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1. Title of the practice: Imitation of Best Practice

Goal :-

Human beings, like other beings are an integral and inseparable part of environment. Environment plays a vital role for the wellbeing of human beings and in the expansion of civilization by providing all kinds of natural resources. As a part of gratitude it is the shoulder responsibility of the man kind to protect the stability of environment, when there is a threat to the very fabric of the latter.

The context:-

There are endless debates, oaths, pledges by the leaders of all the countries across the planet over the conservation of environment for the obvious reasons that there is a serious threat not only to its fabric but by the consequences of it on human beings also. As a treasure house of innumerable natural resources in its bowels for the wellbeing of the human beings it serves all the living beings to the fullest extent for their survival without any discrimination. In spite of it, the greedy, selfish nature of the human beings has been successful in causing irreparable damages to the very sustaining nature of the environment. Indiscriminate, illegitimate, illogical attacks are being made from all directions to fulfil their greedy stomach leading to the destruction of environment.

Keeping in view the impact of all these serious atrocities of human beings on environment ,many constructive measures have come up from all corners of the globe for the conservation of environment and thereby the survival of human being itself. It is the right time and the need of the hour to stop further damage before further deterioration of environment and thereby danger to the existence of human beings.

The Practice:

To create awareness among the youths, especially the students about this devastating blunder and to inspire, encourage them to fight against this kind of cruel outlook and practice towards the saviour of mankind by an education institution is the need of the hour. Because they are the only hope who could do something worth remembering for the entire mankind by contributing their effort for the conservation of environment as it is essential for their survival & for the next generation also. So, it was unanimously decided to conduct a program that would create an impact among the students about the significant role of environment in the coming days. As a result, a local environmentalist who has been popularly known in the region as “ Salumarada Veerachari” a Rajyothsava Prashasthi award recipient has been identified by the institution for felicitation. So that he would be a role model in inspiring and an instrument of change to our students.

Evidence of Success:

After the felicitation programme the students were very much inspired by his selfless concern he has been showing in planting the trees for over fifteen years and his initiation to look after them by watering on alternative days for minimum three years, so that they will survive on their own. Students came forward by taking oath to plants in their surroundings and in the college campus also. Majority of the students decided to celebrate their birth days either by donating a sapling to their friends, relatives etc. or by planting a sapling in the college campus instead of cutting a cake or lighting a candle. This kind of change was brought about by one of the best practices initiated by the institution in identifying and honouring the people who have dedicated their life for the cause of the environment.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required:-

Since this practice does not require any financial requirement, no problems are encountered in the implementation of this practice.

2. Prayer and uniform

Goal : The significance of prayer before doing a significant work in the Indian context is as old as the existence of human being on this planet. Earlier it was practised by saints, religious monks and others to control their desires to achieve perfection i.e. the ultimate reality of life.

Prayer and uniform (simple dress code) were self-imposed as the directives of life in the path of success. They found it necessary to follow this to attain internal as well as external purity and sanctity to develop a sense of unity and equality.

In the recent past, during freedom struggle, Mahathma Gandhi, the father of our nation had followed the same principle in his personal as well as public life. It is said that he used to begin his daily routine by prayer, and his dress code also was very simple, as we know, two pieces of cloth. The immense faith he had in prayer enabled himself to transform from an ordinary human being to an extraordinary human being.

Context : The present age is dominated by the inventions and discoveries of science and technology. On the one hand, these scientific and technological inventions like T.V, Mobile, Xerox shops etc., are the major threats to the student community in diverting their resource, attention and valuable time from the main goal. On the other side, the time is running out like anything in pursuit of knowledge and wisdom in too many directions beyond human comprehension.

Keeping in view, all the above instances as sources of inspiration, role model, and example, it was decided to implement the singing of national anthem in uniform in the college 10 min before the commencement of the classes compulsorily.

It was presumed, this practice would provide a rocky foundation in their course of learning so as to cultivate a sense of unity and discipline, patriotic outlook, respect for the institution by attaining concentration in the process of learning.

The Practice: Singing of national anthem in educational institutions starting from class I to class XII is a common factor in all the educational institutions across the nation. But this practice is a very rare in higher educational institutions. But in our institution this is in vogue for over last ten years. In the beginning of every academic year, during orientation programme for first year students, faculty members would brief the significance and necessity of prayer and

uniform in higher educational institutions and hence this practice of singing national anthem and wearing uniform is going on regularly with enthusiasm.

NCC and NSS volunteers take the maximum effort in compiling the students in lines, giving cautions and other related works, Sports director of the college monitor the overall practice and other faculty members including the principal participate in this morning prayer without fail, It is not an exaggeration to say that this practice has been a tradition in our college that provides moral strength to our students, a unique step in their personality development.

Evidence of success: Any practice with good intention yields slowly, “**slow and steady wins the race**”. Though the success of this practice is invisible, but it is immeasurable. It is not the materialistic growth but a moral and spiritual stamina that would instil a positive outlook in the life of the students. The impact of this practice among our students is visible in their behaviour in and outside the class room, in relation with their teacher, parents and ultimately in their academic performance. Even the passersby before our college during the prayer stand for a while as a token of respect. ***Imitation is the best form of appreciation.*** Some other higher educational institutions in our place also started to follow our tradition. This evidence is more than enough to prove the success of ***best practice*** in our college.

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