

BBK DAV College for Women, Amritsar

Best Practices

I - Title of the Practice: Students for Society

Goal

The college remains on its toes to instil a sense of social responsiveness and philanthropy among the students. The college keeps on planning multifarious activities for students to reach out to the underprivileged sections of the society. This practice motivates the students to contribute towards the noble cause of social welfare.

The Context

Large sections of our society are living a life of dearth and deprivation, while the affluent people indulge in various wasteful activities. Schools and colleges have to impart the values of fellow feeling, brotherhood, charity and compassion and propel the students to extend the benefits of education, knowledge and awareness towards the disadvantaged sections of society.

The Practice

The college students are actively involved in social outreach programmes like:-

- Blood Donation Camps
- Donations for the needy
- Donations for the victims of natural disasters
- Interaction with Senior Citizens at Pingalwara and Old Age Homes.
- Activities for the disadvantaged sections of the society such as widows, orphans and disabled.
- Sensitization rallies, drives and plays on socially relevant themes like female foeticide, tree plantation, dowry, drug addiction, cleanliness, digitization etc.
- Imparting vocational training to the underprivileged sections of society.

Evidence of Success

Every year a good number of students participate in aforementioned activities to extend the benefits of their education, knowledge and awareness towards the disadvantaged sections of society.

Some distinct achievements during the academic session 2018-19:

- The college instilled sense of responsibility in its students towards the disadvantaged sections of society as a result of which our students visited IVE School (Initiative for Viable School) on 4 January 2019 and donated 120 notebooks made by Kora Kaagaz club of the college. Apart from this stationery, biscuits, sweets were also distributed among the students. Kirti of B.com Sem-V taught IVE students how to make cards using organic paper. Sonal of B.A Sem-V taught them stencil painting .The volunteers gave an enlightening lecture on the traffic rules and the need to follow them. Likewise, on 8 January 2019, volunteers interacted with the senior citizens and discussed their problems, ways and means to solve them. The volunteers entertained the elderly inmates by playing songs on guitar and playing games with them. They also donated socks, fruits, toiletries and clothes to them.
- As a result of inspiration from various programmes related to ecology initiated by the college, students planted saplings of Alovera and Marigold in the elementary school on 5 January 2019 and, thus, responded to the problem of environmental pollution.

- To spread the message of hygiene, 45 cadets participated in Swacch Bhart Abhyan, cleaned the areas around the campus and set an example before others to come forward and contribute to the mission of “Clean India”.
- On 5 January 2019, the volunteers interacted with the students of elementary and middle school of Malawali village, Gumtala. NSS volunteers Agrima, Divyanshi, Samiksha and Swasti taught them Maths using play way method. For the health of environment, palm trees, Alovera and Marigold were planted in the elementary school. The Volunteers distributed notebooks, stationery, biscuits etc among students.
- Cadets paid visit to the Military Hospital and helped old people and other patients who were in need on 29 & 30 August 2018 as well as on 4 February 2019.
- Nearly 300 NSS volunteers took a swachtha oath to devote 100 hours in various activities to make their country clean.
- 27 cadets donated blood in Blood Donation Camp held at the college premises on 6.03.2019. Similarly, Another Blood Donation Camp was held on 16.03.2019 by the Youth Red Cross Society in which 89 students from different departments came forward to donate blood.
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- On 06.01.2019, the volunteers taught the art of making pots, paper bags and bangles to the villagers.
- On 07.01.2019, the volunteers donated soft toys and 20 chairs to the elementary school of Malawali.

Problems encountered

The college students are forever geared for social outreach and philanthropic activities. While performing these activities, their classes are missed. However, by attending extra classes/remedial classes, they make good their loss.

II - Title of the Practice: Imparting leadership skills to students.

Goal

The college is committed to impart the values of responsibility, initiative and decision-making to its students. This practice inculcates leadership skills, such as commitment, dedication, accountability, honesty, vision and creativity in the students.

