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Best Practices – 2016-2017

TITLE OF THE PRACTICE : “HIRVAI ABHIYAN”

Environmental awareness protection and enrichment Programme “Hirvai” in collaboration with NGO and schools from Palghar City.

Goal :

Aim to raise awareness to the society in the importance of planting and saving trees, express our concern to the environment, and diminish the unfavorable effects of climate change.

The Context :

Pressure of increased population and technology, the environment around us is being degraded, many a times permanently. Much damage has been done to the environment, now is the time to think and acts collectively to stop it otherwise the future generations may not pardon us. The insitute has recognised it's major role in this context and “Hirvai Abhiyan” is launched by the college seeks to enhance awareness of Students, citizens about various environmental issues with a view to invoke their voluntary participation in the efforts for protection of environment and conservation of natural resources. This college along with the NGO's from the palghar area undertakes programmes for creating environment and awareness accompanied by field action at the local level.

The Practice :

Awareness activities are organised under “Hirvai Abhiyan” which includes workshops, training courses, camps, padyatras, rallies, public meetings, exhibitions, competitions, demonstration projects, preparation and use of audio-visual materials besides CD-ROM and other multi-media tools. Street Drama is used for the Anti-Plastic Campaign Drive.



Action component of the campaign to be taken up by the college based on the theme of the campaign.

A list of action components include

Planting of samplings,

Vermi-composting,

Creation of water conservation/harvesting structures,

Cleaning of water bodies,

Waste management through segregation of wastes

Anti-Plastic Drive. Distribution of Cloth Bags to the general public and fruit vendors etc.

In view of the wide range of inter-related environmental issues facing the country, the campaign activities shall focus on issues relating to the local issues. Emphasis should be given to awareness activities that lead to action oriented activities

The target groups under "Hirvai Abhiyan" may include students, youth, teachers, women, NGOs, workers, farmers, rural population, industrial workers general public etc.

Evidence of Success :

A mass movement had started in the Palghar against the garbage and waste management and plastic ban.

Palghar Nagarparishad implemented ban on Plastic Bags.

Due to the regular communication on the issues of environmental degradation a large number of school children, NGO's became the part of Hirvai Abhiyan which became mass movement in Palghar city.

Palghar Nagarparishad implemented Garbage management program.

A large tree plantation program has been organized by the college in the vicinity of Palghar.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required :



Though the Hirvai Abhiyan started with positive note and gathered the attention of the society but it encountered various problems.

As a become mass movement the problem of funding has popped up.

Though the college put certain amount for the functioning of the activity as the activity becomes difficult to for organization to manage the funds.

As various organizations are involved in it decision making becomes difficult.



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TITLE OF THE PRACTICE: EDUCATION TO ALL.

Goal :

As said by honorable Nelson Mandela "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. Everyone has the right for education. Education shall be free. Over sixty years ago education was declared as a basic human right for every person and enshrined in the Universal Declaration of 1948. This practice is to boost efforts towards delivering the right to educate. An ideology of our founder is practiced by providing education to the poorest of the poor and most disadvantaged learners. Our goal is to expand and to improve education for the most disadvantaged strata of the students. Improving every aspect of the quality of education and ensuring their excellence so that recognized and measurable learning outcomes are achieved by all.

Context :

Palghar is a district place in northern part of Maharashtra state in Western India. It comprises the talukas of Palghar, Vada, Vikramgad, Jawhar, Mokhada, Dahanu, Talasari, Vasai and Virar. 525 of the total population are living in remote area. Most of the population in this area belongs to SC/St category. The College is located in such an area where most of the part of population is poor and from a low income group. The number of girl students enrolling for higher education is up to 60%. This diversity of student population put forth challenges in terms of financial hardship, accessibility. Considering all these conditions our institution has worked towards offering equal access to higher education to all.

The Practice

Our college is being disadvantaged in terms of economic and literacy background of students. About 60% to 70% students from our college are belonging to SC & ST category. Most of the strata of students we got admitted are from vernacular medium. Linguistic barriers are the most important factor.

Our college is affiliated to University of Mumbai and following all the norms of freships and scholarships which are given to the students belonging to SC/ST categories. In addition to these scholarships and freships given by government our institution also

gives some endowments to needy and poor students with academic excellence. Teaching – non teaching staff prizes are given to the toppers of each stream.



For B.A. & B.Com. Students our college timing are set from 7.30 am to 12.30 pm. This is helpful for students those are working part time in various organizations.

Free remission is provided to students who are very poor. Sometimes teachers pay the fees of few students. Our college is very particular and has taken several initiatives to ensure the complete education of promising needy and poor students.

From last few years college is practicing Learn and Earn Scheme. In this scheme 15 hardworking needy and poor but promising students are recommended by teachers from different faculties. They are given work on hour basis in office, library, laboratories, YCMOU centre RD centre etc. This also improves the confidence of students and also develops practical approach in these students. in addition to all these advantages they also get financial assistance.

our institution offers special endowments for such a students. These endowments are sponsored by different donors.

Our college makes arrangement for stay of some of the students belonging to remote places in government hostels. Library encourages such a students by providing them with required books under the scheme of book bank. To inculcate reading culture library also gives ' Best Reader Prize'.

Our college encourages girl students to acquire higher education by offering some exclusive scholarships for girl students. Woman education along with empowerment is the motto of our college.

Evidence of Success :

- a] High number of SC/ST/EBC students are admitted and continuing their education.
- b] Number of female students enrolled for undergraduate and post graduate courses is very high and gradually increasing.



Problems Encountered and Resources Required

The problems faced while conducting the education drive in achieving the educational goals are less number of resources, less availability of teachers, religious and societal norms, the large distance between the school and home, lack of awareness of education.



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