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DEVAGIRI, CALICUT-673008, KERALA, INDIA

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BEST PRACTICES 2020-2021

1. Title of the Practice

Learners are Earners: Vocational Courses for the students

2. Objectives of the Practice

- i. To develop employable skills among students
- ii. To train students to find out own means of generating income
- iii. Opportunity to apply theoretical knowledge

3. The Context

There is growing sense of self-reliance and self-earning among the students of present generations in our country. However our curriculum remains by and large theoretical and not directly fostering employability skills. Also students lack opportunities to develop their entrepreneurial skills.

4. The Practice

Students get an opportunity to join any one of the vocational courses offered them. Fish farming, terrace gardening and ornamental fish farming are some of them. Facilities were provided for the same in the campus and experts in the respective field were invited to give them training. Hands on training and exposure to different fields help them to become competent.

5. Evidence of Success

Students show interest in joining such courses. With the help of the Government grants and subsidies we could provide those courses for nominal cost. Many students started fish farming and terrace gardening in small scale at their homes.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

Majority students do not show a spontaneous enthusiasm towards these courses since it demands extra work and time. To start those initiatives at home some initial funding is required. Space constraint is yet another limitation. A sizable initial investment on the part of the institution is required to start these courses.



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Threat Mitigation Team

2. Objectives of the Practice

- i. To prepare a team of students to respond to the natural calamities
- ii. To inculcate social responsibility in the hearts of students

3. The Context

Thanks to the geographical position and the changing climate, natural calamities like flood have become a routine in Kerala. The potential of the youth of Kerala to quickly and effectively respond to the situation was revealed during the flood crises. With the support of the resources of the college the students can develop a task force in the event of such unexpected natural disasters.

4. The Practice

A team which consists of students, staff, alumni and management representatives was constituted. The team opens its workstation in the college. Volunteers will stay at the college. Social network group activated. A bank account opened. Resources collected and distributed by the volunteers. The team is divided into small groups and do rescue and relief works in different affected areas.

5. Evidence of Success

During two major floods the team reached to families and supplied food and essential materials worth twenty lakhs. As Covid 19 broke out, research scholars produced sanitisers in the lab and the threat mitigation team distributed the same. Masks were also produced and supplied by the team during the peak Covid periods.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

Systematic training is required for the students to effectively respond to such disaster situations. Basic equipment and resources are also required to expand the scale of rescue and relief works. College is planning to provide systematic training for the members of the team.