The Context: There is cut-throat competition in the current world. To survive in such a world, students need to develop global competencies to meet the demands of the changing scenario successfully. Schools and colleges have to inculcate leadership skills in students so that they are able to move in sync with the changing world.

The Practice: The college has various committees, clubs and societies to develop leadership skills among the students. All the student bodies aim at grooming the future leaders of the country.

Student Council: The institution has a very vibrant Student Council functioning as a pyramid like structure with the Head girl on the top, followed by a joint head girl and 3 assistant head girls from different streams. The members of the student council are the elected class representatives who have, in turn, been chosen by the section representatives who are also on the body of the student council.

Other members include merit holders and in charges of various clubs and societies. It is ensured that all the members of the student council are role-models. The major activities of the student council are:

- to organize functions like Talent Hunt and Farewell party for outgoing classes
- to conduct the assembly, maintain discipline and cleanliness in the institution
- to bring the grievances of the students to the notice of the authorities and give healthy suggestions for betterment of student community.
- to create a link between administration and students

Scholars Club

The scholars club comprises merit holders who have won top slots in the university examinations. The teachers of various faculties interact with the members of the club at regular intervals. The members of the Scholars Club update the faculty regarding their academic progress, highlighting the problem areas where any kind of help from the institution is required.

Editorial Board

Every section of the college magazine has a Student Editor who helps source articles from the students and also assists in editing the college magazine *Shachi*. They write editorials on the crucial issues of life. These assignments add to their creative skills.

Library Committee

The library committee has a number of student volunteers who help the readers access books and ensure security and discipline in the library. The volunteers are always willing to lend a helping hand to the differently-abled. These tasks inculcate leadership qualities and instil a sense of responsibility in them.

Hostel Committee

The hostel committee has a number of student representatives who take decisions regarding the functions to be organized, maintenance of discipline and cleanliness in the hostel. The student representatives are also involved in planning the menu of the Hostel Mess. They work in close cooperation with the wardens of the college hostel. By the time they leave hostel, they are full-fledged leaders.

Discipline Committee

This is a student force that is always on its toes helping in the routine functioning of the college by maintaining discipline on the college campus during their free periods. The committee is comprised of a president, vice president, a secretary and a joint secretary. The committee members contribute to maintenance of discipline in all the important functions and activities of different departments of the college. While discharging their discipline duty, they acquire those special leadership skills required for running big institutions.

Mess and Canteen Committee

- Members ensure that healthy food cooked in hygienic conditions is served to the students at reasonable prices.
- Members review the rates annually.
- Wide varieties of foods are served keeping in mind the nutrition value. For e.g. there is fresh juice corner & a milk booth on the campus.
- Students are deputed in and around the canteen area to ensure fair price and hygiene.

Evidence of Success

Every year a good number of students act as in charges of various committees, clubs and societies and carry out various activities and, develop various leadership skills, such as, commitment, dedication, accountability, honesty, vision and creativity.

During the academic session 2018-19, members of Student Council assisted in organizing functions like *Nav Sugandhi* Fresher's Fiesta 2018, 48th Convocation, Sports Awards Day etc. Members of

Discipline Committee maintained discipline during these events. Besides, Members of Discipline Committee maintained discipline in the corridors during classes. Similarly, Student Editors of the college magazine Shachi helped source articles from the students and also assisted in editing during the academic session 2018-19. Members of the Library Committee helped the readers access books and ensured security and discipline in the library. Members of the Scholars Club held meetings with the teachers in charge & updated the faculty regarding their academic progress, highlighting the problem areas where any kind of help from the institution is required. Members of the Hostel Committee helped in the maintenance of discipline & cleanliness in the hostel. Members of mess and canteen committee made a huge contribution in maintaining the quality of food and rates.

During the academic session 2018-19, the students developed and exhibited the qualities of commitment, integrity, dedication, accountability and decision..

