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Best Practices

BEST PRACTICE 1

1. Title of the Practice:

Student Aid Fund (Merit cum Poverty Scholarship)

2. Objective:

The Institution aims to impart quality education “at an affordable cost to all the sections of society” besides, the college management is of the firm view that no student should be deprived of education due to the want of resources. Thus with this motto, our institution caters to the needs of students out of student Aid Fund.

The following are the objectives:

- To support for deserving students without any discrimination.
- To encourage meritorious students for their holistic development.
- To provide equal opportunities for all the sections of society irrespective of their background.

3. Context:

This is one of the unique initiatives of Janata Education Society. In addition to scholarships provided by the government and other agencies, the society offers merit-cum-poverty scholarships and fee concessions (free ships) for needy students through a dedicated corpus fund.

The majority of students aspiring to pursue higher education in our institution are talented individuals from semi-urban and rural areas, often belonging to economically and socially disadvantaged sections of society. For these students, financing their education presents a significant challenge.

To address this issue, JES has established a Students’ Aid Fund aimed at supporting such students in overcoming financial barriers to higher education. A committee constituted by the management oversees this initiative, carefully selects eligible students, and provides them with the necessary financial assistance.

4. The Practice:

The Janata Education Society (JES) is committed to supporting students through the Student Aid Fund scholarships and fee concessions, backed by a corpus fund of ₹2.5 crores. During the

academic year 2023-2024, the institution offered fee concessions and facilitated installment-based payment options at the time of admission, helping students overcome financial constraints.

The selection process involves a thorough verification of the students' and parents' backgrounds, based on their submitted requests. JES provided scholarships to approximately 33 deserving students, amounting to a total of ₹2,30,000.

5. Evidence of Success:


It is evident that students who benefited from the aforementioned program excelled academically, securing impressive percentages in university examinations. This initiative has significantly alleviated the financial burden on their parents.

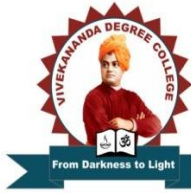
By fulfilling its social responsibility, the institution has met the expectations of both students and parents, contributing to the welfare of society. The positive responses from parents and students underscore the success of this endeavor. As a result, the institution was able to admit a substantial number of students across various programs, ensuring broader access to education.

6. Problems Encountered:

Despite numerous appeals from parents and students for scholarships and fee concessions offered by the institution, we were unable to accommodate all requests due to limited resources. The institution prioritized providing scholarships and fee concessions to meritorious and needy students, based on established criteria.

While JES aims to increase the corpus fund to support more students, accomplishing this goal has proven challenging for the management due to various constraints.


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Best Practice 2

1. Title of the Practice:

HEALTH AND HYGIENE

2. Objective:

“Better hygiene leads to better health, confidence, and overall growth,” a slogan coined by UNICEF, which the institution strongly adheres to. The objectives of this initiative are as follows:

- To promote and maintain the principles of hygiene.
- To implement all those programmes chalked out by central and state government.
- To conduct various Health Awareness Programmes.
- To impart the knowledge of health and hygiene for students.
- To undertake projects on health and hygiene in collaboration particularly with NGOs and other organizations in general.

3. Context:

Health is essential for freedom from disease and sickness. Health education plays a vital role in a student's life by preventing illness and promoting well-being. The institution recognizes that access to proper hygiene facilities and health education is fundamental for fostering a healthy environment. Given that many students come from diverse backgrounds with varying levels of health awareness, the institution has implemented comprehensive initiatives to promote health and hygiene across the campus.

4. The Practice:

In line with the stated objectives, the institution has organized a variety of programmes to ensure the maintenance of health and hygiene. Several key practices have been implemented to support this goal:

- The campus facilities, including classrooms, libraries, laboratories, office rooms, staff rooms, and toilets, are regularly sanitized to maintain a clean and hygienic environment.
- A Primary Health Care Center is available on campus, staffed with a doctor, ensuring continuous monitoring of the health of both students and staff.
- The institution has an active yoga committee that organizes yoga classes and wellness programmes regularly for students and staff, focusing on both physical and mental health.
- For the convenience of female students, sanitary vending and disposal machines have been installed to ensure their comfort during college hours.

- The institution organizes a range of health awareness programmes, including drives on liver health, autism awareness, and menstrual hygiene. These programmes help to raise awareness on critical health issues and promote self-care among students.
- Health awareness drives are conducted regularly, which cover topics such as the importance of a balanced diet, exercise, mental health, and hygiene. These drives are aimed at informing students and staff about preventive health measures.
- Additionally, the institution actively promotes cleanliness and environmental responsibility through initiatives like Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Anti-Plastic Drives, and tree planting activities organized by the NSS unit.

5. Evidence of Success:

The institution has successfully implemented health and hygiene programs, yielding positive outcomes. The Primary Health Care Center has provided valuable services, including free consultations and follow-up care. The installation of sanitary vending and disposal machines has improved attendance, especially among female students. Awareness programs on liver health and autism have enhanced understanding of these critical issues. Health drives have promoted preventive health measures, encouraging students to adopt healthier habits. Yoga classes have improved students' physical and mental well-being. Additionally, the institution has supported students with special medical needs, such as providing free eye refractive surgeries.

6. Problems Encountered:

Organizing health and hygiene programs comes with its set of challenges. One of the main obstacles faced by the institution is the resource constraint in organizing large-scale health programs. Despite these challenges, the institution has continued to carry out its initiatives effectively, ensuring the availability of necessary facilities and services. Coordinating the implementation of health programs and ensuring the active participation of all stakeholders has required significant effort, but the institution has managed to address these issues successfully through continuous support from the administration and active involvement of the faculty and students.

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