

1. Title of the Best Practice

Service Learning

2. The Context

The vision of Jesuit education instils among its students the commitment to create an atmosphere of mutual respect and caring within its campus. The Principal of the college motivates the same and adds to the students' realisation of the dignity of labour and enables them to empathize with others and to develop humility in thought and action.

3. Objectives of the Practice

- It widens the understanding of work ethics
- It strengthens managerial skills
- It trains in community building
- It liberates the mind from long-established prejudices.

4. The Practice

- The students of the college, under the initiative of the Student Council volunteer themselves for the cleaning and maintenance work of the college campus once in a month, relieving the house-keeping staff from their duties on this particular day officially tagged as the 'Big Day Off'.
- Traffic awareness programme, voluntary cleanliness drives and social visits to orphanages and old age homes are the other ways through which the college propagates the realisation of service based learning.
- Rural camps conducted by the institution also sensitises the students about the various problems faced by the people living in the nearby rural areas.

5. Advantages

- Strengthens mutual respect between students and support staff
- Builds in a sense of responsibility among students across the institution
- Trains students in leadership and provides a sense team building

6. Challenging issues

- Motivating students to take up social service on a voluntary basis.

7. Evidence of Success

- Service oriented activities of students are reported in newspapers
- Many students join NGOs to work for society because of exposure and learning they receive on these outreach programs
- Pursuance of a career in service and social work by the final year students

8. Resources Required

- Faculty trained in Social Work and Service so as to ensure productive activities are organised.
- Orientation programmes to adequate students to carry out their duties and responsibilities.

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