Some distinct achievements during the academic session 2018-19

- Exhibiting leadership skills of responsibility, initiative, decision-making, vision and creativity:
 - Agrima Sharma, BA Sem-V Divyanshi Sharma, B.Com. Sem-V, Jasleen Kaur Ahuja, B.Sc.(Economics) Sem-V, Samiksha , B.Com. Sem-V, Aashima Khurana, M.Com. Sem-III, Pavneet Kaur, B.Sc.(Economics) Sem-V, Navpreet Kaur, B.Sc.(Economics) Sem-V, Nandita Sharma, B.Sc. (Economics) Sem-V, Mehak Puri, Bachelor in Business Administrator Sem-V, Shreya Khemka, Bachelor in Business Administrator Sem-V, Swasti Mehra, Bachelor of Design Sem-VII and Mannat Mahajan, Bachelor in Business Administrator Sem-III organized a 7 Day Camp in the adopted villages Malawali and Tabowali
 - Gazal ,BA Sem-V acted as President of Dance Club.
 - Manpreet Sohal, BA Sem-V acted as President of Music Vocal Club.
 - Bhawanapreet, BA Sem-V acted as President of Music Instrumental Club.
 - Suvidha Duggal , Master of Journalism & Mass Communication Sem-III acted as President of Theatre Club.
 - Jyotpreet Kaur Arora , M.Com. Sem-III acted as Joint Secretary of Theatre Club
 - Mehak Sharma, BA Eng (Honours) Sem-V acted as President of Youth Welfare
 - Samiksha , B.Com. Sem-V acted as Joint Secretary of Discipline Committee
 - Vamika Khanna, Bachelor of Fine Art Sem-III, Sonia, B.Com. Sem-III, Muskan Arora, BA Sem-III, Muskan Kapoor, BA Sem-III and Puneet Pahwa, B.Com. Sem-III assisted in Theater Items in Youth Festival
 - SUO Saba Butt, BA Sem-V, acted as President of NCC Army Wing
 - UO Kritika, BA Sem-III, acted as Vice President of NCC Army Wing & President of Red Cross Society.
 - Cadet SGT Monica acted as President of NCC Air Wing
 - Cadet SGT Taniya acted as Vice President of NCC Air Wing
 - Agrima Sharma, BA Sem-V acted as President of the NSS, Member NSS Core Committee and Member of Organizing Committee of NSS for the special 7 Day Camp in the adopted villages Malawali and Tabowali.
 - Nidhi Malhotra, Bachelor in Business Administration Sem-V and Divyanshi Sharma, B.Com. Sem-V acted as Joint Head Girls
 - Ishita Gupta, Bachelor of Computer Applications Sem-V, Anudeep Kaur, B.Sc. (Information Technology) Sem-V, Anmoldeep Kaur, B.Sc. (Information Technology) Sem-V, Nishtha Takiar, B.Com.(Regular) Sem-V, Nishtha Taneja, B.Com. (Honours) Sem-V and Mehak Sharma, BA (English Honours) Sem-V acted as Assistant Head Girls
 - Agrima Sharma, BA Sem-V, Pavneet Kaur, B.Sc.(Economics) Sem-V and Jasleen Kaur Ahuja, B.Sc.(Economics) Sem-V acted as President of Discipline Committee, Vice-President of Discipline Committee and Secretary of Discipline Committee respectively

