

2018-19

Best Practice I

Title of the Practice:

Monetary Help to the deserving students

Objectives of the Practice

It has been obtained from the profile students joining various courses of the college that there are many students coming from the rural areas with low economic back ground. Their parents are unable to provide them a sustained financial support because of agriculture, being a gamble with rain in the district, is not a source of assured income. So, the noble objectives of the practice are

- To extend financial aid to the poor students, especially from the rural, to save them from discontinuation of their studies owing to poverty.
- To support financially all the deserving poor students without any discrimination of caste, creed or gender.
- To promote the 'equality' among the students

The expected outcome is that the students should be able to complete their degrees with good marks.

The Context

The noble objective had its teething as well as challenging troubles in implementation.

- Pooling up of the required resources was a tough task.
- Verification of the financial backwardness of the aspirants was yet another challenge. The management has insisted on strict adherence to the rules

The Practice

In and around the areas of the college, there has been a long history of frequent droughts and famines, which have ravaged the rural life throwing the people into miserable conditions of abject poverty, illiteracy and ill-health. In a situation of such dire poverty, whatever meager resources available are used primarily to make both ends meet. So, sending their children to the town for higher education becomes almost impossibility for the poor parents in the rural areas, in the context of higher education demanding higher amounts of money. Though, sometimes, they do venture to admit their children to colleges in the town, they are unable to give sustained financial support throughout the course of study because agriculture, being a gamble with rain in the district, is not a source of assured income. So, it is evident that without financial support from an external source, the rural youth cannot hope to successfully complete their higher studies.

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This illustrious institution, true to its legacy of pro-poor-student attitude since its inception, has taken a firm resolve to extend all possible financial support to the deserving students and help them to realize their fond dream of acquiring higher education. For this, the college instituted voluntary donations from staff. The financial support is extended to all the deserving poor students without any discrimination of caste, creed or gender.

The students whose parents do not have fixed reasonable source of income and do not enjoy any other financial assistance in the form of social welfare or endowment scholarships are eligible for the aid. Apart from the monetary aspect, endowment scholarships are a proof of academic achievement and hence, the students are developing a keen spirit of competition to secure the endowment scholarships, another source of the aid is our faculty members. Drawing inspiration from institution's legacy of pro-poor-student attitude and action, wherever possible, they are paying the tuition fee and examination fee of regular and industrious students who are unable to pay the fees owing to poverty. Lack of will on the part of the majority of the elite and successive droughts and famines in the district are the known constraints.

Evidence of Success

To cite the noble practice, the college fee and exam fee of the following students paid by Faculty members.

Sl. No.	Name of the Student	Course	Period of Study	Amount
1.	Yadunandan H S	First B.Com	2018-2021	Rs.8000
2.	Adarsh H R	First B.Sc	2018-2021	Rs.6000
3.	Anusha S	Second B.A	2017-2020	Rs.3500
4.	Varadaraju K K	Second B.A	2017-2020	Rs.3000
5.	Anushree P	Second B.A	2017-2020	Rs.3000
6.	Priyanka B R	Third B.Com	2016-2019	Rs.8000
7.	Sumalatha G K	First B.A	2018-2021	Rs.3000
8.	Lokesha G	First B.A	2018-2021	Rs.4000
9.	Mohammed Washim Pasha	First B.Com	2018-2021	Rs.8000
10.	Arjun K S	First B.Com	2018-2021	Rs.7000
Total				Rs.53500

Problems Encountered and Resources Required

In the beginning this best practice, some group of people opposed the idea that the welfare scholarship holders too should be given the opportunity.

- They also expressed growing apprehension that the funds, for the purpose would be misused.
- As a result, most of the staff did not come forward to contribute to the fund.
- Some even blamed that the idea of the Endowment Scholarships is not based on social justice.
- The college had to overcome many of these impediments to persuade the alumni and other philanthropists in favour of instituting the endowment

Best Practice II

Title of the Practice:

Community Reach through NSS

Objective

- The main objective of this initiative by the staff and students of the college is to reach out to the necessities of the society at large and to give back to the community.
- Creating awareness in the public on several issues they face in their day to day life, helping economically backward people, orphans and old age persons etc. are some of the initiatives taken up to contribute to the society.

