

SREE NARAYANA TRAINING COLLEGE, NEDUNGANDA

BEST PRACTICES 2017-'18

Best Practice- 1

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT AND CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES

Objectives of the Practice

- To make student teachers understand how human decisions and actions affect the environment
- To take initiative in building knowledge and skills among student teachers necessary to address complex environmental issues
- To equip and motivate student teachers to think responsibly on ways we can take action to keep our environment healthy and sustainable for the future.

Need/ Rationale for Evolving the Practice

Sree Narayana Training College has been organizing a lot of Community Extension Programmes as part of both curricular and co curricular programmes every year. The activities organized by the institution are always in relation to the immediate needs of the community. It emphasizes not only the desirable and satisfactory changes in the local community but also the changes in the social responsibility of the institution. Active use of the outdoor environment as a setting for interventions is effective at improving mental and physical health indicators. Such activities could have the potential to not only avoid excess pharmaceutical management, improve physical and mental health and well-being, but may also decrease social isolation, improve practical skills, and enhance local environments. Being prospective teachers, they should have the responsibility and commitment to the society. Hence it is essential to do environmental service-learning projects that link classroom learning to the real world. Such activities encourage students to use their creativity and imagination and develop other 21st century skills such as collaboration and teamwork, critical thinking, and problem solving. By blending community service with the academic curriculum, students are “learning by doing” through these experiential learning activities.

Description of the Practice (Including Methods/Strategies/ Process)

The Nature Club of the institution organizes a variety of activities related to environmental sustainability such as cleaning programs in the coastal area, planting saplings, paper bag making and preparation of swadeshi products etc. which empowers youth by developing leadership skills, career awareness, and civic participation, helped throughout.



Student Teachers give training in Swadeshi Products preparation to nearby schools

Sree Narayana Training College engages in different activities which are for sustainable environment with Greenvein, a National foundation for planting and protecting trees. The organization aims to reduce global warming and implement reforestation programs all over the country. For the past four years the institution collaborates with the organization and take up many programmes such as extensive afforestation programs throughout the locality and also take up the challenge of eradicating plastic items from the Papanasam beach, Varkala, where tons of plastic waste accumulates every time.



In Action- Challenge of eradicating plastic items from the Papanasam beach

Members of Nature Club distributed recycling bins to all six optional classes and collected paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, and other materials in their classrooms and handed over the collected bundle to nearby recycling units. The student teachers had successfully planted more than 10000 trees for the last four years. The programme was extended to the practice teaching schools during their practical session and the participation of the students and the support of the local community in the respective locality has greatly contributed for the success of the programme. Student teachers during their Practice teaching schedule, devoted time to clean school premises and build garden including both flower and vegetable. With the wholehearted support of the school authorities, and by bringing all students together, they chose a location and designed and built their garden. Not only that, many of them took initiative in building Natural Water Pits for recharging wells by preserving rain water in their practicing schools and at own homes. They had organized awareness campaigns on environmental

protection and preservation of natural resources in the respective schools as well as in the community. The initiatives were widely appreciated by the authorities, community leaders and PTA of schools.



Rainwater Harvesting Unit



Solar Energy Plant

Using Solar Energy, Sree Narayana Training College prides itself on keeping greenhouse gas pollution out of the atmosphere. Rainwater harvesting is an important environment friendly approach the College has been implemented to meet the scarcity of water and avoid destruction of the normal groundwater level. In collaboration with Kerala State Council for Science Technology and Environment (KSCSTE), the college organizes activities in association with World Environment Day, World Wet Land Day, World Ozone Day and National Science Day with a view to disseminate knowledge of environmental hazards among prospective teachers. Our college has good interaction and collaboration with the environmental activities of University of Kerala under the Bhoomitrasena club. The Club has convened an awareness class on conservation of water in association with World Water Day with the support of The Kerala State Environment and Climate Change Department. All these activities give rare opportunities to student teachers to protect our Mother Earth.

