

BEST PRACTICE - 1

TITLE: Scholarships Provided to the Students

Goal

To support the education of the students studying at graduate and post graduate level, D.A.V. College Jalandhar supports the government's aim to increase the rate of attainment of higher education among students belonging to weaker sections of society. In addition to government's scholarship scheme provided to minority candidates, the college also provides various scholarships to its students who are needy and excel in academics, sports and extra-mural activities. The objective of the distribution of different scholarships is to focus on increasing the Gross Enrolment Ratio of the students belonging to poor households in higher education and to make education accessible to all irrespective of candidate's caste, creed or class.

Context

D.A.V. College, Jalandhar is one of the most important and the oldest institutions in the D.A.V. movement. It understands that the economic and social background of a family can be a major factor in determining the flow of opportunities for an aspiring student. Many deserving students miss out on some opportunities because they belong to economically weaker section in our society. This causes wastage of talent just because of financial constraints. So, the college consciously tries to sensitize its students to the need for creating a synergy of desire and effort while providing them with the resources.

The Practice

The students are made to realize that purpose of education is bliss and that ignorance is nothing but unpleasantness in the face of the opportunities that the world has to offer to them. A large number of fee concessions and stipends are awarded to the students by the college for merit in studies, sports and cultural activities. During the academic session 2021-22, 498 students were given scholarships by college to the tune of Rs.50,45,596/- in addition to government supported Scholarships to 828 students to the tune of Rs. 1,77,98,346/-. Besides, the Library Book Bank of the college provided books to 498 students free during the academic session 2021-22. Similarly, scholarships of Rs. 56,08,648/- were provided to 508 aspiring and needy students in addition to Post Matric Scholarship of Rs.1,43,97,780/- to 710 students during the academic year 2020-21. College also provides virtually free Sanskrit education to students at post graduate level. It is pertinent to mention that this practice has been continuing in the college for last many years.

Evidence of Success

The university results, merit positions, placements etc. are the testimony to the fact that not only the lives of the students have been transformed and hardworking but financially weaker students have been benefited from the various scholarship offered to its students by the college. The success of this lies in the fact that after obtaining their respective degrees, the students have become the bread winners of their families.

Besides this, various eminent alumni regularly visit the college and bestow scholarships on the needy and the bright students, which also testifies to the success of value based education being provided by the college.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required

Higher education has changed tremendously over the past few years in the state of Punjab particularly. Today, no doubt many students are being encouraged to pursue higher education attributing to the enormous financial help rendered by the government and other stakeholders, but still there is lack of awareness and interest regarding these opportunities among youth as they prefer to go abroad for one reason or the other. It is also a fact that some deserving candidates lack sufficient resources even to gather awareness about the scholarships available. Moreover, the constantly growing competitive culture is also a major challenge because many students, who are in need of scholarship, get disqualified due to lack of preparation and proper guidance.

BEST PRACTICE - 2

TITLE: Industrial and Institutional Exposure to Students

Goal

The objective is to further develop knowledge and skill learnt by students in academic environment and prepare them as per needs of industry and potential employers.

Context

Better placement opportunities for students after graduation/post graduation.

The Practice

The role of an educational institution is not only to provide academic education but also to establish liaison with industry and other institutions, so as to act as a link between outgoing students and prospective employers. With this objective, DAV College Jalandhar has a dedicated 'Training & Placement Cell', headed by a senior faculty, designated as Dean, Training &

Placements. An important task of this Cell is to create opportunities for internships for students in industry and other institutions. The purpose is to augment the class room learning with practical training. For this purpose, the training and placement cell establishes liaison with industries and organizes internship camps. The students are guided to opt for internships as per their field and interest.

The industrial and institutional exposure also helps to promote entrepreneurship among students as they are exposed to all the facets of new technologies and latest practices of management. It provides practical awareness of various industrial and institutional sectors.

Evidence of Success

Consistent efforts by Training & Placement Cell of the college has achieved success and this success is evident in the increased number of students placements and ever increasing number of students joining internships. In year 2021-2022, a total of 1630 students were involved in experiential learning in form of Projects / Field Work / Internships.

Problems encountered and resources required

DAV College Jalandhar is one of the largest college in the region, in terms of student's strength with more than 4000 students enrolled. Our endeavour is to enhance the practical skills of the students. So creating training and internship opportunities for such large number of students require large financial and human resources.