

BEST PRACTICE NO: 1

Title of the Practice: *Community Outreach Programme*

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Goals of the practice:

1. To fulfill Institutional moral obligation to address the societal needs.
2. To strengthen the institution community relationship.
3. To uplift the socio-economically disadvantaged rural people.
4. To develop sensitivities towards community issues, gender disparities, social inequity etc.

The Context: The College was established back in 1963 under the relentless and untiring efforts of a group of illustrious personalities with the support of the rural masses in the greater Tihu area of Nalbari District, Assam. Therefore, the College, since its inception, maintains its accountability to the folks and the society for whose upliftment its existence is meant. The college also shoulders its social responsibility of promoting education in peripheral spaces by adopting schools and generating awareness by addressing issues pertaining to gender and other societal concerns.

The Practice: Keeping in view of the social responsibility, the College is continuously engaging in various social activities for the benefit of the socio-economically disadvantaged rural people of the nearby villages. The commitment to the social and economic well-being of our neighbouring people is executed through the various awareness programmes organized periodically. The initiatives are carried out under the banner of different units of the College viz: IQAC, Extension Cell, NSS, Women's Forum and NCC of the College.

Various extension and outreach activities undertaken are given as follows:

- Teachers regularly take tutorial classes in some nearby schools.
- Literacy drive is conducted by Women's Forum of the College.
- Awareness Programmes are organized on sanitation and health issues of women of the socio-economically disadvantaged rural women of neighbouring villages.
- Regular interactions are held with the leading personalities of the locality.
- Cleanliness drive by NSS volunteers time to time.
- Plantation drive by NCC volunteers on different occasions.
- Arranged Awareness Rally on 'World Cancer Day' 04-02-2020.
- Door to door Awareness Rally on Covid 19 by NSS volunteers on 19-03-2020.
- Covid19 Awareness Programmes and distribution of booklets, masks and sanitizers in different nearby villages of Tihu locality by College Authority, Tihu College Teachers' Unit and Women's Forum from 16-03-2020 to 19-03-2020.
- As a part of the extension education, one village has been adopted but due to Covid 19 outbreak, the vision could not be substantiated.

The College has achieved its goal in developing friendly relationship with local society. The success of such community outreach activities cannot be measured and the outcome is may also be not apparently visible. But, the processes and strategies inherent in such awareness activities relevantly sensitize students to the social issues and contexts. Lack of scientific spirit owing to poor literacy level of the villagers is the major hurdles which dissuades them from accepting new ideas and incorporating new approaches into their lifestyle. The nation-wide lockdown has imposed some restrictions and therefore, the scope to arrange such community activities got limited and narrowed.

BEST PRACTICE NO: 2

Title of the Practice: ***Financial Assistance to Needy Student***

Goals of the practice:

1. To extend financial assistance/support to the disadvantaged poor rural students.
2. To execute one of the goals of the College, that is to make higher education more accessible and more affordable to rural masses.
3. To assist meritorious and needy students in pursuing their higher studies.

The Context: Tihu College is dedicated in its mission to bring the benefit of higher education to the semi-urban and rural masses, especially to the poorer section of the society, with a more caring and supportive understanding of the socio-economic milieu, which will equip them to meet the challenges of changing times in a much more organized and scientific approach. Special attention has been given to the all-around development of personality of the students and to prepare a productive generation of individuals capable of contributing in the nation building process. Imparting higher education in a place like Tihu, where most of students are from rural and poor background is a real challenge. Worrying factor is that only 10% of students get different national scholarships and many of the poor students have to stop their studies for monetary problems. Keeping in view of this, the institution has created a Students' Mutual Aid Fund to assist the needy students of the College. Besides, the College Authority, some faculty members and some ex-students have willfully donated money/award/prize/books to encourage the meritorious students of the college. Apart from the Students' Mutual Aid Fund,

Awards, Prizes given to the meritorious/poor students are as follows:

1. ***Dr. Nripendra Malla Buzarbaruah Award***: Sponsored by Dipak Mall Buzarbaruah (HoD) Dept of Physics, Tihu College and son of Dr. Nripendra Malla Buzarbaruah, Nalbari. This is a cash award of Rs. 2000.00 to the student of Tihu College securing highest mark in Physics honours with 1st class in BSc final Exam under GU.
2. ***Award for Excellence***: Patronized by Tihu College authority. This special award of Gold Medal is awarded to the rank holder(s) from the college in the HS final Exam (Arts/Science) conducted by AHSEC and rank holder(s) in UG Final Exam.

3. **Prof. Prasanna Kumar Deka Memorial Award:** Sponsored by family members of late Prasanna Kumar Deka, the founder head, dept. of Assamese, Tihu College and a renowned literature of the state who won the prestigious State Literary Pension. This award is to be conferred annually to the topper of the BA final Examination in Assamese honours (subject to the minimum of 60% mark in the honour subject). Instituted in memory of the deceased Prof. Prasanna Kr Deka, Head from 2015 onwards carries a cash amount of minimum Rs. 5000.00 only (subject to revision)
4. **Award for best achievement in H.S.:** Sponsored by Mr. Mrigen Sarma, Ex-student of Tihu College, the prize consists of two packets of books awarded to the students securing highest marks in Arts and Science separately in HS final examination conducted by AHSEC.
5. **Late Savitri Bala Talukdar Award:** Sponsored by Dr. Jeuti Talukdar, Associate Prof., Dept of English in memory of her deceased mother. This cash award carries an amount of Rs. 15000.00. it is awarded to the candidate securing highest mark in English honours in BA final Examination (subject to minimum 1st class in the honours subject)
6. **Late Ghanakanta Choudhury & Subhadra Bala Choudhury Award:** Sponsored by Ms. Kamala Choudhury, associate Prof, Dept of Philosophy in fond memory of her parents. This award is to be conferred annually to the topper of BA final Examination in Philosophy honours subject to minimum of 60% mark in the honours subject. The award carries an amount of Rs.5000.00.
7. **Best Graduate Award:** Sponsored by Tihu College Teachers' Unit, the award is given to the best graduate of Tihu College in every year. The award carries a lump sum amount of money.

The Practice:

Following are the beneficiary students in the Academic session 2019-2020-

Sl No	Name of Award/Fund	Name of Recipient	Remarks
1	Students' Mutual Aid Fund	23 Nos students	Rs 29,570 has been given to 23 nos of needy students to buy books/uniforms etc.
2	Dr. Nripendra Malla Buzarbaruah Award	Mrinal Choudhury	
3	Award for Excellence	Upakul Patowary	First class First in English (85.12%)
4		Inzamamul Haque	First class Second in English (80.82%)
5		Pranab Rabi Das	First class Second in Education (84.94%)

6	Prof. Prasanna Kumar Deka Memorial Award	BhanitaBaishya	
7	Award for best achievement in H.S. Final Exam	BarashaKalita	Arts
8		Mrinal Roy	Science
9	Late Savitri Bala Talukdar Award	UpakulPatowary	First class First in English (85.12%)
10	Late Ghanakanta Choudhury & Subhadra Bala Choudhury Award	Malaya Kalita	
11	Best Graduate Award	UpakulPatowary	First class First in English (85.12%)

Evidence of Success:

These financial aids help the poor and needy students to continue their studies. Lots of students have taken the benefit of such voluntary assistance and moved forward. Some of them are now doing Central/State government jobs.

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