Resource Requirement: (Human/ Material/ Financial)

Essential:-Human & Material

Support:- Comparatively low financial support

Evaluation of the Best and Unique Practices

The initiatives were widely appreciated by the authorities, community leaders and PTA of schools. The activities are of highly divine character as we are trying to protect our Nature and Environment. The students learned a lot about the natural environment around them throughout these activities. They also learned how to teach others and participate in community service activities that make their knowledge useful to their community. The students also developed peer and mentoring relationships to help, teach and encourage one another. Being Social engineers, all

these community service and student-led activities enhances their “competence, confidence, and responsibility” which reflects in their overall teaching learning performances and achievements.

Efforts taken for improvement

Finding enough time to implement the community service activities was the major problem faced by the college in the initial phase of launch of the programme. In order to tackle the problem, a part of the activities of the programme had been clubbed with curricular extension programmes. This boosted the morale of the club members and they worked tirelessly, even after the college hours and holidays to fulfill the objectives. Every year the Sree Narayana Training College organizes these types of activities and our students are getting enriched with rare opportunities to take part in these activities.

Best Practice- II

Campus Placement Programme -Job Fest-2018

ACTIVITIES OF CAREER GUIDANCE CLUB & PLACEMENT CELL

CAREER GUIDANCE CLUB

A well-organized Career Guidance Club is actively functioning in our college. The main objectives of the Club are

Objectives:

- To provide information about various career options available to the students.
- To create awareness about self-employment and entrepreneurship options.
- To provide information regarding various courses of study and competitive exams.
- To provide general career counseling.

In order to meet the above objectives, the Club organizes several inspiring and educative programmes such as

- ‘Programme on Personality Development and Youth Empowerment’,
- ‘Weekly G.K.’,
- ‘Opportunities’,
- ‘Awareness on Life Skills’ and practices,

- Capacity Building activities like ‘Extempore Speech’ in order to cultivate the art of Public Speaking among students,
- Exam Orientation Seminars,
- TET, SET, NET orientation programmes by external experts,
- Classes on Vedic Mathematics for Competitive Examinations,
- Display and information on Career News,
- Subscription of Career Magazines
- Inter Optional Quiz Competitions
- Publication of Rank File for Competitive Examinations etc.



TET Orientation Seminar

Club offers vocational guidance and job assurance activities. The college provides opportunity for campus selection to the different institutions. The college organizes seminars on general awareness and aptitude tests for upbringing student competency. The Club continuously serves as a Placement agent to our students by providing proper vocational awareness and conscientiation activities on present educational situations.

PLACEMENT CELL

The placement cell offers job opportunities in the neighboring areas and neighbouring countries like Bhutan, Maldives etc. We host ‘Job Fair’ activities in collaboration with a number of schools. We provide the students with copies of various Employment News and other newspapers. We also give information on different career related newsmagazines and

books for competitive exams. Besides these, there are various brochures, newsletters, directories and guide books for different courses.

College provides the required men and material resources to the placement cell. The technical support and other facilities available in the college are open to the cell. Infra structural facilities of the college including the computer and documentary facilities are provided by the institution.

Salient Features of the Cell:

- Networking with various career counseling organizations like Career Guidance and Employment Cell, University of Kerala; ORC Project Research Section, Govt. of Kerala; Established Career Coaching Centers and Language Training Institutes and a number of career counselors of the state.
- Growing response from the students both from inside and outside the college.

Threats faced by the Cell:

Students are usually reluctant to accept jobs in the unaided sector due to low returns. Moreover opportunities in the unaided sector inside and outside are not transparent and the employees are facing many challenges regarding their working conditions. This often results in curtailing the efforts of the cell. In spite of all these hurdles, the cell is functioning in praise worthy manner to the needy.

Campus Placement Programme -Job Fest-2018

The club successfully organized a **Campus Placement Programme -Job Fest-2018** on 23-3-2018 by inviting several nearby schools in which many students sought placement. The programme was truly a successful one with the participation of Management, Alumni students and outside participants. Majority of the outgoing students of this year, Former students and outside candidates attended the interview. 27 students were shortlisted and selected for placement. The programme was really a divine one as we are quite particular about the job assurance of our students and Sree Narayana Training College stands first among the colleges under University of Kerala in organizing a Campus Placement Drive.

The activities of the Club were successfully conducted under the excellent coordination of the Staff Coordinator Dr. Smitha S., Assistant Professor and with the innovative ideas of all its members and the student coordinators Ms. Sahitya Unnithan (Senior Batch) and Ms. Reshma Mohan (Junior Batch).


