

Best Practice: 01

Title of the Practice: Service Learning in the village

The Context: It is important that the students apply their learning in real-life situations, study the realities of a place, learn from serving the community. Our college adopted its neighboring village - Harishnagar, to explore the possibilities of service opportunities in the village for the development of the village. The students will learn to serve, experience the joy of service, overcome the challenges, develop required skills for service- communication, analysis, decision making, execution of the plan, reflection, socialization. College is situated in Harishnagar village and therefore, making communication with the villagers will be quite easy. The NSS Unit of the college extended its service from the very beginning of its formation in the college and developed a rapport with the institutions and villagers.

Objectives of the Practice

- i) To develop among the students required skills for service.
- ii) To assist the students to plan, execute and overcome the challenges.
- iii) To create opportunities for the students to apply their knowledge in a real life situation.
- iv) To assist the villagers to make their homes and surroundings swacch.
- v) To make them aware to deal with the existing social challenges.
- vi) To make them aware of various Govt schemes for the welfare of the people
- vii) To arrange health club in the village for raising awareness on health related issues and extend medical service to the villagers with the help of the local hospital.
- viii) To make the villagers aware of sustainable development.

Practice:

- i) Meetings are arranged with the Village Panchayat and other village dignitaries.
- ii) A survey is conducted in the village to know the realities of the village.
- iii) Various awareness programmes are organized in the village with the help of the NSS Volunteers, students and the faculty members of the college.
- iv) Village Panchayat and other NGOs working in the village are collaborated while making action plan for the development of the village.
- v) Village children are encouraged and supported to continue their studies.
- vi) Villagers are invited to various programmes in the college like Saraswati Puja, observation of Independence day, Republic Day, International Day for Older Persons, Foundation Day, Fresher's Day..
- vii) Tree plantation is done in the neighbourhood.
- viii) 50 Children are identified to support the time to time. They were taken to show State Museum and Rabindra Shata Barshiki Bhavan under the programme Rabindra Yatra in collaboration with Brilliant Stars School which provided the school Bus. The children are also given food packets and study materials during the pandemic by the generous contribution of the Faculty Members of the college.
- ix) Relief packets are distributed among the villagers during the pandemic in collaboration with the Alumni of the NIT, Agartala.
- x) NSS Unit of the college distributed masks among the old villagers.
- xi) Unnat Bharat Abhiyan has been introduced in the village

- xii) The proposal for Mushroom cultivation has been approved under Biotech club of the college. .

Evidence of success:

- i) Effective collaboration among the college, villagers and other village institutions.
- ii) Students enjoy rendering services in the village and they learn the qualities and skills required for success.
- iv) Most of the village children now go to schools
- v) The Panchayat extends all possible support in the smooth functioning of the college. The Panchayat provided fund for the development of the college play ground and cleaning of the college campus.
- vii) The villagers are getting awareness on various issues from the college and they also involve with enthusiasm in various college programs.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

Students find very limited time for rendering service in the village after completing their regular college works. Therefore, sustaining any initiative is quite challenging. The paucity of funds is also a big challenge to extend sustained support for the development of the village. This year due to COVID -19 pandemic, the college had to stop its regular activities. Need more funds for NSS activities and other activities and some specific training to our students.

Best Practice: 02

Title of the Practice: Online Classes, assessment and programmes

Context: To curb the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, when the Govt. announced lockdown, the teaching-learning completely stopped for some time. But then gradually we started online teaching and experimented with various online platforms and finally opted for Google Meet online platform. All the teachers and students were trained to use Google Meet. WhatsApp Groups created subject-wise and semester-wise for regular communication with the students. Then our college was among the first few institutions which started taking online exams with the help of Google Form and email. Videos were created to make the students familiar to use Google Meet, Google Form, and making pdf and share by email.

Objectives of the Practice

- 1. To continue teaching-learning online as physical movement was completely stop due to lockdown given to curb COVID-19 outbreak
- 2. To reduce the loss of learning during the pandemic.
- 3. To complete the syllabus
- 4. To conduct internal assessments

Practice:

- 1. Regular online teaching when required

2. Regular online meetings of various committee
3. Celebrations of all the programmes online
4. Conducting online assessments
5. All communications online

Evidence of success:

1. All the teachers and students started using smartphones and laptops
2. WhatsApp Groups are active
3. All the teachers and students developed their IT skills and quite confident in using the smart devices.
4. Teachers and students participate various online programmes.
5. They can record videos and share.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

1. Limited internet connectivity in the rural areas. Majority of our students cannot join the class due to network issues.
2. Powercut in the villages is a major issue especially during the monsoon
3. Some students find difficulty to purchase smartphones.
4. Students sometime cannot remain active during the online programmes as they are at homes and in a different situation.
5. College will have to procure some devices to conduct online classes more efficiently and record the classes.