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(Under L.N. Mithila University, Darbhanga)

Best Practices - I

Title of the Practice: Financial Assistance to the deserving and needy students under Poor Boys Fund Scheme.

Objectives of the Practice:

There are many students coming from the rural areas with low economic background. Their parents are unable to provide them a sustained financial support because agriculture, being a gamble with rain in the district, is not a source of assured income. So, the noble objectives of the practice are

- To extend financial aid to the poor students, especially from the rural, to save them from discontinuation of their studies owing to poverty.
- To support financially all the deserving poor students without any discrimination of caste, creed or gender.
- To promote the 'equality' among the students
- To inculcate the values of 'generosity' and a 'sense of social responsibility' among the students.

The expected outcome is that the students should be able to complete their degrees with good marks. The beneficiaries should treat the needy with the principle of 'lend a helping hand without discrimination.'

The Context

Providing financial assistance to needy, deserving and scholar students either by giving them financial assistance in the form of concession in fee. College aims to provide financial support to needy and meritorious students. College has a scheme i.e. "Poor Boys Fund".

College has a student welfare committee which helps the underprivileged students to apply for the concession in fee to underprivileged students belonging to various reserve categories as well as economic weaker section of the society.

College aims our student to excel and outshine and thus we also give special attention to the scholar students, all-rounders, sports persons, students who participate in the intercollegiate, state and national level competitions, students who participate in research based activities and those who are active in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. At every level college not only provides the financial assistance to the students but also makes sure that students should get the maximum benefits and learning outcome during their course work.

The Practice

Since the inception of this college, the management proactively supports students from humble background. College has taken a firm resolve to extend all possible financial support to the deserving and needy students and help them to realize their fond dream of acquiring higher education. The college aims at providing financial assistance to the poor or needy at the same time to the students who are excellent in their respective field such as academic, co-curricular, extra-curricular, extension and sports.

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To provide financial assistance to deserving and needy students, the management through its "Poor Boys Fund" extends the financial support to all the deserving and needy students without any discrimination of caste, creed or gender. A duly constituted committee of teachers of the college with the help of the students finds out the needy and deserving students for the financial assistance. As mentioned earlier these financial assistance is based on the need and performances of the students. Committee finalizes the list of eligible students for the aid after due verification of the documentary evidence and strictly following the guidelines framed for the given purpose .

Apart from the scholarships to the needy and poor section, the college assist a lot to motivate the students with academic excellence. To have all round development of the student, college also assist students to take up extension activities, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. The students are awarded on the occasion of Annual Day of the college and especially Annual Day Prize Distribution Programmes are also arranged to distribute all the prizes to the students.

Evidence of Success:

This way the practice has a positive impact on the academic abilities and attitudinal changes among the beneficiaries. The review results of the aid indicate that the humble assistance not only enables the poor students to acquire higher education but also moulds them to be responsible citizens to continue the legacy of helping the students of successive batches.

Below are the year wise students summary who got financial assistance as concession in fees under Poor Boys Fund Scheme.

2017-18: 19

2018-19: 25

2019-20: 26

2020-21: 21

2021-22: 24

Problem Encountered and Resources Required

Although the college management provides good amount of financial assistance to the students every year, it can be further enhanced if the grants are generously received from Bihar Government.

- Lack of fund and lack of financial assistance in form of non-salary grant by the Bihar Government.
- Some times its difficult to identify the needy students of underprivileged and needy class.
- Many students are not able to provide the income proof to get the benefit of economic backward class scholarship.

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Best Practice -2

Title of the Practice: Legal Aid Clinic for Students and Deprived Section of the Society.

Objectives of the Practice: To impart practical skills of research, case analyses and strategy, presentation of arguments at the trial and appellate stages of a case. To inculcate a spirit of utilising professional skills and giving out to the needy. It therefore aims to familiarize the students with the legal provisions, guidelines and judicial decisions and train them in the skills of client interviewing and counselling and teach them the basics of professional accountancy.

The Context: Social justice is the first charge on our Constitutional order and one way to promote social justice is through Legal Aid Clinics. Legal Aid Clinics education is all about enhancing legal skills. These skills include interviewing, research, interpersonal, reflective practice, problem solving and more. It is all about experiential learning, a process that helps students in application of their theoretical knowledge in real world situations. These sort of regular exercises and sessions build up confidence to apply their knowledge and make the most of the knowledge gained. It is a sort of experiencing their future work life early on, thus in a way preparing them to take the upcoming challenges in their stride. Students are given simulation classes which include mock trials, legal writing, drafting, observation of trials (criminal and civil), client counselling and relative exercises. This makes them feel and respond like they are into the real world of legal professionals. Trained students aware their society regarding needful law for making vibrant society.

The Practice: The Legal Aid Clinics is kept as a compulsory paper and as a part of the syllabus. Moot

Court, Pre Trial Preparations and Trial Observation and internship.

As under Legal Aid Clinics, giving legal advice and client counselling, interview techniques etc plays an important role, students are taken to District court/Bar and are made to observe cases, learn the techniques of interview and client counselling. They also learn the conciliation and arbitration methods done in the

Lok Adalat and other proceedings.

The college has a Legal Aid Clinic which is opened. One advocate is shortlisted by the Bihar State Legal

Services Authority to sit on the clinic alongwith para legal volunteers (PLV). The PLV's and appointed

advocate sits in the clinic during the prescribed hours where legal advice and counselling were given to anyone who approaches the clinic. All records are maintained by the PLV's and monthly report are submitted to the State legal Services authority for necessary actions. The Legal aid clinic is supervised by

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the Co-Ordinator, legal Aid cell appointed from the faculty who regularly issued.

Evidence of Success: Following are the benefits and evidence of success of the clinical legal education

a) Practical approach: as the Legal Aid Clinics involves a learning by doing, it generates confidence in students as their success is determined by their own efforts. It gives opportunities for the knowledge to be applied but it also goes beyond this and calls for reflection and self examination. Students can examine the legal and social issues in some depth.

b) Acquisition of skills: Clinical Legal education is based on practical approach and hence it helps in acquisition of skills. The skills include skills like research skills, communication skills, interviewing of clients and witnesses, drafting, negotiating, problem solving skills etc.

c) Involvement with local community: The college legal aid clinic helps to reduce isolation by making

the law college more relevant to the community. It offers advice and assistance to local people and help to reduce isolation. at the same time students are able to understand the problems of society. This experience adds to their understanding of the position of others in society and can increase their maturity and sense of responsibility.