

Best Practice-I

Financial Aid to Economically Disadvantaged Students in Open Category:

The college is situated in the heart of city and is easily accessible to students coming from remote villages which are approximately 20 to 80 kilometers away from Surat. The students coming from these remote rural areas, hail from very mediocre families. It should be noted that the government grant covers only SC, ST and OBC category and hence students in open category do not get any financial aid. Government has started reservation for EWS students recently without financial aid.

The college is following this noble practice of giving financial aid to economically disadvantaged students in open category **since forty years**.

Objective:

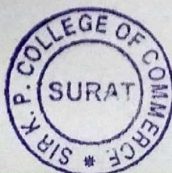
- To provide an equal opportunity to financially disadvantaged section students from open category.
- To help them to survive with respect and dignity which enhance their employability for life time.

The context

The college has identified need to provide financial aid to students who are from open category coming from economically disadvantaged section. Since there is no provision of any financial aid to open category students and remain neglected part for years together so we establish a healthy tradition to provide financial aid to needy and desirous to get education. For this purpose, we utilize Student Teacher Welfare Fund. This fund is meant for welfare of both the students and teachers but the teachers waive their share to help more nos. of students. Out of the total strength of students, numerous students require financial aid in the open category. The institution has formed a transparent system to allocate funds from Student Teachers welfare fund. The uniform policy is followed where each applicant must fill the form and must attach proof of income below Rs.1, 50,000/- p.a.

The Practice

- Every year a notice is put up asking students from the open category whose parents have income equal or below Rs.1,50,000/-p.a. to apply for aid.



They have to submit the application form along with the proof of the income of their parents. A committee which comprises of teachers scrutinizes the applications and decides the amount to be given to students. The college has always given financial aid to every student who has applied so far. No eligible students have been denied this aid. Also, it is noteworthy that the financial aid is also given to children of staff members.

- The uniqueness of the practice is that the institution reimburses a pro rata amount to each student falling under this category.
- This healthy practice ensures that a student completes graduation which will help enhance the opportunity for employment.

Evidence of success

Imbibing the philosophy of "*Sarva Siksha Abhiyan*", this year the college aided 371 students in the open category. In totality, the amount reimbursed was Rs. 4, 03, 600 which is a significant move towards aiding economically disabled students in the open category.

Year	Girls	Boys	Total	Total Amount
2022-23	208	163	371	Rs. 4, 03, 600

Problems encountered and resources required:

- Being a Grant in Aid College with limited amount of funds and a greater number of economically disadvantaged students, the total amount of fees is not reimbursed. A pro rata amount is refunded to each student who applies in the open category.
- As a healthy long term practice the college wishes to refund the fees in totality to all the applicants.

Notes

Other institution can also adopt this practice and help the students who belong to the open category.



2. National Social Scheme

The motto of NSS “Not Me but You” reflects the essence of democratic living and upholds the need for self-less service. NSS helps the students develop appreciation to other person’s point of view and show consideration to other living beings.

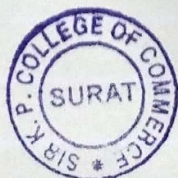
❖ Objectives

- To understand the community in which the students work
- To understand themselves in relation to their community
- To develop among themselves a sense of social and civic responsibility
- To utilize their knowledge in finding practical solution to individual and community problems
- To gain skills in mobilizing community participation
- To acquire leadership qualities and democratic attitude
- To develop capacity to meet emergencies and natural disasters
- To practice national integration and social harmony

❖ **The Context:** The NSS is a major activity intended to engage the volunteers of colleges in community services on a voluntary basis. Through the activities under NSS build sense of social responsibility. The students of the college work in rural areas, adopted village names Talad which is 20 k.m away from Surat to the serving the cause of society through survey, education, and health awareness programme.

❖ The Practice:

The college has four units of 100 students each. To inculcate the attitude of service the college NSS team coordinators and volunteers always on front through various activities like tree plantation, awareness rally and seminars, Blood donation Camp, Oath taking for Organ Donation, cloth distributions to needy, festival celebration with differently abled children, Cleanliness drive, health check-up, Charity (Cycle) to Differently-abled students Programme, Awareness Program on Climate change and Waste Management annual camp.



Sr. No	Date	Activity	Resource Person /Chief Guest/ Judge	Venue	Male	Female	Total
1	05-06-2022	Tree plantation	Vice Chancellor, Shri Kishorsinh Chavda	VNSGU SURAT	12	08	20
2	14-06-2022	Tree plantation	Vice Chancellor, Shri Kishorsinh Chavda	VNSGU SURAT	13	12	25
3	21-6-2022	Yoga day	—	SKPCC	20	15	35
4	23-06-2022	VNSGU Sthapana divas	Vice Chancellor, Shri Kishorsinh Chavda	VNSGU SURAT	13	07	20
5	09-07-2022	Tree plantation - Medicinal Plants	—	SKPCC	22	20	42
6	19-07-2022	Guru Purnima celebration	Shri Nandkishore Sharma	SKPCC	29	20	49
7	19-07-2022	Guru Vandana our Indian culture	—	SKPCC	25	19	44
8	17-08-2022	Blood donation camp	Civil Hospital Blood Bank	SKPCC.	61	29	90
9	07-09-2022	Voter ID registration program	—	SKPCC.	40	30	70
10	08-09-2022	MYSY scholarship Yojana	NSS TEAM	SKPCC.	17	20	37
11	16-09-2022	Organ Donation Oath Program	NSS TEAM	SKPCC.	35	20	55
12	17-09-2022	Cleanliness Drive on Dumas Beach Surat	NSS TEAM	Dumas Beach Surat	40	35	75
13	23-09-2022	Charity(Cycle) to Differently-abled students Program	NSS TEAM	Mahadev trust Surat	17	10	27
14	29-09-2022	PM Shri Narendra Modi Program LIMBAYAT	—	LIMBAYAT	35	30	65
15	30-09-2022	Awareness Program on Climate change and	NSS TEAM	SKPCC	33	27	60



		Waste Management					
16	08-10-2022	Tiranga Yatra Rally	Vice Chancellor Shri Kishorsinh Chavda, SKPCC Principal Martina Noronha, Mayor Hemaliben Boghawala	SKPCC	50	40	90
17	26-11-2022	Constitution Day program by Nehru Yuva Kendra	District Yuva Adhikari Surat, Shri Sachin Sharma	SKPCC	48	40	88
18	27-11-2022	Voter Awareness Program	NSS TEAM	SKPCC	50	39	89
19	13-3-2023 to 19-3-2023	Special NSS camp at BHIMRAD village	Principal Dr. Martina Noronha, Shri Prakashchandra NSS VNSGU Co-ordinator, Shri Balvantbhai Patel	Gandhi Smarak Community Hall, Bhimrad Village	53	72	125



Certificate



This is to certify that Sir K. P. College of Commerce-Surat, is now a Recognized Social Entrepreneurship, Swachhta & Rural Engagement Cell (SES REC) Institution. The Institution has successfully framed the SES REC Action Plan and constituted ten working groups for improving facilities in the Campus and the Community/Adopted Villages in the areas of Sanitation & Hygiene, Waste Management, Water Management, Energy Conservation and Greenery post COVID- 19, along with the observation of three environment, entrepreneurship and community engagement related days to inculcate in faculty, students and community, the practices of Mentoring, Social Responsibility, Swachhta and Care for Environment and Resources.

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- ❖ **Problems Encountered:** Since N.S.S. is a government sponsored scheme, it suffers from financial crunch.
- ❖ **Resources:** The most important resource required is the human resource, teachers, active students' participation, and monetary resources.



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