



BEST PRACTICES OF SWARNACHUD COLLEGE, MITRAPUR

2016-17

01. WEANING POOR ST/SC/WAGE EARNERS BACK TO COLLEGE EDUCATION

Weaning the Poor ST/SC/Wage Earners back to College education has been one of the best practices adopted by the Institution in the session 2016-17. The idea of adopting such a practice issued out of the establishment of the College in the Integrated Tribal Development Agency area of Nilgiri mostly inhabited by scheduled tribes and castes who earn their livelihood by collecting wood, leaf and various other forest products as well as engaging as daily wage earners in stone quarries. The rate of higher education among such a people is dismal. Besides, a news item in a local daily reported an alarming rate of drop-outs among these people. The NSS wing of the College, following this news report, took it up as a challenge to bring back the drop-outs into the fold of higher education. With this motive, a group of 20 Volunteers, were selected to carry this campaign forward. Accordingly, villages located close to the Institution such as Mahisapata, Junukoili and Chatrikhunta were selected. The Volunteers went from door to door collecting drop-out data. A primary survey revealed that about 59 percent of students having completed their secondary education have been deprived of higher education. A Motivation campaign followed in which the families of the drop-outs were persuaded to realize the benefits of education and send their children back to education. This campaign, carried out over a period of 1 month, successfully weaned back 19 students into the portals of higher education, exclusively through the dedicated efforts of the NSS wing of the College.

02. SWACHHA CAMPUS – GREEN CAMPUS

Cleanliness is said to next to godliness. According to Mahatma Gandhi, cleanliness is more important than independence. Guided by this principle, the College adopted Swaccha Campus – Green campus as one of its best practices. The NSS & YRC wing of the College played a vital role in materializing the vision for the physical well-being & healthy environment of the institution. As per the decision of the IQAC, one day per week was selected to work out campus cleaning like sweeping and collecting dried leaves, twigs & other garbage for deposition in a waste-bin except plastic and other non-biodegradable items. The work was carried out on a rotation basis involving the +3 students, from 1st year to 3rd year classes. This practice helped in developing the habit of Swacchata and inculcating the habit of work culture. The green surrounding of the College, preserved and maintained by the Institution with the active involvement of the students is a source of inspiration to faculty and students. This Swachhata campaign & the interest to preserve the green surrounding also finds an echo in a number of rallies and awareness programmes undertaken by the Institution periodically.

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