

Best Practice I

Title: Social Awareness Programme

Goal

One of the objectives of our college is to instil social awareness among our students by organizing various sensitization programs. By dealing with social issues like health, sanitation, gender, disease control in the campus and surroundings, our students would gradually develop an understanding of the reality and the issues as well as their role in social responsibilities. They would voluntarily participate in such programs and thereby have consciousness of various social issues. They would eagerly involve themselves in overall well being of the under-privileged section of our society and maintain conducive environment for our college and its academic atmosphere.

The Context

Dum Dum Motijheel College, a centre of conventional education system, is in a prime location of South Dumdum Municipality of North 24 Parganas. The college has a rich legacy of organizing social awareness programs as a part of its commitment to social responsibilities. Sensitization programs like awareness about diseases such as dengue, malaria, leprosy etc, sanitation of the college campus and neighbouring places, sapling plantation for clean and green environment are organized. Sensitization of child education and promotion of literacy are the most promising social work which aware people about the basic need of education to get rid of the poverty causing various problems in their lives.

The Practice

- Plantation drive was undertaken in the college campus on 11.8.2018 by all the stakeholders for creating awareness about the eco-friendly environment.
- Thalassaemia test was conducted by the NSS unit in association with NRS Medical College in the college campus on 29.11.2018. All the stakeholders participated in this programme.
- NCC unit of our college arranged Swachh Bharat Abhiyan in October 2018.
- NCC unit organized an awareness programme regarding importance of child education.
- It also organized a dengue awareness programme on 18.8.2018.
- NCC spread Open Defecation free awareness in May, 2019
- International Literacy Day was observed by NCC unit on 8.9.2018. The main aim of the international event is to promote literacy as a fundamental human right and

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educate the masses that literacy is crucial for eradicating poverty, reducing inequality and achieving sustainable development goals across the world.

- NCC unit also organized road safety and discipline programme for the community in June 2019.
- Touch Leprosy Awareness campaign is another such social issue addressed by the NCC volunteers during 30.1.2019 to 13.2.2019.

Evidence of Success

Social awareness was raised among all the stakeholders and the community of the neighbouring places. Increasing numbers of students are now willingly taking part in such programmes. Awareness against the diseases is helping them combating the diseases affecting them and the community. The students and staff are motivated to engage themselves in social services. These awareness programs directly impact the society that resonates across generations.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required

- More fund is needed to organize such programmes
- Special sessions to be arranged for the students to understand the necessity of such programmes and their role in social responsibilities.

SWACH BHARAT ABHIYAN



Open Defecation free Awareness



IMPORTANCE OF CHILD EDUCATION AND DENGUE AWARENESS PROGRAMME



INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY



Best Practice II

Title : Regular Conduction of Student Centric Activities

Goal

A student centric activity is one that keeps students in centre and employs learning strategies that focus on students and are student-friendly. The institution employs a student centric activity such as organization of workshops, seminars, poster presentation, publishing wall magazines, festivals, special days, educational tours, career counselling and personality development sessions, sports, games etc. Seminar is always a forum from which students can develop scientific culture and enhance their aptitude in the subject. By poster presentation, the thought processes and creativities of students are presented. The NCC and NSS activities make students sensitive towards their duties and responsibilities within the society and community. The objective of such programmes is to create a diverse and relevant spectrum of departmental activities and to merge those towards a common institutional goal. These activities develop the goal of education through various skills like soft skills, leadership skill and team building skills and strengthen the connection between a student, education and the world they live in.

The context

As the institution believes that the student is the direct objective and the first beneficiary of education process, it promotes student centric activities. Students participate in these activities run by departments and the institution which help in shaping the leaders in them; help in shaping their personality and academics. Co-curricular activities are complementary to the learning process and are often created through a common charter of the academic institution. To develop their creativities, skill enhancement activities, such as, writing, speaking, organizational and professional advancements are encouraged in these student centric co-curricular activities. Each department endeavours to build customized activities which make the students more inclusive as well as participative.

The practice

Each department started an effort to customize their activities keeping in mind the best interest of their students.

