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7.2.1 Two Best Practices successfully implemented by the institution

The institution has many best practices in tune with its vision and mission. The two best practices are Free Mid-day Meal and Intercollegiate Cultural fest Tulunada Siri Madipu

Best Practice: 1

1. Title of the Practice: Free Midday Meal Scheme

2. Objectives of the Practice

- Mid-day Meal Scheme is an ambitious project of the College. It was started with an intension to provide free midday meals to the poor and the needy students of the rural area.
- To provide free midday meals to the deserving and poor students.
- To give free midday meals to students on merit-cum poverty basis.
- To provide free midday meals to the deserving students on all working days.
- To see that student should not remain in empty stomach during the noon hours in the College.
- To facilitate the students who come from rural area.

3. The Context

Majority of the students of the institution are from economically weak background. Most of the parents of our students are daily wage earners and their income is very less. Some students come from interior place where bus facility is very rare. Students find it difficult to bring lunch box because of their poor economic condition. Some of our male students leave

their home early morning to do part time jobs like paper distribution, milk supply etc. They find it difficult to bring lunch box. Donors give money to provide mid day meals. Many of our old students who are well placed in the society donate money for this noble cause. In this context, the institution has taken an initiative to provide free midday meals to the meritorious and economically weaker background students.

4. The Practice

- The Institution is situated in a rural area. Majority of the students come from remote distant places.
- The economic and financial background of majority of the students is very weak.
- Most of the students attend classes either with limited food or empty stomach. Due to this their attentiveness in the class is less.
- Some students come to College with empty stomach because of the health condition of their parents, who find it difficult to prepare breakfast in the early morning.
- Keeping this in mind, the College Administrative Committee has initiated this Midday Meal Scheme.
- The Institution decided to create a corpus fund to provide Free Midday Meals to the deserving economically poor background students.
- Applications are invited from deserving students and the same will be placed in the Free Midday Meal Scheme Committee.
- The Screening Committee goes through all the applications and prepares list of the deserving students based on well defined criteria.
- The list of selected students for Free Midday Meals is put in the notice board.
- The College has been running the Midday Meal Programme for the students successfully for several years.
- Many students are availing the benefits of the programme every year.

5. Evidence of Success

- Number of student enrolment to the College is increasing due to the midday meals scheme.
- The evidence of the success of the Free Mid-day Meal can be judged from the interest and the enthusiasm shown by the students to join the scheme.
- The number of applications seeking free midday meal is increasing year after year.
- The academic excellence of the students who are provided midday meals is increasing.
- Mid-day meal scheme is not government funded. It depends on donations.
- Many generous donors are coming forward to support the cause. Number of donors to this scheme is increasing year after year.

- Contribution of the old students for the success of this scheme is remarkable.
- The Free Mid-day Meal Scheme implemented in the College has attracted the public.
- The Management, Alumni, Staff, Parents, and the well wishers generously contribute to this noble cause.
- The Institution sees it as a great opportunity to serve the society by feeding the hungry students.

6. Problems Encountered and Resource Required

Number of students applying for free midday meal is increasing in the last few years. The fund for Free Midday Meal has to be collected from the donors every year. The institution has to reach new donors who are ready to contribute money to this scheme. Free midday meal has to be limited to few students because of the shortage of funds. More funds are required for the complete success of this scheme. There is some difficulty in finding more donors. Limited resource is the main constraint for the success of free midday meals.

Best Practice: 2

1. Title of the Practice: Tulunada Siri Madipu – A Cultural Fest

2. Objectives of the Practice

- To inculcate the rich tulu cultural heritage among the youngsters.
- To familiarise tulu culture to the students of other regions.
- To provide a platform to the youngsters to speak about their cultural traditional heritage with pride.
- To develop a sense of belongingness to the native culture among the youth.
- To remind the values, practices and traditions followed by their ancestors.
- To develop a feeling of brotherhood among the students.
- To instil confidence among the students.
- To identify and showcase their talents in the field of arts and culture.

3. The Context

The undivided South Canara and Udupi is known for its unique rich cultural heritage. Foreign scholars have made an in depth research on the local culture depicting Yakshagana, Nagaradhane and Bhootaradhane. Keeping this in view, the College in collaboration with Karnataka Tulu Sahithya Academy, Govt. of Karnataka, Tulu Koota of Moodbidri organises an intercollegiate university level competition on Tulu culture.

4. The Practice

The institution utilizes this programme is to nurture the culture which is slowly deviating from the main stream because of the adoption of modern technology and science by the students.

5. Evidence of success

It also helps in two ways -

1. Makes the students to participate in all the guest lecture programmes and cultural events
2. Wide publicity is given to this event through medias especially News Paper where by a large number of general public used to visit the college to witness this mega event. College also uses this opportunity to showcase all the infrastructural and other facilities available in college to the public there by tries to attract students from parts of these to district. College is an institution of higher education has a responsibility to bridge the gap between the college and the community. This event is successful in attracting the attention of the people and college uses all the possibilities and linkages with governmental agencies and NGO's to organize the program which is also a best practice how college can develop rapport with outside agencies. This program is completely organized by the students under the guidance of Principal and teaching faculty which makes the students to take independent decisions and to develop leadership qualities and help them heighten their self esteem and morale.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

While organizing this programme we have not faced any difficulties.