

## **Best Practice –I**

### **Title of practice: Cleanliness of Campus and Use of Technology**

#### **Goals:**

- To promote use of computer technology and reducer use of paper
- To promote use of technology to increase transparency, administrative efficiency and academic effectiveness
- To promote cleanliness in campus
- To create ideal ambience for education.

#### **Context:**

Clean and hygienic environment is basic component of decent living. *Swachh Bharat Abhiyan* has put focus on cleanliness as a vital indicator of a healthy and civilized society. The college is committed to creating healthy environment and positive ambience for teaching learning process. Cleanliness and environment consciousness are the primary values that students need to imbibe as students as well as responsible members of the community.

Govt. National College, Sirsa is the biggest college of the district. Manual processes of administration involve lot of paper work. It is a cumbersome and time consuming process to keep records of the student, staff, college infrastructure, and academic activities and track the information quickly whenever needed. Use of technology can transform both academic and administrative aspects of the college. Use of technology can help in promoting cleaner and greener environment by reducing use of paper.

#### **The Practice:**

The campus of the college is spread over large area of 18 acres. A large number of class IV employees clean the campus on daily basis. Apart from this six NSS units of students lead the college in cleanliness drive. College took many initiatives to spread the message of *Swatchta Abhiyan* and make students aware of the significance cleanliness.

- 250 students participated in a cleanliness drive undertaken by different units of NSS.
- NSS volunteers organised a massive rally as part of national campaign of *Swatchta Abiyan* to make the community aware of the importance of clean and hygienic environment.
- Different NSS units of the college take the responsibility of maintaining cleanliness of different areas of the college.

. Clean environment not only means maintain basic sanitation but also involves maintaining greener environment. Tree plantation is a regular activity. The NSS volunteers and NCC cadets take care of the plants and trees in area allotted to them.

The college staff and other students also volunteer for cleanliness drives and tree plantation. The teachers on proctorial duties ensure that students follow the cleanliness norms of the college. Different cells and societies organise various programmes to instil a sense of belongingness to their environment and to encourage them to adopt habits that help in keeping the campus clean and green.

The college continued its efforts in the direction of promoting use of technology. A well equipped, air conditioned Commerce Computer Lab with LAN of 22 computers was established.

### **Evidence of Success**

NSS volunteers, students and the staff voluntarily and enthusiastically participated in the cleanliness and plantation drives. There is a perceptible change in the conduct of the students as they are actively participating in maintaining the cleanliness of the campus. The use of dustbins has increase and the college. The level of cleanliness of the college has considerably improved. The college has been able to maintain its green cover.

Use of computers has increased for office work. Process of digitalization has improved the level of transparency of the system, access to information and efficiency of delivery of administrative tasks.

### **Problems Encountered and Resources Required:**

A psychological shift is needed to break the lethargy of old practices. Change is smoother if it is a collaborative effort. There is a need to involve and engage various stakeholders for identification of potential issues and solution.

The availability of ICT infrastructure is not enough to make ICT an integral part of classroom teaching. The college needs to invest more in IT infrastructure and training programs for students and the staff.

## Best Practice II

### Title of the practice: Making Students Socially Conscientious:

#### Goals:

- To sensitize the students towards the difficulties faced by the socially backward sections of the society.
- To make the students able to set examples before the masses in the field of social service and nation building.
- Sensitizing the youth to the social and environmental issues and motivate them to work for protection of environment, eradication of illiteracy and disease
- To inculcate the culture of sharing social responsibilities among the students.

#### Context:

Our vision is to produce generations of positive, practical, dedicated, and passionate future leaders who can transform the society and the nation. Young people can empower communities if they participate in community awareness and development programs. The college is committed to contributing to the task of social transformation and nation building by inculcating a sense of social responsibility and community engagement. The vision of egalitarian and equitable society cannot be realized only through framing laws. Many welfare schemes fail to achieve desired goals because of lack of awareness amongst the disadvantaged sections of society. As the students are also part of the local community they can become effective agents for spreading information, raising awareness and bringing change.

#### The Practice:

The college works at various levels to generate awareness amongst students and foster the spirit of community service. The college organizes a range of extension activities through forums like NSS, NCC, Women Cell, Subject Societies etc. organize programmes to sensitize students towards problems and needs of the of the under-privileged and the marginalized sections of the society.

There are six NSS units – four units of boys and two units of girls. Each unit has more than 100 volunteers. In the beginning of each session, students are enrolled for the social work and national service. Then they are oriented to execute the plans for that particular year and the thrust area. Each unit adopts one slum area/ village for the year and, in consultation with the local authorities, tries to convert it into a model one.

The volunteers interact with the community members of the area adopted by them. The volunteers identify and analyse their problems and help the people of the area to find solutions. During seven-day camp students live together and cook, serve and eat without any consideration of gender, caste, community, class, and creed giving rise to communal harmony. It inculcates a sense of social responsibility and mutual adjustment so that they can adapt themselves to any surrounding/circumstances.

Various cells and societies of the college also organize many awareness campaigns about issues of general social concern.

- Awareness rally was organised on HIV-AIDS on 12.08.2017
- A Rally on *Beti Bachao BetiPadhao* to aise awareness against female foeticide and promote women education on 25.09.2017
- A Blood Donation Camp was organised 5.10.2017

- National Unity Day celebrated to promote spirit of unity amongst different sections of society on 31.10.2017
- A workshop for the staff and students organised by AIDS control society of Haryana- 09.01.2018
- A nukkad natak Akhir Kadon Tak staged by the students to spread awareness against the problem of Drug Abuse among youth on 08.02.2018
- A rally on Road Safety was organised on 11.2.2018
- A talk on Menstrual Hygiene was organised and documentary on the same subject was shown for female students on 20.02.2018
- A seminar was organized to make students aware of consumer rights on 15.03.2018
- A talk was delivered by Dr Vikram Singh Associate Professor, Computer Science, CDLU about the cyber security on 16.03.2018.
- Students of GNC Sirsa took oath to obey road safety rules on 05.04.2018

### **Evidence of Success**

Various activities organized and practices adopted by the college to **Students Socially Conscientious** have been successful in their endeavour. The college has not only been able to sensitize its volunteers and other students about the need and nature of social work but has been successful in reaching out to the local community.

The activities raised the level of awareness among the students. They became more observant of their physical and social environment. They also developed a sense of belongingness to their surroundings. Their experience with the community-made them more empathetic towards the problems of others and more receptive to diverse opinions.

NSS volunteers were able to increase the level of areas adopted by them. They were also able to raise consciousness about different social issues.

The activities had a positive impact on the personality of the students. The students had the practical experience of working with people. This experience improved their communication skills and problem-solving capacity. They learn to work in harmony and develop leadership qualities.

The process also made them realize that they have the ability to bring change.

### **Problems encountered and resources required**

Being a Government institution, the college has financial constraints as many of the extension activities require financial support. Collaboration with local philanthropists and NGOs can help in mobilizing the resources for extension activities.

The students are not able to spend as much time they would like to spend on extension activities owing to the tight academic schedule after introduction of semester system.