

Best Practice-II

Empathy in Action

Objectives:

- To provide support to students who hit the hardest time during pandemic.
- To take care of the psychological and emotional wellbeing of students.
- To orient people on personal protection and to help them with basic necessities.

The Context:

The pandemic has left many people unemployed, struggling to earn enough to survive. This hard time affected the normal routine and education. It also affected the student community economically and psychologically. Our college is dedicated to transform youth through holistic education, committed to work with society as a whole and contribute to the improvement of welfare and social conditions of the society.

The Practice:

- The College provided 50% fee concession (scholarship) to the students who lost their parents in the pandemic.
- Ventilators were provided to the Government hospitals to help the affected people.
- The college team distributed provisions bags for two months to the students who lost their parents and also provided support to the jobless parents for their livelihood.
- The house keeping and cemetery workers were also provided with provision bags to enhance their subsistence during the pandemic period.
- The students who lost their primary earning member of the family due to covid were supported by intern jobs.
- The department of psychology conducted webinars to make awareness and counselling to extend their support to the students.
- The NSS team conducted a vaccination camp in the College premises in association with Greater Chennai Corporation.
- The college helped the deprived students to recharge their mobile phones during the university examination.

- Food was provided to homeless people and masks were distributed to the retailers in our locality.

Evidence of Success:

Apart from motivating students to excel in academics, Students are sensitized to help the society during the difficult time. The success of this practice can be seen in a way that students understood how to reachout to the community in a substantive way. Thus this practice helps in creating 'Complete Person' and not just highbrow beings.

The students participated in counseling programs and overcame their disturbed psychological state of mind.

Problems Encountered:

- The process of distribution of food and provisions was affected by the lock down measures. This challenge was addressed by ensuring adequate safety measures were followed by the students during the process.