

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 288 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
2023-24	166	122	288	312400/-

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

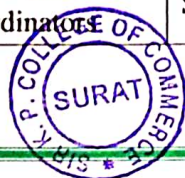
❖ **The Context:** The NSS is a major activity intended to engage the volunteers of colleges in community services on a voluntary basis. Through the activities under NSS build sense of social responsibility. The students of the college work in rural areas, adopted village names Talad which is 20 k.m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

❖ The Practice:

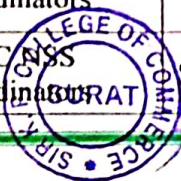
The college has four units of 100 students each. To inculcate the attitude of service the college NSS team coordinators and volunteers always on front through various activities like tree plantation, awareness rally and seminars, Blood donation Camp, Oath taking for Organ Donation, cloth distributions 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	17-7-2023	Azaadi ka Amrut Mahotsav for Essay Competition	SKPCC NSS Co-Ordinators	SKPCC	8	7	15
2	21-7-2023	Azaadi ka Amrut Mahotsav for Drawing Competition	SKPCC NSS Co-Ordinators	SKPCC	16	32	48
3	23-7-2023	Run for Millet Programme	-----	VNSGU	23	39	62
4	24-7-2023	Azaadi ka Amrut Mahotsav for Elocution Competition	SKPCC NSS Co-Ordinators	SKPCC	6	12	18
5	4-8-2023	Azaadi ka Amrut Mahotsav for Janmashtmi Celebrations	Prof. Smruti Desai	SKPCC	25	46	71
6	8-8-2023	Azaadi ka Amrut Mahotsav for Raksha-Bandhan Celebrations	-----	A) Mamta School and b)Mahadev Trust, Begumpura	113	124	237
7	9-8-2023	Azaadi ka Amrut Mahotsav for Addiction free session	A) Smita Patel B) Mahesh Parmar C) Mamta Kakbotar D) Nehal Solanki	SKPCC	85	108	193
8	12-8-2023	Celebration of "Panch-Prakalp" of Patriotic Song Competition	Prof. Smruti Desai	SKPCC	20	29	49
9	12-8-2023	Celebration of "Panch-Prakalp" for speech on contribution of Freedom Fighters	SKPCC NSS Co-Ordinators	SKPCC	105	117	222
10	12-8-2023	Celebration of "Panch-Prakalp" for staying Addiction Free	SKPCC NSS Co-Ordinators	SKPCC	105	168	273
11	14-8-2023	Celebration of "Panch-Prakalp" for Dahej pratha	SKPCC NSS Co-Ordinators	SKPCC	109	123	232
12	14-8-2023	Har Ghar Tiranga	SKPCC NSS Co-Ordinators	SKPCC	129	173	302



13	23-08-2023	Tree plantation	SKPCC NSS Co-Ordinators	Bhimrad	22	24	46
14	28-8-2023	Donation Programme at School for differently abled students	SKPCC NSS Co-Ordinators	Visit at differently abled school, station road	43	53	96
15	13-9-2023	NSS Day Celebration	VNSGU NSS	VNSGU	01	-	01
16	27-9-2023	Felicitation Programme of Organ Donors	SKPCC NSS Co-Ordinators	Indoor Stadium	84	129	213
17	1-10-2023	Cleanliness Drive	SKPCC NSS Co-Ordinators	College Campus	19	-	19
18	7-10-2023 To 13-10-2023	NSS Special Camp	SKPCC NSS Co-Ordinators	Bhimrad			
19	11-10-2023	Amrut Kalash Yatra under "Meri Maati Mera Desh" Programme	SKPCC NSS Co-Ordinators	Bhimrad	24	58	82
20	2-12-2023	Oath on Pollution Control Day	SKPCC NSS Co-Ordinators	SKPCC	135	124	259
21	14-12-2023	Cleanliness Drive and Rally with Surat Municipal Corporation	Surat Municipal Corporation and SKPCC NSS Co-Ordinators	SVNIT and Lake View Garden	35	21	56
22	15-12-2023	Human Chain	SKPCC NSS Co-Ordinators	Sosyo Circle	115	124	239
23	28-12-2023	Mahendi Competition	Dr. Hetal Desai	SKPCC	19	20	39
24	29-12-2023	Drawing Competition	Dr. Rashmi Patel	SKPCC	8	13	21
25	9-1-2024	Vibrant Gujarat Pledge Programme	SKPCC NSS Co-Ordinators	SKPCC	35	54	89
26	12-1-2024	Swami Vivekananda Day Walkathon	SKPCC NSS Co-Ordinators	VNSGU	141	161	302
27	12-1-2024	National Youth Day Celebration	SKPCC NSS Co-Ordinators	SKPCC	26	46	72



28	18-1-2024	Cultural Elocution Competition (College Level)	A) Prof. Priti Pandya B) Mrs. Rashmi Jha	SKPCC	3	17	20
29	18-1-2024	Anuvrat Song Programme-Inculcate Values	SKPCC NSS Co-Ordinators	SKPCC	120	134	254
30	19-1-2024	Ramotsav Programme-Inculcate Tradition and Values	SKPCC NSS Co-Ordinators	SKPCC	65	91	156
31	24-1-2024	Anti-Drugs Awareness Programme	Anti-Drug Soldiers	SKPCC	87	91	178
32	25-1-2024	Voter Awareness Day	SKPCC NSS Co-Ordinators	SKPCC	76	86	162
33	24-1-2024 to 30-1-2024	National Integration Camp	-----	Dharwad, Karnataka	1	0	1
34	3-2-2024	VNSGU - Elocution Competition	-----	VNSGU	1	0	1
35	26-2-2024	HUNNAR HART- An Entrepreneurship Initiative	SKPCC NSS Co-Ordinators	SKPCC campus	3	11	14

❖ **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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