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BEST PRACTICE - I

1. TITLE OF THE PRACTICE

AUGMENTING THE USE OF LIBRARY RESOURCES

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE PRACTICE

- The primary objective is to instill a culture of avid reading and continuous learning among students by encouraging them to utilize the library.
- The core objective is to foster reading habits among students as a means to divert their attention from distractions.
- Initiatives were undertaken to enhance the research progression of students through the library.

3. CONTEXT OF THE PRACTICE

- Library hours have been strategically incorporated into the academic timetable for each class, ensuring that students have dedicated time to utilize the wealth of resources available in the library.
- In accordance with the quote, "Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader," a reading competition was organized for students, aiming to cultivate a reading habit that serves as a powerful tool in minimizing distractions.
- The library facilities underwent significant improvements with the incorporation of e-resources, D-Space and other advanced technologies.

4. THE PRACTICE

The library has implemented a departmental schedule, ensuring students adhere to allocated hours for enhanced utilization. During these hours, students are encouraged to engage

in reading newspapers to stay updated on current affairs. A reading competition further motivates participation, with winners receiving recognition and rewards.

The institution recognizes and appreciates library users through the Best Library User Award, applicable to both students and staff. This award serves as acknowledgment for their dedicated efforts in utilizing library resources.

A new Central Library, fully automated and equipped with essential amenities like e-resources, D-Space, Inflibnet, and NDLI, has been constructed. These resources have significantly benefited students in their project and research works.

5. EVIDENCE OF SUCCESS

The library's strategic initiatives have sparked a transformative impact and the new Central Library has experienced a notable surge in both usage and resource utilization, resulting in a steady rise in foot traffic. Specifically, footfalls have increased from 10,076 in 2018-2019 to 60,724 in 2022-2023, indicating a substantial growth in academic engagement and utilization of library resources. The esteemed Best Library User Award serves as validation for their dedication, motivating further engagement and emphasizing the library's pivotal role in their educational journey. The strategic collaboration with MALA, Chennai, through the MOU, ensures a continuous influx of innovative programs. The book fair conducted, beyond course requirements, it also promoted a culture of reading, enriching their intellectual engagement.

Implementing a departmental schedule boosts student participation. Newspaper reading sessions and a reading competition raise awareness and literary interest, fostering lifelong learning.

6. PROBLEM ENCOUNTERED & RESOURCES REQUIRED

The great challenge faced is to make students understand the value of library and to make use of e-resources.

BEST PRACTICE II

1. TITLE OF THE PRACTICE

INSTITUTIONAL ENGAGEMENT IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE PRACTICE

- The primary objective is to cultivate a profound understanding among students about the inherent value of community outreach programs and inspire their active enrolment.
- The central objective is to enhance students' engagement in both curricular and extracurricular activities, creating a vibrant and enriching educational experience.
- The other focus is to sensitize students to their roles, duties, and responsibilities within society and community through programs the aim is to instill in students an awareness of their connection with the community.

3. CONTEXT

- Students were urged to participate in community outreach programs, extending their involvement to adopted villages. This initiative aimed to instill a sense of responsibility and community connection, allowing students to actively contribute to the well-being of these areas.
- Departments were actively encouraged to conduct diverse community outreach programs with the goal of enhancing the well-being of neighbouring villages. This proactive engagement aimed to bridge the gap between academic knowledge and practical societal needs.
- Departments were further empowered to share their distinctive skills, contributing to the overall well-being of the community. This fortification aimed to leverage the specialized knowledge and expertise within each department for the benefit of the local community.

4. THE PRACTICE:

Medical camps were organized for Cardiology, Orthopaedics, gastroenterology was organized. Students exhibited exceptional dedication and engagement in various impactful initiatives, including organizing awareness programs, providing essential skills and handmade

educational aids to primary school students, and teaching bank challan filling and English alphabets to villagers. Health awareness efforts focused on educating school students about issues like hookworm infection and anaemia, complemented by free blood grouping sessions. Volunteer students played a crucial role in imparting skills through sessions on art, craft, phonetics, chemistry basics, and magic maths. This initiative effectively bridged the gap between theory and real-world application, contributing significantly to the overall development of the community.

5. EVIDENCE OF SUCCESS

The four collaborative Medical Camps was conducted for the benefit of the natives. In association with MGM Health Care, Chennai, catered to 119 patients, including 3 children, offering specialized services in cardiology, orthopaedics, and gastroenterology. Two medical camps joint efforts with Madras Medical Mission, attracting nearly 100 patients for free cardiology camp. Nearly 100 people were benefitted with association of Madras Medical mission for Gastero Enterology medical camp. Around 15 community outreach program, spearheaded by dedicated students across different departments, has showcased remarkable success in surrounding villages. Primary school student's demonstrated heightened awareness regarding health issues like hookworm infection and anaemia. Free blood grouping sessions led to positive health outcomes. Villagers honed practical skills such as bank challan filling and mastering English alphabets. Government schools witnessed enhancements by providing educational aids and creating knowledge on subjects, and improving the communication skill. During the challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic, the college demonstrated its commitment to public welfare by offering its campus as a quarantine centre for patients, benefiting 600 individuals during the period of 2020-2021. This proactive measure underscored the institution's dedication to serving the community during times of crisis.

6. PROBLEM ENCOUNTERED & RESOURCES REQUIRED

The student volunteers encountered challenges in maintaining the engagement of school students in rural villages, particularly in the aspects of gathering information and reaching out to them.