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### **BEST PRACTICES**

#### 1. Title of the Practice- "POOR FUND"

### Objectives of the Practice-

- To assist the econoically backward students with monetary assistance from the end of the institution.
- To generate fellow feeling among the students.
- To further the vision and mission of the institution

The Practice: The fund is collected from all the students at the time of their admission. The fee details have the component entitled 'Poor Fund' and students contribute a certain amount at the time of admission. The fund is then collected and deposited in a separate bank account. The needy students may apply for financial assistance and if the fund permits, the assistance is duly provided from the said fund after deliberations in the finance committee. The records are duly kept in a separate register along with the copies of the application from the incumbents. Oftentimes, the student union comes with names of the needy students as they have a close connect with the students community and well aware of their background.

**Evidence of Success:** From 2016-17 to 2020-21 as many as 65 students hailing from economically backward section received the assistance from Poor Fund and the amount disbursed in all in is Rs 26,335/-. The students who applied for and got the assistance mostly utilized the money for university examination fees payment necessary for filling up the form.

**Problems Encountered and Resources Required**: The primary problem is that there are far too many students are coming from the financially weaker section. The amount received in the fund is often not adequate to cater to everyone's needs. The filtering of the application thus becomes inevitable in many cases. Then again, to increase the amount collected for Poor Fund at the time of admission would only increase the burden on the students and their families. At this, plans are in place to initiate accommodate the scope for external donations in the fund.

**NOTES**: During the pandemic, the applications could not reach the authorities and consequently no fund disbursement took place. However, the fees of the college were considerably curtailed at that period to enable the students and their families to overcome hardships.

#### **2. Title of the Practice**: Penro Bus Stand Renovation

**Objective of the practice**: Neighbourhood relation building is an integral part of the vision and mission of the college. Keeping that in mind, the NSS unit of the college decided to respond to a longstanding demand of the local community: to have a reinforced bus-stop in the neighbouring Penro. The students mostly get down and board from this bus stop while commuting to and from the college. Thus the project would benefit the students and the locals alike.



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**The Context**: The college being situated in the rural area, communication has always been a problem. The wait at the bus stop has always been long and in an open air bus stop the travails only increased. At this, the college and the NSS unit decided to come forward and address the issue.

**The Practice:** The bus stand was built under the direct supervision of the NSS unit and the College bore the financial costs of the project. Not only is the establishment, the maintenance of it also supervised by the NSS units. During the special camps, the volunteers take spontaneous participation in the said project and the bus stop is adequately cleaned and minor repair works are done.

**Evidence of Success:** The bus stand in amidst a busy thoroughfare and the daily commuters get immensely benefitted by it. The sultry summer and the rains had been plaguing them all along and hence this reinforced bus stop has indeed come to their rescue.

**Problems Encountered and Resources Required**: To regularly maintain the bus stand, the college requires funds which the institution finds hard to allocate. The more funds would ensure better maintenance and upgradation of the facility

**NOTES** The practice proved to be extremely beneficial to the students and the local community alike. Simultaneously it furthered the stated vision and mission of the institution.