

Satyaniketan

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Best Practice

BEST PRACTICE – I

Title: Community Kitchen

Goal :

Satyaniketan is a group of workers committed to the cause of the downtrodden in general and the tribal area of the Akole Tehsil in Ahmednagar District in particular on their habitat. The work from its very beginning had an educational thrust, initially, it was the voluntary primary school run in villages and network of 3 boys hostels and a hostel for girls now a net of 2 middle schools and a junior college, a senior college an Ashram School and 22 day care centers for kids of the pre-school age group. The institution believes in working not for but with the people. Naturally the main thrust is education. During the academic year 1993-94 under report in response to a pressing demand of the student community and their guardians and member of public, a senior college was opened at Rajur.

The main objective of the college is to impart higher education to the tribal and backward students who were deprived of it when this college was not available. The college is newly established and at present it has 1508 pupils and almost of them belongs either to the scheduled tribes, scheduled castes and economically backward communities who are now able to persecute their higher education solely because of this college. It has proved to be a “blessing” (boon) to these tribal students.

There is a Late. Anusayabai Nanasaheb Deshmukh Girls hostel in Adv. M. N. Deshmukh College, Rajur for girls students. Satyaniketan Sanstha set up a college for tribal students from tribal areas for higher education in Akole tehsil. Initially the number of students in this college was minimal. However, as the number of girls students increased, the college started residential hostel for girl students for arranging accommodation and boarding for the girls from nearby villages. This hostel facility is free of cost. This hostel was started with renting a room in the village. At the beginning there were only 5 girl students, but now the number of girl students is 100. Initially, the girl students got meals in the hostel canteen itself. Now the system has been changed. The concept of the Community Kitchen is being organized by the College. For this college has created a separate autonomous house, wherein arrangements for kitchen utensils, cupboards to keep utensils, water and gas for cooking. Groups of Girl Students are formed according to their convenience. Each group has 5 to 6 Girl students. This includes students from first year to post graduate course. A woman warden has been appointed as a planter for planning hostel execution. Warden guides the girl students and form groups of girls for make food.

The Context:

Students buy their favorite vegetables from the weekend market. They also buy grains. The kitchen utensil has to be taken from home. The college provides electricity and gas cylinders. The Girl students align themselves with their colleagues for two times cooking. While cooking the food they divide all the tasks among themselves. These include cooking food, washing pots, cleaning kitchen utensils after cooking. The Girl students help to all different group members.

In this year 62 girls are admitted in the hostel. Girls are divided into groups. Senior girls are involved into the groups. Senior girl students teach the several recipes with junior girl students

and also form the familiar environment among all. The purpose behind living in hostel room and in group is, to help each other to support one another, as well as to know the meaning of Joint Family. Senior girl students help and support the new girl students in the hostel to buy Groceries from any shop of the village.

Practice:

The Government Hostel facility for Tribal students for Boys and Girls is available at Rajur. But the intake capacity of the Hostels is inadequate. As a result, most of the students can't get admitted in these hostels. In spite of having strong will for education, such students are depriving of higher education. The Institute Administration realized this fact. For the purpose, the members immediately determined to run a hostel in College campus for such students, having lodging and boarding facilities, in meager expenses. As a result, the students who were deprived of higher education could get their higher education and are brought into the main stream of the country.

Evidence :

The community Kitchen concept appears to be useful in the following ways.

1. All the Girl students who have entered the hostel have learned to cooking food.
2. Because of the combined work, there is a sense of brotherhood among them.
3. Since different caste girl students are being cooking together, they have increased national integration.
4. Students can also prepare their favorite foods in this community kitchen collectively.
5. They feel Joint family experience.
6. Girl Students do not waste food and gas.
7. Students have been learned to manage time as they are cooking food together.
8. Students are also interested in the study; as a result they have been successful in examinations. All the girl students in the hostel are passing with good marks. Some students are topper in their classes in the college.
9. This Girl students are participating in various activities in the college during the College Gathering. Some students have also received rewards by participating in the Food cooking Competition on the College Annual Day Function.
10. This has also created a habit of providence among the Girl students.
11. Some students' parents having poor financial condition, so such Girl students participate in the Earn and Learn scheme of college to cover the cost of their education.
12. Girl Students are helping themselves while making food. This habit is seen growing in them and helping other students of that college in different manners.
13. Girl Students from the hostel are always ready to keep the surroundings clean.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required

- Lack of trainer for teaching different food recipes.
- Shortage of electricity at night time while cooking foods.
- Students of science department do not get much time to cook in the morning on the day of the demonstration.
- Lack of subsidy for Community kitchen equipment's.

Best Practice – II

Title “Computer Literacy Programme.”

Goal

Computer Literacy programme was initiated to help all First Year Students who lack the required competency in Computer operating and to improve their efficiency and enhance to help them to cooperate in their core disciplines and subjects. The outcome was that the students benefitted by this programme.

The unique feature of this practice is that tribal students could gain Computer Literacy free of cost.

The Context

Informal, interactive teaching methods are creatively used by student-teachers and the enthusiasm which they radiate in the classroom is an instant success with the learners.

The impacts of this programme extends beyond academics and has created a sense of togetherness, mutual understanding and has narrowed the divide between the different sections of the student population on campus.

The Practice

In today's modern world, students in tribal areas will not be lagging behind and they are progressing in Science and information technology. With this policy decision, computer literacy program was started in low and nominal fees in the college. For this, the college has prepared a well-equipped laboratory with the help of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. This computer literacy program is being implemented for classes like FYBA / FYBSC / FYBCOM. The curriculum frame has been prepared for this. It includes computer fundamentals, MS Office etc. A professor of the college has been appointed to implement this course. After the student is admitted to the college, this course schedule is announced in month of July. Computer Laboratory is very useful to teach Chem Draw software to MSc. Students. The students make use of this software for the preparation of seminar, PPT, notes, lecture planning. It is used by them for latest researches. It is useful for the students in preparing projects. While designing the schedule, the student is given admission in Batch while other subject's lectures are off. The student remains present in a computer laboratory, during his off- period. Once a week, the practical and twice theory lectures are planned. The attendance of students is taken at the time of the session. A computer literacy program is also being implemented for the teacher. For this purpose, a team of teachers is prepared and guided about how to use computers in a 10-days camp. Expert guide's lectures are also organized to enhance interest in computer literacy.

Evidence of Success

1. In today's modern times, all things are online. Alternatively, they have to do online works and they are also irrevocable. This initiative is aimed at bringing tribal students to this stream. This gives you the following benefits.
2. In college, students are not getting problems due to computer literacy and online admission forms are available for online application form.
3. Practical's which are based on computer practice while practicing science subjects can be easily done by them. Since this computer is being taken in the literacy course of time period, there is no need to give a separate time for computer education to the student.
4. During the lecture of the professor in the college, the ppt students used by him used to get acquainted quickly. Making a ppt for projects and seminars is easy for the student.
5. Having information on using the Internet, the student can download the necessary information on the Internet. It also makes necessary references available quickly.

6. Computer literacy curriculum enhances the motivation of students and teachers, increases self-confidence and adds to personality development.
7. Due to the availability of nominal rates for the students, there is no financial meltdown. The eligibility for passing MSCIT syllabus has increased.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required

- During the practical session facing the lack of demonstration tools.
- Shortage of electricity while demonstrating.
- Since the majority of the students are tribals, they have become less aware about computers.
- Lack of subsidy for Computer related equipment's.
- Lack of Broadband Facility.