

Title of the Practice: Village Adoption Programme “Gramodharanam Kalalaya Vidarthikaliloode”

Objectives

The Village Adoption programme of SNM College Maliankara is implemented to impart the idea of social responsibility among students.

The Context

In today's world it is necessary to evoke a sense of selfless nature among young generation. This program aims at bringing students from classroom to the real world outside. It will give an opportunity to the students to experience the reality of life and to help the needy people around them. It will also help the people in the village to have a better life from their present condition.

The Practice

Every institution has a responsibility to extend help to the community around them. We believe that it is our responsibility to develop and improve the life of people around us as we progress. With this aim, we had started our village Adoption Programme “Gramodharanam Kalalaya Vidarthikaliloode”. The meaning of the title of the programme is to develop the village through the students.

We had started the project in the academic year 2019-20 as a pilot project by adopting two wards (ward 1 and 2) from Vadakkekara panchayath .The programme was an initiative of IQAC. All the departments and NSS units had taken part in the programme. Each department had done a particular extension activity related to their subject. The teachers and students had organized field visits and activities related to the proposed extension programme which was submitted to IQAC.

Evidence of Success

- The students are very keen in offering a helping hand to the needy people around us. The enthusiasm and participation in organizing activities for the adopted village is an evidence of success of the programme. The programme helped to improve awareness about the need of social responsibility among students.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required

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- We experienced difficulty in field work, since the programme was launched on December, 2019, which was the time of outbreak of the covid pandemic all over the world.
- The tight schedule of the Semester system gives a narrow time frame for field work.
- Limitation of the fund.

Resources Required

- Human Resources for field work related to extension activities.
- Fund for arranging extension activities.

“ Sauhrida Swanthanam”: An initiative to help children who are suffering from acute medical conditions.

Objectives of the Practice:

PTA of SNM College, Maliankara introduced a programme called “Sauhrida Swanthanam” in the academic year 2015-2016 with an aim to help poor students of the college and the neighbouring institutions or their close relatives who are suffering from Life threatening diseases or chronic illness. The programme also extends financial assistance to the students for their treatment in the case of accidents.

The Context:

When we look into the society we can see many children suffering from chronic diseases regardless of their age. Since the cost of treatment for many of these diseases are very high, most families cannot afford the treatment. In order to offer financial assistance to such students the “Sauhrida Swanthanam“ programme was introduced on 14th September 2015 with the primary objective of extending a helping hand to such students. It was the first programme of its kind started in the state of Kerala in the college level.

The Practice:

Any student who is studying in the state of Kerala and suffering from any chronic illness is eligible to apply for the programme. The student should apply with the recommendation from the Head of the Institution in which he/she is currently studying and the application form

should be submitted to the Principal of SNM College, Maliankara. The President, Treasurer and the executive members along with the Principal checks the genuineness of the case and financial assistance is provided to the eligible students.

Evidence of Success:

Within this four years of its implementation , the programme had offered financial assistance to several applicants from within the college as well as from far away places. Now the programme is successfully running and we are planning to extend this to more students.

Problems encountered:

The people around the college are not widely aware of the programme. More effort is needed to spread the awareness about this programme to the nearby community and institutions.

More resources are required

The main resource of funds for the programme is the fund which is collected from teachers and students every year. New sources are needed for making this humanitarian attempt, a programme of greater impact in the community.