

Best Practice 1

Title of the Practice – Value Based Education

Objectives of the Practice

- To emerge as an institute of excellence in higher education.
- To impart value based education in line with global standards.
- To inculcate the Indian heritage and culture and to instill moral values of life in the minds of youth.
- To promote leadership qualities and to develop entrepreneurial skills amongst students.
- To groom students to become socially responsible citizens.
- To create a strong learning environment.
- To provide holistic education.

The Context

Value based education aims at inculcating the highly commendable values such as service, devotion, contentment, love peace, truth and wisdom in the minds of students. The Institute has been shouldering the responsibility of providing it at the right time to students. The system enhances academic achievement and develops students' social and relationship skills. The skills they imbibe during their course of study not only help them get placed in reputed firms but also last throughout their lives.

The Institute consistently works to impart social, moral, integrity, character, spirituality, etc along with regular classes and learning system. It builds the qualities of humility, strength and honesty in students who are shaped to become better citizens of our country. As part of extension activities students are taken out to get along with society thereby apprehending the actual social stratum and its issues.

The Practice

The College regularly celebrates the national festivals like Independence Day, Republic Day, Gandhi Jayanthi during which eminent advocates/social activists/ freedom fighters are invited as guests. They deliver inspiring speeches to the students highlighting the importance human values. The Institution, in collaboration with 'Podhu-Nambikai', an NGO, organized a massive awareness program on voting rights titled 'Oru Viral Osai' on 25th August 2015 in the college premises. The programme has been successful in enlightening the students on their voting rights.

Consumer Club has been formed and functioning since 2013 with an aim to create awareness among the students about consumerism. Vipassana Meditation' is conducted on the campus in the month of May, every year. This creates awareness about the advantages of Yoga and

meditation among the staff and the students. The Green Club in college has been established to turn the staff and students to be environment friendly.

Agriculture is significant for multiple reasons. Due to the advent of science and technology, people pay least attention to farming and farmers. Realizing the hourly need to make the students understand it, the Department of Bioscience held awareness workshop on 'Prospects of Food Processing, Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Initiatives by Government of India' on the 23rd September, 2015. 250 participants including students, faculty members from other colleges, self-help group members and farmers attended and got benefitted through the workshop.

The Institution in collaboration with Revive Foundation and Youth Red Cross organized “AANIVER” (A Celebration of Golden agers) on 22nd July 2017, in Pandit Nehru Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Kurichi. More than three hundred grandparents graced the occasion with their presence. The main objective of the event was to bring grandparents and their grandchildren together. India once widely known for joint family system is divided now. The younger generation is not properly moulded as it stays away from elderly family members. Old and elderly people are not respected. Proper care is not taken for old, widowed and physically challenged people. The programme “AANIVER” offered a platform for emotional conversation between grandparents and their grandchildren.

The Department of Social Work regularly conducts rural camps at different tribal villages. These camps practically teach the students to sort out the social constraints encountered by the villagers. The department in association with Native Medicare Charitable Trust (NMCT), organize provides individual counselling, in which supportive therapy, environment modification therapy and Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT), are practised based on specific persons. The Service also offers a variety of topic-specific workshops throughout the year, like anger management, conflict resolution, power of positivity, transactional analysis, pre-marital Counselling, anti-smoking, Alcoholism & Drug Addiction etc.

Evidence of Success

The students through the NSS and YRC conduct awareness programmes about the ill effects of Dengue, the importance of agriculture, water and energy conservation, blood donation campaigns etc. When they interact with their own community, they are able to identify the problems faced by common people. They gain practical knowledge out of the act. They spread love and trust and sometimes render materialistic help to the poor and the needy. They rural areas in and around Malumachampatti to conduct health awareness, rain water harvesting and cleanliness campaigns. Though these programmes, the teaching and learning community is constantly in touch with the society.

The Institution is brimmed with pride and happiness to witness the successful implementation of value based education system wherein the students are taught to engage with all aspects of human existence like emotional, moral and spiritual on par with their materialistic reach. They have developed a sense of compassion for their community.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required

In this era of technology, most of the people are violent and intolerant. The present generation of youth hailing from India, a developing democratic country is brought up in a society which is characterised by rampant change, cultural and religious diversity, dislocated families and unemployment. Here, education can be used as a powerful device for inculcating values in students. The values can be incorporated in everyday classroom praxis.

One of the major challenges faced in this regard is to changing the mind sets of students from curriculum to community service. As the world speedily paces after materialistic sophistication, the students of the present generation have been well trained at home itself to compete with challenges pertaining to economic growth. The morning assembly plays a vital role in this to bring all together physically and mentally. Verses being from The Gita, the Bible and the Kuran unite all irrespective of creed, caste and religion. The celebration of “Samacheer Pongal” gives life to Indian Culture and tradition.

Notes (Optional)

Nowadays, more emphasis is unconditionally laid on knowledge-based and information-oriented education which looks after the intellectual development of the child. But the Value Based Education system of the Institute is the key to unlock an all -round and well-balanced personality of the students. It also aims at developing all dimensions of the human intellect with which the youth take our nation to be more democratic, interconnected, culturally rich and intellectually modest nation.