

BEST PRACTICES: 2022-2023

Practice 1:

Title of the Practice:

Holistic Development of Students through Extra-curricular Activities

Objectives of the Practice:

- I) The objective of extracurricular activities is to offer opportunities for students to learn the values of teamwork, individual and group responsibility, competition, diversity, and a sense of culture and community.
- II) Participation in extracurricular activities is also done with the objective of increase students' sense of engagement or attachment to their institution.

The Context:

While curricular activities including classroom teaching and learning are essential components of a student's educational experience, they alone may not be sufficient to meet all of their developmental needs. Extra-curricular activities provide opportunities for students to develop skills, talents, and interests beyond the classroom. Extra-curriculars offer students a chance to interact with peers who share similar interests, promoting teamwork, cooperation, and socialization.

The Practice:

Ananda Chandra College offers a lot of opportunities for students to cultivate skills, talents, and interests that extend beyond traditional classroom learning. Each year, the college organizes events such as quizzes, debates, and youth parliament competitions, providing platforms for intellectual engagement and expression. Moreover, the National Service Scheme (NSS) and National Cadet Corps (NCC) offer avenues for students to contribute to their surrounding communities through various initiatives.

The college also has a range of clubs, including the Drama Club, Film Club, Book Reading Club, and Eco Club, which foster communication, creativity, critical thinking, and environmental awareness among students. Through these clubs, students can explore their passions and collaborate with like-minded peers.

Furthermore, active participation in sports activities promotes physical fitness and also instills values of teamwork, discipline and sportsmanship, contributin

to a well-rounded and healthy lifestyle for students.

Evidence of Success:

The Quiz Club of Ananda Chandra College was established in 2019 and later revived in September 2022. Since its revival, the club has consistently organized monthly quiz events on campus, including special occasions like the Observance of Students' Week quiz in 2023. The Film Club, invites students from the college to partake in screenings and discussions centered around classic works of world cinema. These events typically take place after 3:30 pm on Saturdays.

Similarly, the Drama Club was officially established in 2022 and has already staged four plays by May 2023. These productions showcase the creative talents of students and contribute to the vibrant cultural atmosphere of the college.

The Eco Club is dedicated to promoting environmental awareness and conservation efforts among students.

A college fair "Anandamela" was held in March, 2023 which served as a platform to foster innovation, creativity, and the spirit of entrepreneurship among students.

Furthermore, the college organized and actively participated in district-level Youth Parliament, providing students with valuable insights into the functioning of democracy and parliamentary processes.

In addition to these initiatives, Ananda Chandra College is committed to organizing and participating in a wide range of sports activities. Despite challenges such as the shortened Student Week in 2022 due to lockdown restrictions, the college continues to prioritize extracurricular engagement, offering students numerous opportunities for personal growth and enrichment.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

While extracurricular activities offer numerous benefits, they also present Challenges:

Balancing extracurricular activities with academic coursework can be challenging for students.

Limited funding and facilities also constrain the variety and quality of extracurricular activities offered.

Intense competition for positions, roles in performances, or spots on sports teams can create a stressful and competitive atmosphere among students. So, teachers and leaders need to motivate students to cooperate and have feelings of brotherhood, harmony and unity.

Practice 2:

Title of the Practice:

Initiatives for Supporting and Encouraging Students

Objectives of the Practice:

The Objectives include teaching, learning, and student enrollment using student friendly methods. It also involves integrating technology and online methods into education.

The Context:

With the advancement of technology and the widespread accessibility of the internet, leveraging digital tools and online methods has become crucial in enhancing the learning experience for college students. Integrating technology into teaching practices not only facilitates greater engagement but also fosters a more student-friendly environment by catering to diverse learning styles and preferences. So, it is important for our college to integrate these learning tools. Beyond academic instruction, providing career guidance and facilitating extra-curricular activities are essential components of nurturing students' holistic development and helping them realize their full potential.

The Practice:

The college employs a diverse range of teaching techniques to enhance student learning. In addition to utilizing visual aids like PowerPoint presentations, innovative methods such as outdoor classes, supplementary courses, and movie screenings are also integrated into the curriculum. Furthermore, seminars and lectures are regularly organized to provide students with guidance and insights. Leveraging online platforms, the admission process is conducted seamlessly to promote accessibility and transparency.

Moreover, the college Library maintains an active Facebook page to keep students informed about updates, notices, and available learning resources. This multifaceted approach ensures that students are provided with varied opportunities for engagement, enrichment, and academic support.

Evidence of Success:

Numerous lectures were delivered using PowerPoint presentations, facilitating students' understanding of complex ideas.

Career guidance seminars were organized, offering valuable insights and advice to

students.

The online admission process ran seamlessly, ensuring convenience and efficiency for applicants.

The library's social media page serves as an informative platform, keeping students updated with relevant information and resources.

The library underwent a restoring of old books to ensure their longevity and continued relevance for students and researchers.

Problems encountered:

Implementing technology and online methods in education necessitates adequate funding, which may not always be readily available or sufficient. Additionally, it requires a concerted effort to encourage teachers in utilizing these tools effectively.