

Government First Grade College Gurumitkal

Best Practices of the College

Title of the practice:

1. Morning Assembly Session

Objective of the practice:

- a. The morning assembly session brings all the staff and students together at one time and we all as a family pray together and sing National Anthem and State Nada Geete. This brings in a feeling of patriotism and belongingness amongst students. The Assembly session is also a platform to make important announcements by the Principal. The Assembly session is also arranged on daily basis to inculcate a habit of strict discipline and time management among students. An excellent activity that is followed every day is reading the newspaper headlines by one student each day in front of the entire family of GFGC Gurumitkal assembled together. The helps both the staff and students to be updated with current affairs and other important news .

Context

- b. Teachers address the gather for about 10 minutes on various current issues and moral obligatory aspects in life. We draw their attention towards the all-round development of their body, Soul and mind. Achievements of both students and faculty members are highlighted during the assembly sessions. This encourages other to achieve during the course of time. The colleges also proposes to change a practice where instead of reading headlines from a Kannada newspaper the students must refer and read Deccan herald / Times of India newspaper so as to have a better coverage of News and also helps each one of us to improve our command in English language.

Practice

- c. Conduct of morning assembly though is a common practice followed by almost all institutes but we have tried to add a practice of Newspaper reading and sharing of important news among the students which is a value addition. To expand this practice we aim to bring in new ideas such as reading Employment Rozgar Yojana paper and informing the students of final year about employment opportunities available. The college basically has first generation learners and therefore these kind of practices help them to match up with changing educational environment

Evidence of Success

- d. The practice has yielded good successful as the student arrive in time to the college to attend the assembly session and with lot of interest hear the headlines read by their fellow students. This helped a few of our students who have now become Policemen and government employees in various government departments. The students follow a strict dress code in the assembly. The principal himself takes a walk and personally checks for any indecency such as nails, haircuts which are strictly monitored by the Principal. The college assembly inculcates a habit of discipline among the students. The students are also told about basic ethics to be followed both inside and outside the campus. We have received encouraging feedback regarding this programme. Teachers use this occasion as an opportunity to meet all the students to communicate new things which are useful for their overall development. Students are also encouraged to express their views on different things.

Problems encountered and resources needed

- e. The college is located in Gurumitkal town which is recognized as a backward area in the region .Most of the students comes from nearby villages and makes use of Bus facility. The students sometimes face difficulties in getting the bus in time and because of very limited number of buses the students face difficulties due to overcrowding in buses , hence they are late to the morning assembly session moreover the bus station is located at 900 metres away from the campus. Only few students actively participate in the Morning assembly events where as the other students always prefer being silent listeners as they lack confidence and have inferiority issues. The students also have stage fear hence we are forced to repeatedly to call upon same students again and again to conduct the assembly session every day.

Proper bus facility will help the students to reach the campus in time and regular conduct of class level activities will surely help the students overcome stage fear. An open air theatre system should be installed so ensure proper visibility of the stage to all students and shelters must be installed so that assembly session can also be conducted during rainy seasons

2. Promotion of Research and enhancement of Teaching- learning experience for all

Objective:

- a. Research plays an important role in the attaining better standards of higher education. Most of the college staff members are PH.D holders and with their assistance we wish to inculcate the research habits in students and other staff member as well. Research

always helps in expanding the area of study and creates an urge to explore and learn something new. Research experience allows undergraduate students to better understand published works, learn to balance collaborative and individual work, determine an area of interest, and jump start their careers as researchers.

Context

- b. Our staff members and students are always motivated to attend seminars and workshops that help them to understand changes taking place in the era of higher education and also participate in emerging burning issues. However our students always face financial problems in attending such programmes as no National or International seminars are organized locally, hence the students are required to travel to other places where they face affordability issues.

The staff members have made a decent participation in research oriented activities in the recent years. Two of them have awarded with PH.D;s and one of one of our faculty member is a Recognized guide of Gulbarga University. The college is also recognized as a research centre for Kannada studies and shortly it will be a research centre for Sociology also. Our staff members have made significant number of paper presentation, Participated as resource persons, published books and research papers at both national and international level.

Practice

- c. Today Higher education promotes research oriented learning. This type of learning always bridges the gap between theory and practice thereby providing practical exposure to the learners. Our college staff members have always been active contributors in the field of research.

One major constraint that we have been facing is that our staff members are unable to get research projects because our college does not come under the purview of 2f and 12b of the UGC and hence this has always been a limitation for the staff members in getting research projects from UGC.

Evidence of Success

- d. The college staff members have shown a decent success in the last five years. Our institution is the only research center in the entire town. Our staff members have recently two of them have completed PH.d's and two more are going to be awarded in a year or two. Our staff members have published books and research papers also active on Google scholar where their research has received good citations. The college also deputed teachers to attend various seminars and workshops and also attend various FDP'S Short term courses and Research methodology workshops. Hence our college is showing an increasing trend of our staff members involvement in research.

Problems encountered and Resources required

- e. The college also wants the students to undertake research projects but due to non availability of supporting nearby institutions and concerns we are unable to execute the

same. The students also find it difficult to carry out research work as most of them immediately after classes go to their agricultural fields to work.

Our staff members immediately after the institution comes under the purview of 2f and 12b of the UGC will start working on taking up of research projects and taking our institution to greater heights in the area of research. Our college wishes to be research centre for other subjects also other than Kannada but the infrastructure constraints is restricting our efforts.

Other best practices of the college are:

1. Feedback system- Collecting the feedback from stakeholders and also preparing the analysis of the same and also hosting it on our website.
2. Orientation programme for the First year newly admitted students.