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Best Practice – 1: Jemon Khela Temni Je Kaaj: Community engagement through Sports

The Context:

The locality of Hatgobindapur comprises people of backward classes who have little exposure to quality training in sports. The playground of Dr. Bhupendra Nath Dutta Smriti Mahavidyalaya has a mesmerizing effect on all. It attracts children from local as well as distant areas to play especially in the afternoon. Sports is one of the key areas of excellence in this college and the Department of Physical Education has been adding feathers to the hat relentlessly. Keeping in mind the motto of Gurudev Rabindranath Thakur, "Shikshar modhye Krirar sthan boro" (Sports has great significance in education), the institution has extended its sportsman expertise to the local students to nurture their talents. The best practice encourages the mission and vision of the college inculcating the motto espoused by Gurudev in his song "Moder jemon Khela temni Je kaaj Janis naki ki bhai" (As we play so we work, Don't you know dear).

Objective:

- 1. Identifying and Nurturing of the talent of playing football primarily for the college Football team.
- 2. Identifying and Nurturing of the talent of playing other games among school children so that they may have the option of taking sports as a career.
- 3. to build confidence among the school students from marginalised sections to pursue sports in higher education.
- 4. Building Affectionate bond with the local people.
- 5. Promotion of health and fitness of the local school children.

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The Practice:

The training of local school children is offered by the teachers of the Department of Physical Education. The training is given after the college hours. The school students love to play on the ground after their regular classes at their respective schools. Students from standard eight onwards are given the required training. The practice has been offered in an informal manner for many years. But the practice has been formalized since session 2022-2023 onwards when Memoranda of Understanding has been signed with different schools who have agreed to send eager and talented players for training. Students are trained to play different games like Football, kho-Kho, Kabadi and Yoga.

Evidence of Success:

The evidence of success is evident in the fact that nearly thirty students, among those who have taken training have chosen sports as their future career. Thay have enrolled themselves in this institution after passing out of their schools. Moreover, they have also excelled in their respective sports activity so that they have now moved on to take sports as their career. And some have got placement on the virtue of their sports skill.

Problems Encountered:

The primary problem encountered is lack of awareness amongst the parents specially from backward caste and class regarding the scope as well as the necessity of sports in higher education. However, over the years confidence has developed in them. Second major problem is the lack of requisite number of teachers in the department who act as trainers of these young minds.

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Best Practice – 2: Shyamala Sundar Vasundhara: Endorsing Environmentally Sustainable Campus

The Context:

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Kabiguru Rabindranath Tagore writes about "Viswavara praan" with the wonderful existence of man in the midst of it. However, injudicious exploitation of natural resources has ripped apart the "vasundhara". The need to rejuvenate mother earth is the need of the hour for human existence. Environmentalists are advocating human responsibility to conserve natural resources and protect global ecosystems to support health and wellbeing, now and in the future. Dr. Bhupendra Nath Dutta Smriti Mahavidyalaya contributes to this endeavour in its own way.

Objectives:

- 1. To preserves indigenous and medicinal plants
- 2. To promote Green Campus
- 3. To spread awareness about need for environmental sustainability
- 4. To cultivate alternative sources of energy.

The Practice:

The college observes various programmes throughout the year to promote Green campus. Plantation Programme is carried out in the rainy season. The college can project itself as a tobacco free and plastic free zone. The college also treasures few indigenous plants in the campus Palash, Krishnachura, Mahogany, Jarul, Shegun, Arjun, Neem Chhatim, Mohua, Sandal Aloe vera, Mango, Jaam (Berry), Rose Berry, Ulatkambal, Chalta and others. The field in the heart of the campus is a carpet of greenery with a pond adjacent to it. The college also has 48 Solar panels.

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Evidence of Success:

The most evident success is the beautiful lush green pollution free campus which is a feast to the eye. The college has an arch flaunting Madhabilata creeper whose fragrance and colour has soothing effect on the soul even in scorching summer. The setting up of solar panels have helped a lot in reducing the costs of electrical consumption on one hand and also promoted the use of alternative power resources. The excess of the power gets transferred to the power grid which has cut the overall electricity consumption.

Problems Encountered:

The promotion of Environmentally Sustainable Campus is the need of the hour. The problems encountered in its implementation is the lack of awareness among few students and outsiders to the campus. However, the problems are generally addressed through regular monitoring.

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