

Best Practices of the Institution (2016-17)

1. Title of the practice:

- I. Morning Walkers' Club
- II. Community & Civil Society Interaction

2. The context that required the initiation of the practice

Optimum utilization of college resource is one of the most important reasons to start this practice. The rural background of students helps in tracing contacts and organizing different activities in villages of the area. This exercise leads to the 'community interaction', which enriches the learning of students. Generally, most of the activities are supposed to remain confined in institution of higher education. Whereas, community interactions take such activities closer to the masses and opens avenues of unexplored aspects. Similarly, our institution provides opportunity of interaction with civil society groups to the students. Through different programs and interactions with eminent personalities, students understand the multiple dynamics of societal life.

3. Objectives of the practice

- I. Optimum utilization of track
- II. Extending health facility to the community.
- III. Enrich the learning of students through real-life experiences.
- IV. Inform students about the multiple dynamics of society.

4. The Practice

- I. During the day time the students of Physical education department use the track for practice whereas, in the morning and evening hours same is used by morning walkers' club as well as sportspersons. The track is collectively maintained by the community and the college. This practice has helped the community and sportspersons to work on their health. Sportspersons not belonging to this college are also able to use this track and benefit from the facility.
- II. Organize regular activities in different villages and locations of the area.
- III. Organize interactions of students with different civil society groups.
- IV. Organize interactions of students with the eminent personalities of the area.

5. Obstacles faced if any and strategies adopted to overcome them

Need was felt to keep a record of the visitors to the college in the morning and evening. This duty was assigned to the gate keeper to maintain a register of the visitor.

6. Impact of the practice

- I. Provide good environment to walkers.
- II. Track, basketball and football courts are available to sports persons.
- III. The relationship between the college and community got better with the sharing of resources and more such collaboration can be forged in future.

IV. The community and civil society interactions have brought drastic changes in the approach of students towards societal issues. Even, students are sufficiently aware about the social issues and problems, but institutionalized attempts through real-life experiences help in re-orient thoughts of the students. The coherence of thoughts helps them to come up with solutions to the problems to which earlier seemed to be formidable. This practice channelizes their youthful energy in the right direction.

7. Resources required-

- I. Many sports programs or competitions can be organized with the help of sponsorship and financial aid from the community.
- II. Villagers can help in leveling the playing field and removing the weeds.
- III. Sponsorship and financial aid for different programs.
- IV. Contacts of political representatives in villages in the vicinity of the college.
- V. Different mechanisms for spreading information and messages of the programs.
- VI. Assistance of the media.
- VII. Orators to organize programs.
- VIII. Sound setup.

8. About the institution-

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