

1. Title of Practice: “Promotion of National Integration”

The Vision, Mission and objectives of the College is not only to cater to the educational needs of the people but to promote National Integration through Community co-operation and collaboration.

Objectives of the Practice:

Institutions are considered to be one of the agencies that promote National Integration. The Nongtalang College is also therefore obligated to instill into minds of the students and others alike a sense of Nationalism through participation in activities that aim to promote National Integration. In this direction, the College under the leadership of N.S.S, Nongtalang College Unit organizes several activities that seek to promote National Integration.

The Context:

The aim of adopting the theme National Integration” is of utmost importance. It must be noted that its importance lies in the fact that the country in the present scenario is riddled with serious problems in the name of religion, caste, ethnicity and region. In this regard, the state of Meghalaya and North East in particular are no exception. The central government’s vision to integrate, North Eastern states into mainstream has therefore gained momentum. The College in pursuance of the central government vision, in its modest capacity, has felt the need to adopt such a theme in an effort to fulfill this vision.

The Practice:

To promote National Integration several activities and programmes are organised to instill a sense of solidarity and fraternity through co-operation in community oriented activities.

On special occasions like Gandhi Jayanti, Birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhai Patel and Swami Vivekananda birth anniversary etc several programmes are organized by the Nongtalang college N.S.S and Red Ribbon Club Units. The programmes include National flag hoisting, lectures on relevant topics and sports and games like football competitions, Run for Unity, Marathon under the theme ‘Run for Nation’ either from its own resources or through state and central govt. agencies. The College also organizes special programmes on occasions like constitution day etc to promote a sense of brotherhood and national integration.

Evidence of success:

The aim of the College is to take up the initiatives in fulfilling the Vision of Central government for integration of North Eastern States. The College has started in its modest capacity to organise small events that aim to fulfill the vision. In its initial stage the College has met with significant success considering the strategies put in place. The Community oriented activities not only create National awareness but ensure community participation. The students and community alike participate in the events with much enthusiasm and vigour. Events and activities that were organise brings out the collective effort of the people towards National integration.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required

In its initiatives to carry out such activities the College has come to realize the magnitude of such activities particularly in terms of success and has felt the need to expand such activities. However this aim for expansion of such activities did not materialize on account of paucity of funds. The College therefore requires additional funds to successfully continue with this practice.

2. Title of the Practice: Promotion of Environmental Consciousness

Objective of the Practice:

The objective of this practice is to inculcate environmental awareness among the students of the college in particular and the local community in general.

The Context:

The college is located in an area which is rich in natural resources like limestone and coal which is of great benefit to the people of the area but has also led to rampant mining of these resources. As a result of this, there has been considerable depletion of forest cover due to limestone mining which has led to a noticeable rise in temperature in the area and pollution of natural water resources. It is in this context that the College intends to educate the youth about the need of preservation of the environment and natural resources in the area with the hope that such ideas will be spread through the community in order to bring some positive change.

The Practice:

In an effort to create environmental awareness among students, the College regularly organizes special lectures on pertinent issues like the importance of preserving the environment and the effects of climate change on special days like World Environment Day and World Earth Day. Tree Plantation Drives are also organized by the College from time to time along with special cleaning drives on Gandhi Jayanti.

Evidence of Success:

The efforts of the College to create awareness through its students has shown some positive signs as trees planted by the students are growing in the areas where they have been planted and the students involved in these activities have shown a sense of responsibility towards the environment.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

The major problem faced in this regard is that the local community is resistant to such ideas as this activity is directly linked to their livelihood. In the absence of alternative employment avenues, individuals engaged in this environmentally destructive activity are unwilling to discontinue such practice.




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