To impart general information to individuals or groups, students are encouraged to attend workshops, seminars or informational sessions, visiting reputed institutes, participating in events like career counselling sessions, science and technological camps etc. Quiz and debate competitions are also organized in some of the departments to develop the skill of public talk and to enhance the diversified knowledge on popular and relevant issues.

Besides these activities, National Science Day, World Environmental Day, World Philosophy Day etc. were chosen for celebration. As a part of the celebration, speaking in front of a large audience is promoted through debates, students' seminars and discussions. Publishing Wall Magazines, Poster Presentations develop their attitude of team building, skills and enhance their aptitude in the subject and development of academic culture.

Another practice is Career Counselling and Personality Development Programmes which help the students in shaping their personality and academics and in making the future prospect of careers.

Educational tours are also organized not only as a part of their curriculum but also as an initiative to enrich the students' knowledge and make their classroom teaching more interesting and refreshing.

Festivals, both regional and national, are observed as a student centric activity. They actively take part by involving themselves in the observance of the festivals, participating in cultural programme involving those festivals.

Sports, games are also student centric activities which keep them physically and mentally fit and fine.

Indoor games increase the mental health of a student. It helps in increasing the IQ and presence of mind of a student.

Outdoor sports like football, cricket etc. builds the stamina of a student.

Student counselling and mentoring is the most important part of student centric activities.

Student might have encountered various issues that hampered their academic proceedings and mental health. The faculties of the departments in this situation held personal interactive sessions with the students and their guardians whenever necessary.

NCC and NSS activities aim at developing character, discipline, secular outlook, ideals of selfless service among the young students. Those also aim at creating a pool of organized, trained and motivated youth with leadership qualities in all walks of life.

The student centric activities in our institution are listed below :

- Department of Chemistry published a wall magazine 'Alchemy' on 21.12.2018, February 2019 and June 2019.
- Department of Chemistry observed National Science Day on 28.2.2019 by arranging a seminar and poster presentation.

- Department of Chemistry arranged on 8.3.2019 and an eminent scientist from IISC delivered a talk in the seminar. Both the students and faculties were enriched by attending the seminar.
- Another departmental students' seminar was organized in January 2019 by the Department of Chemistry.
- An extempore speech competition was organized for the students of Chemistry department in 28.2.2019, National Science Day.
- Thalassemia test was conducted by NSS unit in association with NRS Medical College. in the college campus on 29.11.2018. All the stakeholders participated in this awareness programme.
- Planting saplings by all the stakeholders was undertaken for making them aware of the eco-friendly environment on 11.8.2018.
- Birth anniversary of Acharya Prafulla Chandra Roy was celebrated on 2.8.2018 in the department of Chemistry.
- One day workshop on Flowering and Non-Flowering Plant identification and Herbarium methodology was organized by the department of Botany in collaboration with Botanical Survey of India on 7.6.2019.
- A workshop on Python was organized by the department of Physics on 29.3.2019.

Evidence of Success

In earlier years, we have witnessed limited student participation in these workshops, seminars, debates, wall magazines, cultural programmes, excursions etc. student centric activities. Presently, student participation in such activities has substantially improved. Students regularly participate with enthusiasm in creating the best output for the department and the institution. Overall organizational participation has increased and awareness has been raised among them regarding the involvements and usefulness in these activities.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required

- More teachers should come forward to increase the active involvement of students and to motivate them in various ways in such activities.
- To increase awareness about the usefulness of such activities it needs untiring efforts from the teachers and the student body over a longer preparation period.
- Special mentoring sessions are required to be arranged to understand the necessity of such programs and the importance of their participation.
- More funds are required from the higher authorities for greater involvement of all the stakeholders in these activities.

Poster Presentation in National Science Day



Wall Magazine by Dept. of Chemistry



Cricket Tournament



Celebration of Birthday of Acharya P.C.Ray



Lecture by Dr.Santanu Mukherjee, IISC, Bangalore in a Seminar arranged by Dept. of Chemistry



Extempore in National Science Day



Workshop on Python arranged by Dept. of Physics



Plantation Drive

