

BEST PRACTICES



SRI VENKATESWARA COLLEGE
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BEST PRACTICE I: COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Context:

Sri Venkateswara College believes in holistic development of student who can contribute to economic prosperity and social environment in a community or a society. The college encourages in promoting a learning environment that empowers a student to involve in several community based programs.

Goal:

The College community outreach aims to promote programs that benefit society. The services are offered through various societies like Parivartan, EOC, WDC and by active engagement with NGOs. The students are encouraged to undertake projects, field trips and research projects that are committed to improvements in society. Workshops and lectures are also organized that promote harmony and inculcate values in young minds.

Practices :

To address these issues the college works through societies that work throughout the year to achieve these goals. The collaborative initiative of all the three societies - The Women Development Cell (WDC): SVC SHAKTI, Equal Opportunity cell (EOC): HUM SAB EK HAIN and the Social Service Society: PARIVARTAN (meaning – Change) aspires to introduce the students and staff to the diversity and oneness of all people and to fulfill the constitutional mandate of a secular society/nation. Students are taught how communal racial and gender conflict can be reduced through understanding and empathy.

Along with SVC-Shakti, Parivartan have launched the ‘Each One Teach One Program’, involves holding regular classes/ coaching in English, Mathematics, and Social Studies etc. in the college lawns. Most of the students staying in hostel volunteer themselves for this noble cause. The WDCs community outreach program takes into account the pressing reality of gender discrimination, bias and unequal status of women in all walks of life and thus makes significant efforts to reach out to the community of women and girls outside the privileged environs of the college as well as addresses the problems of girls and other women workers within the college.

“SriVidya”: The objective of **Sri Vidya: Adopt A School** program is to strengthen Government **schools** that are providing formal education in rural areas. Apart from these

societies, “SriVidya” – an initiative of the College to adopt a rural school under DBT Star College Status has been formed. The children attending these schools pay little or no fees and come from low socio-economic backgrounds. The goal of this program is to increase the incorporate good teaching and learning techniques in government schools and ensure that the education that the children receive is effective. Under this program, an open House for Govt. Senior Secondary School, Khanpur Kalan, Sonapat District was coordinated wherein secondary students from the school visited various laboratories in the Science Departments in September 2016.

Under the “SriVidya” program, a two day workshop on Advanced Science and Mathematics was organized for 3 Senior Secondary Schools. Students from Vivekananda Vidya Vihar, MARAL, Madhya Pradesh, Graphite School, Mandideep, Madhya Pradesh Vivekananda Kendra Vidhyalay, Hurda, Bhilwara participated in the hands on workshop jointly organised by Sri Venkateswara College and LNJ Bhilwara Group on April 7-8, 2017.

Evidence of Success:

Positive feedback from community, students and society.

BEST PRACTICE II: PROMOTION OF INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH

Context:

Conventional teaching-learning practices at undergraduate level involve delivering content from textbooks. Over the years, developing academic depth in the chosen discipline beyond curriculum has become essential. Research has thus become an integral part of undergraduate programs in several universities/colleges across the country. The research component allows a broader educational experience that helps students clarify their interests, and plan their next steps after graduation.

Objectives:

To inculcate research culture among undergraduate students.

Practices:

Sri Venkateswara College realizes that research is an integral part of undergraduate education and it is imperative to have knowledge-driven growth based on innovation. The college has inculcated promotion of research environment through various programmes. Under the DBT Star College Scheme; the college initiated the “Star Innovation projects” where the students from 2 or 3 departments are encouraged to propose interdisciplinary projects. This helped

students to think beyond core strength and also provided a platform for good show of team work and strengths. This was launched with the sole objective of empowering young minds to come up with innovative ideas as short term projects under the mentorship of 1-2 faculty member. In addition, Sri Venkateswara College has been granted projects like Undergraduate Innovation projects from University of Delhi and DU-CIC Cluster Innovation Star Projects from University of Delhi. Faculty are encouraged to apply for research funding through extramural grants from several funding agencies in India. Students are also encouraged to publish key findings of the project in the form of research articles, review articles, poster & paper presentations. Students are also provided with an opportunity to interact with eminent speakers & experts from both academia and industry during their internship. During research programs, the college also encourages faculty and students to visits institutes of higher learning and industry to keep abreast about the latest advancements & technologies.

Evidence of Success:

Students have developed interest in higher education specially to continue postgraduate studies and research in education. Faculty and students have attended and presented their research work in several National & International conferences and seminars. Details of undergraduate projects taken up by different departments in the academic session 2016-2017 are uploaded in the College website.



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