

## **SRI MAHAVEERA FIRST GRADE COLLEGE, MOODBIDRI**

### **7.2 Best Practices**

#### **1. Free Midday Meals**

##### **Goal:**

To provide free midday meals to the deserving merit-cum-poverty students on every working day.

##### **The Context:**

Majority of the students are from the economical and financial weak background. Most the parents of our students are daily wage earners, coolie workers and small and marginal farmers and working in beedi industry. Hence, they cannot afford even one time meal for every day. In this context the Institution has taken an initiative to provide free midday meal to the meritorious cum poverty students.

##### **The Practice**

The college authorities took serious note of the situation in which the students were unable to attend classes either with limited food or empty stomach. To overcome this social problem the Institution decided to create a corpus fund to be used to provide free midday meals to deserving students. Applications are invited from deserving students, and the same will be placed in the Free Midday Meals Screening Committee. After elaborate screening process, eligible students are selected based on well defined criteria.

##### **Evidence of Success:**

The evidence of the success of the free midday meals scheme can be judged from the interest and the enthusiasm shown by the students to join the scheme. The number of applications seeking free midday meals is increasing year after year, but the paucity of funds does not permit the institution to extend this facility to all the applicants.

##### **Notes**

The free midday meals scheme implemented in the college has attracted wide public attention. The alumni, staff, parents, the management and the well wishers generously contribute to this noble cause. The college sees it as a great opportunity to serve the society by feeding the hungry students.

## **2. Organizing Intercollegiate competitions**

### **Goal:**

Every year the Institution organizes Inter-collegiate competitions to the students of Mangalore University with the aim of creating awareness among the students about the importance of art, science, culture and sports. The main objectives of conducting such competitions are:-

- To identify and showcase their talents in the field of arts, science, culture and sports.
- To instill confidence among the students to speak on the stage without fear.
- To improve their presentation and elocution skill.
- To exposure and traditions.
- To provide an opportunity to the staff and the students of our college to improve their organizing ability and teamwork.

### **The Context:**

A significant number of the students from various colleges affiliated to Mangalore University actively participate in these competitions. The huge response from the students and the colleges has encouraged our Institution to conduct these competitions every year. In this context the Institution has taken an initiative to make them as annual fairs so as to provide a perfect platform to the students of Mangalore University to identify and showcase their talents.

### **The Practice**

In practice, every year the following notable Intercollegiate competitions at Mangalore University level are organized:-

- S.D. Samrajya Memorial Elocution competition on “Gandhian Thought” for arts students.
- Tulunada Siri Madipu” Cultural Competition for the students of all disciplines.
- Intercollegiate football tournament for men and women for the sports students.

### **Evidence of Success:**

The evidence of the success of organizing these inter-collegiate competitions can be judged from the interest and the enthusiasm shown by the students of various colleges affiliated to Mangalore University to participate in these competitions. The organizing of such events also

provides a training ground for staff and students of our college to improve their leadership and organizing abilities.

### **Notes**

The Institution has taken this step to improve the extra-curricular activities among the students. These competitions are conducted with a view to create an interest and awareness among the students about the need and the importance of art, science, culture and sport, besides the prescribed curricular aspect to make them complete student.