

# **GURU NANAK NATIONAL COLLEGE, DORAHA**

**Session 2015-2016**

## **Best Practice- I**

### **Community Outreach Programmes:**

Community Outreach Programmes may be considered as one of the best practices of the institution. The institution regularly organizes and participates in various community outreach programmes i.e. community service programmes through which the student volunteers make efforts and work towards the betterment and welfare of society/community.

This practice is certainly aimed at the advancement of society. These community outreach programmes bring about a definite change in the overall personality of the students.

#### **Goals of the Practice :-**

- To sensitize the youth about various social issues and to educate them about their societal responsibility to their immediate community.
- To make the student learn the value of righteousness and generosity.
- To encourage the students to be passionate about a cause.
- To broaden their horizons and reach beyond themselves.
- To inculcate confidence and sense of pride in students.
- To make the students learn self-management skills and to accept the challenges of life.

**The Context:** - The institution caters to the needs of surrounding villages. There are social evils like female foeticide, female infanticide, dowry tortures, rapes, eve-teasing etc. which continue to ail the society. Domestic violence is another challenging issue which is committed against women, children, parents or elderly. Moreover, gender inequality is prevalent in villages which effect the growth of female generation adversely. There are unhygienic conditions in villages which need to be improved. Awareness regarding certain dreaded diseases like HIV/AIDs, dengue etc need to be spread in the society. Drug menace and hazards of environmental pollution are two glaring issues of society which need to be tackled at war footing.

**The Practice :-** It is an important feature of the institution to involve the students through NCC, NSS, Youth Club, Press Club etc. in community outreach programmes so that they may work for the betterment of society besides inculcating the qualities of generosity, selflessness and self-management. The college organizes and participates in various extension activities with the dual objective of not only sensitizing students about various social issues but also to strengthen community participation. The NSS units of boys and girls, NCC units of boys and girls, youth

and press club of the college take part in these initiatives. The Extension Activities Cell organises various activities such as awareness rallies on social evils, various issues relating to environment, cleanliness, organ donation, creating awareness regarding use of voting right, Road safety etc.

In order to create awareness and inculcate competitive spirit, various Inter School Competitions are also organized from time to time. Students actively participate in poster making, slogan writing and essay writing competitions to spread the message in the society.

Street plays and choreographies help in spreading the message about various serious issues. Apart from these various medical checkup camps and Blood donation camps are also organized by the college in collaboration with different organizations. Tree plantation drive and cleanliness Drive are also organized by the college.

Eminent scientists from Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana and other colleges are especially invited to the college to address the farmers of villages to enlighten and educate them regarding various aspects of agriculture.

Every year seven days NSS camps are also organized in adopted villages by NSS units of boys and girls in which community gets involved actively.

The list of Community Outreach Programmes pursued during the **session 2015-2016** is as follows:-

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>In collaboration</b>	<b>No. of Students engaged</b>
May 20 -June 23,2015	Crash course	Department of English in collaboration with local schools	16
June 5,2015	World Environment day - Street play	Youth club & Press Club in collaboration with Youth Forum	12
August 20,2015	Rally on Social Evils on Sadbhavna Diwas	NSS , NCC Unit And Youth Club with local community	100 Volunteers of NSS, NCC, Youth And Press Club
September 24,2015	Eye Check up Camp	Doraha Citizen Welfare Association and Shrimati Lajwanti Maini Memorial Charitable Hospital trust	458 persons examined/20 volunteers were engaged
November 14-15,2015	Diwali Hockey Tournament	Department of Physical Education and Private Schools	7 Schools participated
January 29,2016	Inter school competition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Declamation, Rangoli and Poster Making Competitions were organized.</li> </ul>	Govt. and Private Schools	10 Schools participated
October 23, 2015	Awareness Rally	Student volunteers of	82 (NSS Volunteers)

	against Social Evils and counselling of village women	NSS and village dwellers of village Sultanpur	
October 25, 2015	Enlightening villagers regarding new methods of Agriculture	Eminent scientists from Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana & NSS Volunteers	82 (NSS Volunteers)

**Problems encountered and Resources required: -**

- Some people belonging to surrounding rural areas were reluctant to come to the places fixed for programs such as medical checkup camps etc. They had to be persuaded.
- Some of them had a rigid mindset and great efforts were required to persuade them or to make them buzz from their stand/view point.
- The Sarpanches of villages, other VIP's and Granthis of Gurdwaras etc. were consulted and persuaded to give their co-operation to the volunteers and program officers in order to make their welfare programs successful.
- Such initiatives of creating awareness and empowering village people, particularly women can be taken up more vigorously if sufficient funds are available.

The activities/community outreach programs were possible with the collaboration of different organizations such as Doraha citizen welfare Association, Shrimati Lajwanti Maini Memorial charitable Hospital trust, Department of Youth Welfare Panjab University Chandigarh, Youth services Department of Punjab Govt., Rehraas Sewa Society Ludhiana, GLODAS, AKAI Multi Specialty Hospital Ludhiana, Soni Eye care Hospital Doraha, Guru Teg Bahadur Charitable Hospital Ludhiana, Guru Gobind Singh Study circle Ludhiana, Nehru Yuva Kendra, Youth Forum Doraha, Local Council of Doraha and Village Panchayats.

