



Best Practice

Session: 2023-2024

1. Title of the Practice:

In the session 2023-2024 our college performs the following two as the best practices:

- Grant of financial support to needy students to help them to continue studies.
- Grant of financial support to faculties for carrying out research.

2. Objective of the practice:

- Though our Sonamukhi College is located in Sonamukhi Municipality, innumerable students of our college originate from the adjoining blocks of Bankura district. As the families meet both ends by farming and collecting woods from forest, it is as clear as daylight that they are totally incapable of reinforcing the expenditure on education. To give mental as well as financial support to those needy students, Sonamukhi College fraternity extends its helping hand towards its beloved students so that they can carry out their institutional education uninterruptedly.
- Man has a natural inclination to know the unknown, to explore the unexplored, to invent the uninvented. The teaching staff of our college is no exception to this. To encourage the faculties in research activities, the college authority takes the decision of granting financial support to the faculty members irrespective of their designation.

3. Context that required the initiation of the practice:

- It goes without saying that our college is a rural college situated in the district of Bankura amidst the western region of West Bengal. Most of the students of our institution belong to lower middle class family or family categorized as BPL family. Obviously to the vast majority of guardians, education is a luxury or to be more precise, in their hand-to-mouth condition, spending money for education is unthinkable. During the intimate and friendly conversation with the departmental students, the faculties of our college came to know about this bitter truth and then and there turned every stone to find out the remedies of this malady.



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ii) It is a naked and inevitable truth that research is an integral part of education especially higher education. For the smooth continuation of inquisitive and innovative teaching-learning process, carrying out research is a crying need. As the motto of our college is imparting quality education and we are grim-jawed for not to compromise with standard education, the lucrative offer of financial assistance was given to the faculties for promoting research and thus ensuring better education for our beloved learners.

4. The Practice:

i) The system of granting monetary aid to the students works in three different ways. Firstly, the college has its own mechanism for providing half-free and full-free so far the tuition fees are concerned. Besides, there is 'Samadhan' project created by the teaching and non-teaching staff of our college for the solution of pecuniary drawbacks of the underprivileged pupils. Again, the 'Teachers' Council' stretches its helping hand towards the poverty-stricken students by giving economic support as and when necessary for their incessant higher education.

ii) At the advent of the academic session 2023-24, proposal letters from faculties are invited and those proposal letters are placed in the meeting of the Governing Body for taking resolutions regarding the research proposals submitted by various faculty members. After the approval of the Governing Body, the researcher starts his/her research without disturbing his/her regular responsibilities in the college.

5. Evidence of success:

i) The drop-out rate of the students of our college is decreasing day by day and it evidently bears the testimony of the fact that the best practice implemented by our college is nothing but a wise decision. What is more, the students, discarding their inertia, come forward for possessing financial assistance and find the rays of hope for continuing their studies.

ii) Research is comparatively a bit longer process. Researcher takes time to complete a research project undertaken by him/her. Research does not derive instant success. We are now at the initial stage of this practice. But we are hopeful of the success of our faculty researchers in near future and surely it will add a feather to the golden crown of our college.



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6. Problems encountered and resources required:

i) Actually, to provide financial support to others becomes a mammoth task for any organization if it runs with financial scantiness. Our institution is no exception to this. Yet depending on the goodwill and co-operative mentality of the college authority and college staff, the venture taken by the college is carried on spontaneously. For the required resources, the college has allotment in its budget for half-free and full-free whereas there is the system of monthly deduction from the salary of the entire college staff for the allocation of 'Samadhan' project and also for the aid from 'Teachers' Council'.

ii) To practicalize this best practice, our institution does not encounter any major problem. The minor problems are overcome with the collaboration of every stake holder. Who does not know executing research needs money? But, as we have provision in budget for research activities, we provide sufficient resources needed for the said purpose and thus bypassing any such problem, full support is bestowed to the researchers.

About the institution:

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