

BEST PRACTICE 1

Title: Promoting literacy in Kandi area through door-to-door campaign.

Objectives: 1. To promote the literacy rate in Kandi area.

2. To aware the students about various courses available with their benefits.

3. To understand the issues and problems of the people and students of the area and guiding them for economically viable courses.

4. To guide students to opt for potential courses with high employability.

5. To guide economically weak students about various scholarships available in the college.

Context: Khalsa College, Garhdiwala gets its input of students from the backward Kandi area of Hoshiarpur. This area is financially backward and due to this economic issue, most of the students after completing their schooling don't go for further studies in colleges. People prefer to adjust their children in petty jobs and make them their earning hands. Moreover, people of the area don't want to send especially their girls to the college for higher studies as getting them taught is not in their priority list. So in order to encourage those students for pursuing higher education and to make them self-reliant and independent for future, Khalsa College takes it as its duty to guide the students and their parents and motivate them for admission in various under-graduate and post-graduation courses. Khalsa college has taken an initiative to meet the eminent personalities of visited villages so as to persuade the parents of the potentials students to pursue for further study. This practice where helps in increasing the literacy rate of the area also helps poor and needy students to continue their studies and become self-reliant.

Practice: Every year in December, a team of teachers visit the nearby schools to get the data of students where the information regarding their names, father's name, village's name, contact number is collected. This data is sorted down and compiled by the college's computer department village wise and school wise. After the end of the session in May, again a team of teachers is framed and this team chooses two to three villages for each day to visit to guide the students of that particular area. Beside this college staff also meet the eminent personalities which further guide people of their respective villages to take admission in employable courses offered by Khalsa college. This practice helps in understanding the financial conditions of the students, their reasons for not going for higher studies and providing solutions to their problems

Evidence of Success: For the academic year 2023-24, teaching staff of college visited various villages and convinced them through door-to-door campaigning. As a result students from various surrounding villages approximately 27, took admission in the college in various UG and PG courses. The detail is as follows:

Type of Course	Total no. of Admission	No. of students convinced through this practice	Percentage of convinced students out of total new admission
Under-graduate	280	52	18.57%
Post-Graduate	57	6	10.52%

Problems Encountered and Resources Required: Although a dedicated team is employed for the purpose but some issues are always being faced by the college like:

1. Sometimes students don't provide the correct data during visit of the college staff to nearby schools. So it becomes difficult to track the students in their villages.
2. Even when it is tried to contact them telephonically, various other issues like poor network, phones switched off, no incoming call facility or wrong numbers issue arise
3. It is also not easy to locate the house from the lists as the houses are not numbered. Moreover, the houses in the villages are remotely located due to which issue of lack of time with the team to track each and every student in the list arises.
4. People of the villages want their children to become earning hands, so they don't prefer to send their children for higher studies.
5. People don't want to send their girls to the college as their houses are located in remote areas of hilly villages.
6. Education of the girls is not the priority of the people of the area.

BEST PRACTICE 2

Title: Awareness for Environment Conservation Objectives of the Practice:

Objective: To aware the students and people about environment issues and helps in creating environmentconsciousness, with an initiative GREEN DRIVE.

Context:

The main challenge of the modern world is biodegradation and adversities of climate change. The lack of awareness amongst students and general public about the challenging situation facing the world consequent upon fast changing climate and abuse of nature .There is need to educate students community about the existence of challenges climate change and its adverse effect on the community and human life, at present and in future .The Eco friendly environment will give a message to the students that if nature is protected ,the adversities of climate can be avoided .The green atmosphere will creates a suitable learning environment and also gives lessons regarding how to protect environment andhelp the human race. Apart from mankind, the other species also need protection of environment. Life can be better and enjoyable if green practices are followed. Hence, it is the need of the hour to do some efforts to make people aware about the conservation and preservation of environment. Khalsa College has taken a big initiative in this regard.

The Practice:

Educational institutions are the backbone of a society. The primary and secondary schools have a phenomenal role in building good civilians. So, there is a great need to build a healthy environment surrounding these schools. Our plantation drive will enhance the green belt and will cover the surrounding institutions of Garhdiwala city.

Evidence Of Success

1. It is worth mentioning that the college has covered near villages like Pandori Sumla, Mirzapur, Jhollan by planting trees in schools of these villages
2. Numerous activities have been organized by NCC, NSS, departments, cells and committees of college in the campus and beyond the campus to make students, stakeholders and people aware about environmental pollution, conservation and preservation
3. College has received appreciations from municipal committee, Garhdiwala for making

people aware about environmental issues.

4. The uses of bicycles, public and sharing transport have been increased by the college students and staff and college has banned single use plastic in the campus.

Problems Encountered:

1. **Lack of awareness:** Lack of awareness regarding environmental conservation is a big challenge.
2. **Maintenance and Care:** Once trees are planted, ensuring their proper maintenance and care are challenging. This includes watering, pruning, protection from pests and diseases, and regular inspections.
3. **Community Engagement:** Building support and engagement from the local community is essential for successful tree planting initiatives. Lack of awareness, opposition from stakeholders, or conflicting interests certainly impede progress.
4. **Long-term Planning and Sustainability:** Sustainable tree planting requires long-term planning and commitment. Challenges like securing funding, resources, and expertise for ongoing maintenance and monitoring is an obstacle before us.