The Context:

- There is a growing tendency in present academia to reach out to the society at large and contribute to the wellbeing and betterment of living conditions prevailing in society.
- Some of the Students and staff of the college are voluntarily coming forward to contribute to remove disparity in different areas. The most important arenas in which contribution is made are giving financially aid, bringing awareness on several issues etc.
- NSS unit of this college is thus a collective initiative of students and staff of the college to understand social problems troubling immediate local community in and around Mandya to integrate these issues with academic study.

The Practice:

- Blood donation programmes organized by the students and staff for Blood Bank, as an exemplary social service practice.
- Awareness programmes on plastic disposal, eye diseases, Diwali fire accidents and electrical safety, social sites on internet, child education, AIDS, clay Ganesh, energy conservation.
- During every Semester, students and staff of the college visit old age homes, observe and understand their living conditions and help them to lead a better life by distributing food, fruits ceiling fans, medicines and Blankets.

- Other Activities initiated are distribution of books and stationary, rice bags, Rally on Helmet Safety, peace rally on Gandhi jayanthi, anti-drug rally organized every year for Poor students.
- The college observes all important national and international days of social importance like First- Aid- Day, Human Rights Day, International Women's Day, Mental health day, National unity day, voters day, International yoga day etc in the campus and at times extended to beyond the campus.
- The various programmes associated with these days are like rallies, camps, conducting seminars are organized in order to develop awareness on social issues to students and the general public.
- Programmes on Swatch Bharat, Road safety, are also organized.

Evidence of Success:

The College has Two Active NSS Units, namely Unit 1 & Unit 2 under the leadership of two Programme Officers. Both the Units are actively engaged in several activities within and outside the college. Some of these are:

1. On 04-08-2018 weekend activities inaugurated for the year 2018-19 and NSS volunteers participated in different activities
2. On 15-08-2018, Independence Day celebrated and NSS volunteers participated
3. A speech titled "The role of volunteers in NSS activities" was arranged to enlighten the NSS volunteers of our college on 01-09-2018 by inviting the resource person.
4. NSS volunteers and officers celebrated International Literacy Day on 08-09-2019, International democratic day with Sir M V birthday on 15-09-2019 and NSS day on 24-09-2019
5. Dr.Maadesh delivered a lecture on "First Aid in Health" for our NSS volunteers on 29-09-2018 as a part of awareness activity
6. One day state level seminar titled "NSS – Issues and Challenges" organized on 29-09-2018 as a part of golden celebration of NSS at Mysore Vidyavardhaka College
7. On 02-10-2018, Gandhi Jayanthi was celebrated
8. On 13-10-2018, NSS volunteers and officers have done activities at Slum area.
9. As a part of 50th year NSS celebration, one day state level seminar on "Gandhiji's idea about NSS" was held at Vijaya college and our college volunteers participated.

10. Conducted State Anthem competition for our college volunteers on 01-11-2019
11. Our college NSS volunteers attended intercollegiate leadership camp held at Kasthuri Ba Ashram, Arasikere TQ, Hassan Dist. From 29-11-2018 to 02-12-2018
12. AIDS awareness programme for NSS volunteers conducted on 01-12-2018
13. On 29-12-2018, a speech on 'Human Rights' was carried out by a Lawyer Mr.B.D. Vishwanath for our college NSS volunteers.
14. Annual NSS camp was held at MADARAHALLI from 05-1-2019 to 11-01-2019
15. One day Taluk level workshop on "Health protection and medical plants" was organized in association with different organizations on 30-01-2019
16. On 01-02-2019, Blood Donation camp was carried out at our college premises and also personality development programme was conducted on 10-02-2019
17. Our college NSS volunteer has participated in National Integration Camp held at Belagavi from 27-02-2019 to 05-03-2019