

TITLE OF THE PRACTICE

‘SEVA DHARA’ - INTERDEPENDENCE IS THE ESSENCE OF HUMANITY

“Sevadhara” is an ambitious welfare project implemented by NSS College Nilamel as a leading step towards social responsibility and accountability. Driven by the motto ‘Interdependence is the essence of humanity’, the project was introduced in the year 2017 with the fundamental belief that social support activities embodied the power to eliminate and tackle several problems faced by humanity. The project has been materialized with the combined efforts of the students, faculties and the Parent -Teacher- Association of the college. The project ensures that the motto is taken forward by the cooperation and engagement of various clubs in the campus. The primary aim of the project is to involve students and teachers in social welfare activities, thereby instilling a service mentality in individuals and molding them into socially responsible citizens of the country.

Objectives of the Practice

- ✓ The project operates as a social service activity benefiting the community and aims to strengthen the relationship between the campus community and the public.
- ✓ To contribute towards charity and service.
- ✓ Propagating the importance of a drug free campus to create a healthy generation.
- ✓ Ensuring the participation of students belonging to rare blood groups in donating their blood and maintaining consistent communication with Blood banks.
- ✓ To render help by ensuring all the safety guidelines in disaster struck areas.
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The Context

It is necessary to support the students and the society as the college is situated in rural area and far from about 45 km from the city. College offers programmes to inculcate the compassion and consideration to physically, economically weaker community. It is our mission to generate a socially committed society having valuable responsibilities and ethics.

The Practice

1. CARE

- ✓ CARE is a charity organisation set up by the faculty at NSS College to lend a helping hand to the students from socially and economically under- privileged families and help their ailing parents.
- ✓ The organisation takes utmost care in choosing the stakeholders of the project by adhering to prescribed eligibility criteria, ensuring that its resources are channelised to the right hands by inviting applications notified in the college notice board, various NSS student groups, social media groups and handles operated under the college.
- ✓ The stakeholder for every month is chosen from the received applications after a diligent process of screening and scrutiny to ensure transparency.

2. VIMUKTHISENA

- ✓ A six-member committee headed by the college Principal supervises the working of the Vimukthi Sena. Apart from the service rendered by the committee members, the representatives from the Students' Union and PTA secretary are also part of the working committee.
- ✓ To organise anti- drug campaigns, awareness rallies and rides against drug abuse inside and outside the campus to spread the message to the society.
- ✓ To organise awareness programmes against drug abuse by collaborating with various governmental and non-governmental organisations.
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3. Blood Donation Forum - The gift of blood is a gift of Life

- ✓ A seven-member executive committee comprising NCC officers, NSS coordinators, PTA secretary and President, members from the blood donating campaign etc., is constituted to supervise and coordinate the functioning of the forum.
- ✓ The forum coordinates with the nearby hospitals, blood banks and other organizations engaged in blood donation and organises blood group determination and donation campaigns at regular intervals across the year.

- ✓ Ensuring the contribution and participation of students belonging to rare blood groups in donating their blood.

4. Disaster Management

- ✓ The Disaster Management Team at NSS College, Nilamel was set up to ensure active participation of the student community in the rescue operations and to render help at the unlikely event of an accident or natural disaster.
- ✓ The project is implemented with the support of the Kollam district administration and the college management.
- ✓ Training programmes on disaster preparedness as well as management is provided to students by the district administration authorities.

Evidence of Success

- ✓ Identified students with ailing parents and provided financial assistance to students hailing from economically and socially underprivileged backgrounds and to support their academic expenses and medical care.
- ✓ Extended financial assistance to students affected by unfortunate incidents like accidents, accident of a parent, loss of parent(s), natural disasters etc.
- ✓ Distributed of gadgets and services to support the online education of students from economically weaker sections
- ✓ Identified students, who have been victims of illegal drug abuse, help them free themselves from drug addiction and bring them back to normal life.
- ✓ Organised anti- drug campaigns against illegal drug abuse
- ✓ Formulated a catalogue of volunteers belonging to different and rare blood groups and a list of students who consented to be blood donors which could be used in times of an emergency
- ✓ Helped the students, parents and their relatives by arranging blood donors to reach hospitals in case of emergency.
- ✓ Distributed essential supplies and food to the people affected by the disaster.
- ✓ Participated in the cleaning and renovating activities in the disaster struck areas with the support of the various forces like the police and the fire force.

Problems encountered and resources required

- ✓ Due to the busy curriculum and scheduled examinations the involvement of students and faculties is limited.
- ✓ Multiple deserving applications in a single month for CARE, the latter application is carried over to the next month.
- ✓ Lack of funds as it is met only by the contribution of faculties