

7.2.1 Key Indicator-Best Practices

Best Practice – I

Title of the Practice: Walk with Scholar with Encouragement

Objectives:

Tinsukia College is a premier institution of the far-off corner of NE region of India which was established in 1956, with the help of local philanthropists. Since its inception, the college has been instrumental in providing scope for pursuing higher education by the students of the region as well as neighboring areas of Arunachal Pradesh. It has also catered to the needs of the downtrodden, marginalized and economically weaker sections of the society. The effort has always been to impart quality education, thereby paving the way for the growth and development of quality human resources. To encourage the students of marginalized section to dream a better career through higher education, the college has been undertaking various schemes. Taking this into consideration we have adopted a scheme for rewarding the students with distinctive talents as well as providing financial grant to the departments for field studies.

Context:

As an affiliated college under Dibrugarh University and as there are more than 200 such undergraduate colleges, the students of our institution have to face a tough competition to get a position in the university. However, it is matter of great pride for us that our students have been often successful in getting ranks in the university examination and it is our responsibility to encourage them for higher studies. An effort has been made in that direction by discharging awards to those meritorious students.

Practices:

- A sum of Rs. 10,000/- is awarded to each of the three rank holders of each stream (Arts, Commerce and Science).
- These students are felicitated every year on the occasion of College Foundation Day i.e. 1st September in the presence of the members of College Governing Body, faculty members, ex-faculty members, students and guardians.

Evidence of Success:

- The award serves as a measure to provide financial support to the meritorious students.
- The awards create a competitive environment amongst the students and motivate them for a good academic career.
- It also gives us an opportunity to attract students from different parts of the region.

Problems Encountered:

- In case of ties in scores, the number of students to be awarded increases and finally, hence increases the financial involvement.
- Such types of award are yet to be instituted to the rank holders of professional and self financing courses.

Best Practice – II

Title of the Practice: Eco friendly Campus

Objectives:

An Eco Friendly Campus is a place where environment friendly practices and education combine to promote sustainable and eco-friendly practices in the campus. Maintenance of an eco friendly campus helps to promote awareness amongst the pupils and college fraternity that environment comprises interacting systems of physical, biological, and cultural elements, which are interlinked individually as well as collectively in various ways.

Context:

Tinsukia College is already rich in various floras in and around its campus. A sincere effort has been made to promote the idea of eco-friendliness amongst the stakeholders which resulted in enriching as well as maintaining the ecological equilibrium of the campus. To make the concept persisting and systematic, various efforts have been made to initiate ancillary activities which are highlighted below.

Practices:

- Twin bins are installed at different places all over the campus to dispose waste of the two categories, (i) degradable and (ii) non-degradable, separately. Garbage from the filled in bins are then dumped in pits. Personnel from local Municipal Board collect these wastes every weekend.
- A Plastic Bank has been installed at the college campus to deposit all kinds of plastic wastes.
- The practice of planting a sapling somewhere in their locality is a prerequisite for the applicants, belonging to BPL families, so that their admission fees would be waived. The photograph, of a candidate planting a sapling, produced at the time of admission would serve as fee waiver.

Evidence of Success:

- The awareness generated amongst students about the environment helps in appreciating the need to preserve the environment for sustainable development.
- It helps to carry on the Green Audit of the College to facilitate environmental sustainability.
- Introduction of new courses like “Floriculture” and “Emerging Containments in Agriculture” are the result of this emerging trend of awareness on environment and climate.
- The practice has been instrumental in reducing the disposal of waste products to the environment.

Problems Encountered:

- One of the challenges faced by the Institution is to impart training to faculty on environment related course curriculum.
- Financial constraint for field oriented exposure is another major problem encountered by the Institution.