**Evidence of Success: -**

Our students organize and participate in various community outreach programmes and work for the welfare of society. By organizing Awareness Rallies in different villages and Doraha town itself, the students certainly benefit the society/community by instilling new thoughts in their minds and motivating them to give up traditional thoughts/ideas or methods of doing

work/ practices etc. Sometimes they launch door to door campaign (during awareness Rallies) to convince/persuade the public to shun drugs and practices like Dowry, harassment of daughters- in-law, female foeticide, rapes, eve-teasing etc. Community Orientation certainly benefits the society and helps the persons in becoming responsible citizens of society

## **Best Practice - II**

### **Financial Aid to economically poor as well as meritorious students by the college:**

**Objectives of the Practices :** The noble objective of the practice is to provide opportunities to students having economically poor background to enable them to acquire higher education, continuation of the studies of poor students, to provide motivation to brilliant and meritorious students in continuing their efforts to work harder in order to achieve better results, to promote equality among the students, to inculcate a sense of generosity and ‘social responsibility’ in the students and also to promote art and culture & sports by giving financial aid/facilities to bright students in the field of culture and sports in order to ensure the overall personality development of students.

**The Context:** Having imbibed the philosophy of Guru Nanak and the nationalistic spirit of the founders, the college established with a missionary zeal, aims at empowering the educationally backward and disadvantageous population of the area by imparting liberal education. The students studying in this institution are pre-dominantly rural and belong to underprivileged class having low economic background and their parents are unable to provide them a sustained financial support. Our institution, its motto being ‘SARBAT DA BHALA’ i.e. wishing good for all as inscribed in the insignia denotes that the college aims at the betterment of humanity by providing the students opportunities to acquire higher education by extending financial aid and support in the form of fee concession, scholarship, books from book bank & other aids to economically poor deserving students besides granting scholarships/aid to meritorious students in the field of academics, sports and culture etc.

**The Practice:** Our College extends liberal financial help to poor students, especially from the rural areas, to enable them to continue their studies. The brilliant and meritorious students in the field of academics, sports and culture etc. are also given financial aid/facilities.

Students are granted financial aid mainly from STUDENTS AID FUND and GURU NANAK CLUB established by the college. However there are various other schemes and scholarships to support the students financially. Following are the details of financial aid given to students during this year: -

<b>Name of the Scheme</b>	<b>No. of Students</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Student Scholarship Fund	162	306000/-
Late S. Balwant Singh Pangli Student Scholarship	3	9000/-
Mrs. Jaswant Kaur Pangli Student Scholarship	1	4000/-
Bibi Gurnam Kaur Mangat Student Scholarship	4	12000/-
Late Mrs. Jagbir Kaur Grewal Student Scholarship	2	1800/-
Late Smt. Gurdev Kaur Mangat Student Scholarship	3	9000/-
S. Shamsher Singh Pangli Student Scholarship	3	9000/-
Guru Nanak Club	4	15500/-
Student Aid Fund	138	478425/-
Fee Concession	17	6105/-

The college disbursed Rs. 850830/- to 337 students in the form of Scholarships. The needy students are also assisted in the form of easy installments.

Moreover there is Book Bank facility for financially weak students. Text books & other books related to curriculum are issued to the students for full session.

Besides this, extra books are provided to brilliant students so that they may excel in academic. Some of the Departments have set up their own libraries and students are issued books.

### **Evidence of Success**

It has been a regular practice of the college to give Financial support/Fee Concession/Merit Scholarship to meritorious students in the field of academics, culture, co-curricular activities, sports, NCC, etc and this motivates them to work harder and achieve better results. Here are a few of many cases where the students got financial assistance from the college and were able to continue their studies.

**Mandeep Kaur**, a student of MA Political Science (session 2015-2016), bagged 1<sup>st</sup> position in Panjab University Chandigarh, in 1<sup>st</sup> Semester. Earlier she had won 4<sup>th</sup> position in Panjab University, Chandigarh in BA Political Science Hons. Being brilliant student belonging to economically poor family, she received regular substantial assistance from college and achieved excellent results later on.

**Davinder Kaur**, another brilliant student of our college pocketed 5<sup>th</sup> position in Panjab University in MA Political Science 3<sup>rd</sup> semester. She belonged to very poor family and fatherless. She got sufficient financial aid from the college which enabled her to continue her studies and to achieve excellent results.

**Simrandeep Kaur**, another brilliant student of our college bagged 4<sup>th</sup> position in Panjab University in MA Sociology 1<sup>st</sup> Semester. She also got sufficient financial assistance from the college to remain motivated so as to achieve success in life with financial support.

In addition to these many other brilliant students in the field of Art & Culture, Sports, NCC etc obtained financial aid from the college and achieved excellent results in their respective fields.

### **Problems encountered and Resources Required**

It is difficult to judge the financial condition and genuine requirement of the student seeking help. So ingenuine persons, who are otherwise well off, may take undue advantage.

Sometimes the students who received financial aid from the college dropped in-between due to social and domestic reasons. Sufficient funds are required to reach out to many more needy students.