- Manroop Kaur, MA Sem-IV, Monica Thakural, Bachelor of Journalism & Mass Communication Sem-V, Banni, BA Sem-V, Karamjit Kaur, BA Sem-V, Ekta Arora, BA Sem-III, Jaskiran Kaur, MA Sem-III, Pardeep Kaur, BA Sem-V, Surbhi, BA Sem-V, Shubika, BA Sem-V, Sukhmani Dua, B.Sc. Medical Sem-VI, Nandini, B.Sc. Medical Sem-IV, Jarman Kaur, B.Sc. Biotech Sem-VI, Rajdeep Lehri, Bachelor in Business Administrator Sem-VI, Chahat Midha, M.Com. Sem-IV, Jyotsna Suri, B.Com Sem-VI, Noblepreet Kaur, BA Sem-V, Simranjeet Kaur, B.Sc. (Non-Medical) Sem-V, Arushi Jain, Bachelor of Computer Applications Sem-V and Nikita MA Sem-III acted as Student Editors of the college Magazine.
- During 2018-2019, the following students of Multimedia performed leadership roles:
 - Ayushi of B.Des. Multimedia Semester V- acts as a graphic designer and video production at Dotzot Company (Amritsar).
 - Garima of B.Des. Multimedia Semester V- acts as a video production at Dotzot Company (Amritsar).
 - Pallavi of B.Des. Multimedia Semester VII- acts as a graphic designer at Gradico Consultants Limited (Amritsar).
 - Samridhi Aneja of M.Des. Multimedia Semester III- acts as a Founder, Designer and Mentor at Graphixie (Amritsar).
 - Laveena of M.Des. Multimedia Semester I- acts as a Graphic Designer at Aatmnirbhar and intern at Gifkaro.
 - Kriti Dutt of B.Des. Multimedia Semester V- acts as an Analyst Trainee at Value Creatives (Amritsar).
 - Prachi Gera of B.Des. Multimedia Semester VII- acts as a Graphic Designer and Content Writer at Value Creatives (Amritsar).
 - Ravnoor of B.Des. Multimedia Semester VII- acts as a Creative Head at Voice Riders.
 - Mehak Kapoor of B.Des. Multimedia Semester VII- acts as a Graphic Designer at Mehra Processor (Amritsar).
 - Kangan Sehgal of B.Des. Multimedia Semester VII- acts as a Graphic Designer at Cambridge International School, Ajanta Public School (Amritsar).
 - Rythem Mehra of B.Des. Multimedia Semester VII- acts as a Graphic Designer at Elites Institute (Amritsar).
 - Suvasni Duggal of B.Des. Multimedia Semester V- acts as a Graphic Designer at Kiddies Wink (Amritsar).
 - Janvi Kalra of B.Des. Multimedia Semester VII- acts as a Graphic Designer at Sareen Impex Pvt. Ltd (Amritsar).
 - Nandini Nischal of B.Des. Multimedia Semester VII- acts as a Graphic Designer at Being Hatke (Amritsar).
 - Charu Mahajan of B.Des. Multimedia Semester VII- acts as a Founder and Owner of Graphicos (Amritsar).
 - Ridhi Jain of B.Des. Multimedia Semester VII- acts as a Graphic Designer at Value Creatives (Amritsar).
 - Priyanka Uppal of B.Des. Multimedia Semester VIII- acts as a Graphic Designer at Fotographic (Chandigarh).
 - Swati Mahajan of M.Des. Multimedia Semester IV- acts as a Animation Artist at Shemaroo Production House (Amritsar).
 - Tania Sekhri of M.Des. Multimedia Semester IV- acts as a Animation Artist at Cambridge International Academy (Amritsar).
 - Harpriya Kaur of M.Des. Multimedia Semester IV -acts as a Office Admin at Counsel One Immigration Services (Amritsar).

- Simerpreet Chawla of M.Des. Multimedia Semester IV-acts as a Graphic Designer at Digikaps (Amritsar).
- Harmanpreet Kaur of M.Des. Multimedia Semester IV - acts as a Graphic Designer at Fotographic (Chandigarh).
- During 2018-2019, PG Dept. of Journalism & Mass Communication honed the leadership skills of the following students as a result of which:
 - Collin Peter works as an Assistant Professor at DAV College, Amritsar.
 - Muskaan Dhawan works as an Assistant Professor at Khalsa College, Amritsar.
 - Kawalpreet Kaur works as News Anchor, India News, New Delhi.
 - Navjot Kaur works as Camera Person, Punjab Kesari, Jalandhar.
 - Gurpreet Kaur works as News Anchor, Dainik Sawera, Jalandhar.

Problems encountered

While carrying out these activities, students sometimes have to miss the classes. However, with the generous help of teachers in free periods, they make up for their academic loss.