

Best Practices: II

Title of the practice: All-inclusive involvement for Village development (Adoption under Social Activity)

Objectives:

The institution is serving education to students of this area since last three decades, although educating the youths will bring the revolution but still the institute considers its role for all inclusive development of village, therefore village named Lingdari is adopted through National Service Scheme under social activity of institute. The main aim of village adoption is availability and accessibility of basic amenities and services and achieving sustainable development. To generate awareness on gender issues and social issues like literacy, health and hygiene, sanitation saved drinking water, lively hood option, creation of sustainable lively hood opportunities.

Context:

NSS aims at creating a pool of organized, trained and motivated youth with leadership qualities in all walks of life who will serve the nation regardless of which career they choose. NSS generates the feeling of working selfless, for the society through the society.

Practice:

The village adoption provides and opportunities to academicians, students to get sensitized and understand the problems and social dynamics that exist at the grass root level. The village adoption includes awareness on health, public sanitization, drinking water and personal hygiene, education and literacy including legal awareness. Although the program is not designed to provide relief to this village economically, the village adopted will be provided help from educational stand point. After adoption no. of activities were performed and these activities started with awareness campaign on importance of hand washing, using toilet blocks, cleaning the surroundings, role of youth in promoting the health and hygiene

awareness among the families. In addition to this cleaning of street was also done. Plantation drive was organized with the purpose of increasing consciousness towards the importance of Biodiversity for human environment and encompassed plantation of various trees. Even health awareness drive blood group identification, testing conducted for men and women's of the village with the help of district hospital, eye check up camp was arranged so that the issue related to eyes can be resolved. Animal husbandry department of the Government of Maharashtra was called upon for guiding the locals about cattle health management etc.

Obstacles:

College has carried the activity very smoothly irrespective of hurdles like: funds are very limited to conduct activities at large level. Adopted villagers often misinterpret the College's intention for want of monetary aid or anticipation of immediate transformation. One of the major obstacles was pandemic situation due to which psychology of the peoples to look at other unknown person has gone changed.

The impact of the practice:

The impact of the practice is positive as it created pool of organized, trained and motivated youth with the intension to work together for solving issues related to service, kindness, cleanliness and awareness in the village. The practice had impact not only on the students but on the villagers also. As College has conducted number of activities therefore it has changed the outlook of the village and the mindset of the villager's also.

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