

Best Practice - 1

1. Title of the Practice: – Empowerment of girl Students

2. Objectives of the Practice :-

- To empower girl students through quality higher education.
- To give female students adequate representation in various committees of the college.
- To create health & hygiene consciousness among female students.
- To create safe & secure campus girl students where they can focus on their higher education.
- To inculcate a sense of self-confidence among girl students through extra-curricular activities
- To nurture skills among female students that can make them employable.

3. The Context

The College is located in a rural area where girl students have to face many social & family restrictions to pursue their higher education. The girl students are not fully aware about immense career and other opportunities through which they can explore their personalities.

The shyness of girl students especially is an issue that needs to be addressed. The girls from socially and economically weaker sections find it more difficult to pursue higher education. Hence the college takes it as a priority to create conducive atmosphere for girl students.

4. The Practice

- The College organized various programs & activities for girls to make them efficient to explore themselves.
- An Interaction with Panel of experts on Women empowerment on the topic ‘Health Issues of Women’ on 16/01/2019.
- Dr. Sharad Landage, conducted counseling on ‘Diet & women’s Health’ on 22/01/2019.
- Dr. Varsha Shiwale delivered a lecture on ‘Women Empowerment’ on 23/01/2019.
- Celebration of Rakshabandhan by girl students of the college in Anand Ashram Orphanage on 27/08/2018.
- Celebration of Mahabondala (Cultural program on the occasion of Navrathri) for girls and their mothers on 16/10/2018.
- Effective implementation of ‘Earn & Learn Scheme’ for economic empowerment of girl students.
- A Certificate Course of Mehendi especially for girl students was designed by the Women’s cell.

5. Evidence of Success

- A) Three hundred twenty five girl students were enrolled in the college as a result of continuous focus on girls' empowerment.
- B) Scholarship to girl students in the academic year 2018-18

Sr.No.	Name of Scholarship	Number Girl students received scholarship	Amount received
01	S.C./S.T.	08	26,300/-
02	VJNT	04	8725/-
03	SBC	01	1880/-
04	OBC	33	60655/-
05	Economically Weaker Section	08	15800/-
06	Krantijyoti Savitribai Scholarship for meritorious students	10	50,000/-
		64	1,63,360/-

- C) Preference to Socially & economically backward girl students for 'Earn & Learn Scheme'.

Sr. No	Number of girls	Amount disbursed
01	21	31,995/-

- D) Certificate Course in Mehendi created many opportunities of self-employment for the students who completed the course.
- E) Eight girl students topped in annual exams.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources required

The basic problem we encountered is a lack of information, self-confidence among girl students. It was slightly difficult to change the mindset of girl students to prepare them mentally, physically, academically and intellectually. We tried to overcome this by conducting activities meant only for girls.

Another issue we encountered is parents' reluctance to support their girl wards due to social norms. We organized informal meeting for mother parents of girls in order to create awareness about the importance of girls' empowerment.

Best Practice - 2

1 Title of the Practice – **Plastic free campus for Environment conservation**

2 Objectives of the Practice:-

- To create awareness about environment conservation among students.
- To conduct activities and programs that would promote environment conservation.
- To make students realize adverse effects of plastic
- To create plastic garbage free campus.
- To promote healthy practices of reducing, reusing, recycling plastic garbage among students.

3 The Context

The College is located in an area where industrialization is taking place at a pace. The increase in plastic garbage in Talegaon Dhamdhere and its vicinity is a major problem creating health issues. The drastic increase in plastic garbage matched with uninformed local population widens severity of the problem. Its most useful to literate young population at the disposal of the college in order to contribute to the environment conservation.

4 The Practice

- Students were given oath for keeping and creating clean environment on 1/8/2018.
- A rally was organized through village Talegaon Dhamdhere on 14/08/2018 to create awareness about plastic garbage and environment conservation.
- A Program called 'Cleanliness is Service to Humanity' was organized on 24/09/2018.
- A Workshop on 'Plastic Free Campus' was organized on 12/10/2018. Mr. Vinod Bodhankar who runs an N.G.O. called Sagarmitra and is an expert in the area of Plastic garbage disposal was invited. He interacted with students and through power point presentation made students aware about the urgency to address the issue of plastic garbage.
- The Nature Club of the college took an initiative to distribute cloth bags to collect domestic plastic garbage at the homes of students. The students were asked to bring plastic garbage to the college once in a month. The collected plastic garbage is given to 'Vidnyan Ashram', an institute that works on plastic garbage disposal.
- The Village Cleanliness Campaign was held in Talegaon Dhamdhere Village on 19/01/2019 to create awareness among villagers in collaboration with the gram panchayat.

5 Evidence of Success

- The College campus has gradually become less plastic campus.
- The College canteen service provider was made aware about college policy about plastic and a formal letter was given to him to ban single use plastic in the canteen. As a result of it, the service provider too responded positively and 'single use plastic' has strictly been prohibited in the college canteen and other important places of the college.
- The students and parents expressed satisfaction about the activity to reduce plastic.

6 Problems Encountered and Resources required

The initial problem was to make students aware about the objectives of the practice. The causal approach about routine use of plastic needed to be discussed with the students. Another problem was that of finding resources to find organization that has expertise in plastic garbage disposal. The Rotary club of Shikrapur helped us in finding important Expert resource persons like Mr. Vinod Bodhankar and the institute like Vidnyan Ashram.