot meet their daily transportation expenses.

Resources Required:

1. More Govt. and corporate funding is required for carrying forward the benefits.
2. Frequent free health check up for students needs assistance from Govt. Medical Officers.
3. More books needed in library to increase Book Bank facility.
4. Free transportation facility for poor students is needed.

Best Practice 2

Title: Clean and Green Campus

Context

The college campus is spread over 12014.22m², out of which 52.11% is covered by open space. Grassland and vegetative area covers 7% of the campus, while the garden area covers 2.71%. The institution promotes environmental awareness among students, teachers and local residents and undertakes initiatives like minimal use of plastic, less use of AC, switching off lights/fans, manage waste, and maintain a clean campus.

Objectives

The main objectives are:

- To organize environmental awareness programs in the college and locality to raise awareness of environmental sustainability.
- To protect and conserve ecological systems and resources within the campus.
- To plant perennial, seasonal and medicinal plants in the campus.
- To focus on making the campus tobacco and plastic –free and proper disposal of various wastes.
- To encourage use of alternate sources of energy.
- To minimize the use of paper in administration.
- To promote use of bio fertilizer in campus gardening.

The Practice

- Different varieties of medicinal and seasonal plant species are planted and maintained in the college campus. Plantation drives are organized by involving students.
- Solar energy plates have been installed and are used for lighting the administrative block.
- Tube lights and bulbs have been replaced with CFL and LED lamps.
- Plants in the campus are watered without wasting the water and water harvesting is done.
- A vermi composting unit has been set up for biodegradable waste management.
- Dustbins have been segregated for biodegradable, plastic and hazardous wastes.
- The college is declared as “Plastic Free Zone” and “Tobacco Free Zone”.
- Celebration of World Environment Day and awareness campaigns.
- Arrangement of Environmental field visits.
- Adopting E-Governance policy.

Evidence of Success

- The green campus concept adopted by the college has helped not only to save the environment, but also to beautify the campus.
- Environmental awareness among the students has increased.
- Chewing of tobacco and pan masala has considerably decreased.
- Installation of the LED bulbs has gradually decreased power consumption.
- Water from harvesting unit is used for different purposes.

- Ban on plastic items, along with the promotion of vermin composting and proper disposal of wastes have made the campus clean and green.
- Digitalization has minimized the use of paper.

Problems Encountered and Resource Required

- Financial constraint to appoint a regular caretaker. So, govt. initiative is required.
- Intermittent power cuts compel the college authority to use diesel-powered generators leading to air pollution.

Notes

- Slogans on environment awareness are displayed in the campus to propagate green campaign successfully.
- Use of paper cups and plates is encouraged and the use of plastic bags and plastic tea cups is banned.
- Paperless communication and correspondence is practiced routinely. Communication through e-mails, e- notice board and social media are encouraged.