

1. Title of the practice:

Social outreach activities

2. The context that required the initiation of the practice

'Not me but us' is the need of the hour. Close knit interaction with people belonging to all possible social strata nurtures a sense of responsibility in the growing minds of the students and instills the sense of empathy for their fellow members in the wider society. The target group at the receiving end is equally benefitted.

3. Objectives of the practice

To develop a sense of compassion in the young minds for the deprived sections of the society and to enable them to reach out to their requirements in whatever small way possible.

4. The Practice

There are four units of social outreach activities in the institution namely: National Social Service Unit, Leadership Training Service Unit, Community Outreach Social Unit and Social Welfare Committee. These units try to touch the less privileged sections of the society with different kinds of activities conducted all round the year. Each committee comprises teachers as well as student members who meet at

the beginning of each session to plan out the year round activity calendar. The responsibilities are distributed and the students organize the events under the supervision of the teacher members. For the NSS unit, the guidelines laid by the UGC and the affiliating university, is followed. The other three committees focus their activities in other possible areas.

The activities of these committees include Special Camps in Children's Homes; distribution of stationery, woolen garments, books, new clothes etc. in old age homes, slums, children's homes; organization of cultural activities; health and hygiene awareness camps; contributions in various relief funds during natural disasters; spreading environmental and social awareness and many more.

5. Obstacles faced

The highly urban location of the institution was an initial hurdle in locating the focus groups, along with the fact that being an all girls' college there were other issues like security of the students that needed to be addressed.

6. Impact of the practice

The practice of being attached to social causes as a part of their academic training is carried forward when the students continue to do the same later in life. The satisfaction and

sense of fulfillment that they get through the lovely smiles of those who they associate with can not be quantified. The students take away a life lesson from their own activities that help to enrich them as human being.

7. Resources required

A dedicated group of teachers and students as well as institutional help as and when required.

8. About the Institution

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