



Best practice -1

Title: Strengthening Rural Education by Supporting Madhya Palli Siksha Niketan

Objectives:

Pupils in the village of Amdabad, Purba Medinipur, are the focus of the association between Swarnamoyee Jogendranath Mahavidyalaya and Madhya Palli Siksha Niketan. The major purpose of this collaboration is to improve the quality of education and academic outcomes for these children. Since the year 2019, the institution has been offering support to the school in an effort to alleviate staffing shortages, enhance student performance, and expand enrolment.

Context:

Madhya Palli Siksha Niketan of Amdabad encountered obstacles stemming from a scarcity of faculty and resources. In 2019, in recognition of the significance of supporting local schools, Swarnamoyee Jogendranath Mahavidyalaya launched a programme to supply the school with instructors. The college recognized the dearth of teachers in disciplines such as English, Sanskrit, and History, in the school and took steps to recruit instructors to fill these gaps. Another objective of this collaboration was to instill social values and impart necessary life skills among the students.

Practice:

Since the year 2019, seventeen senior students and one history professor have been deployed as instructors at Madhya Palli Siksha Niketan on behalf of Swarnamoyee Jogendranath Mahavidyalaya. They instruct in their designated fields, thereby occupying critical positions within the academic staff. The active participation of the college has substantially enhanced the educational standard at Madhya Palli Siksha Niketan, resulting in noteworthy progress in student achievement and a surge in student enrolment. Moreover, the instructors enlighten the students of the school regarding the importance of higher education for rural students; removal of superstitions

and social stigmas; prevention of child marriage and first aid skills to sensitize them about societal aspects and inculcate life skills.

Evidence of Success:

Since the initiative was launched, students have attained higher exam scores and better learning outcomes, and also have access to better educational materials and skilled teachers in critical disciplines. Furthermore, Madhya Palli Siksha Niketan's enrolment rate has increased noticeably, indicating a rise in community trust in the institution's programs.

In addition, the programme has given college students significant teaching experience. Motivated by their teaching duties at Madhya Palli Siksha Niketan, thirteen of the seventeen senior students who worked as teachers went on to acquire their Bachelor of Education degrees. This helps students as a whole and develops the next generation of teachers. Other than academic benefit, this practice fosters social values among the students.

Problems Encountered:

The initiative has encountered challenges primarily related to sustainability and resource allocation. Ensuring the continued availability of qualified teaching instructors and maintaining the quality of education requires ongoing commitment from both the college and the school. Additionally, logistical issues such as coordinating schedules and managing workload distribution among instructors need to be addressed to optimize the program's effectiveness.

Resources Required:

Swarnamoyee Jogendranath Mahavidyalaya requires adequate resources, including funding for instructor stipends, training programs, and logistical support. Collaborative efforts between the college and the school, support from government agencies and community stakeholders are essential to address emerging challenges and ensure the long-term success of the teaching.



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Best practice -2

Title: Sustainable Agriculture and Community Support: Swarnamoyee Jogendranath Mahavidyalaya's Water Supply Initiative

The institution aims to foster community development and sustainable agricultural practices.

Objectives:

- i. To support local farmers by providing a reliable water supply for irrigation throughout the year.
- ii. To promote sustainable agricultural practices and education among students.
- iii. To enhance community engagement and resource-sharing for mutual benefit.

Context:

In the rural setting of Amdabad, agriculture is a significant livelihood for many families. However, the availability of water for irrigation can be inconsistent, especially during the dry season. Swarnamoyee Jogendranath Mahavidyalaya, recognizing this challenge, decided to utilize its on-campus ponds to support local farmers. The college's initiative aligns with its mission to contribute to local development and provide practical learning experiences for its students.

Practice:

The college ponds serve as critical resources in this initiative. Water from the ponds is supplied free of cost to two nearby farmers, each cultivating an area of 1 acre and 16 decimals. Additionally, the college itself maintains 1 acre and 50 decimals of cultivation land, managed by three sharecroppers in collaboration with the students.

Students play an integral role in this practice, participating in the maintenance of the ponds and the irrigation system. This not only provides them with practical agricultural skills but also instills a sense of community service and environmental stewardship. The beneficiaries of this practice are: Shri Sukumar Manna, Shri Prafulla Majhi, Shri Prafulla Das, Shri Shibsankar Patra, and Shri Shyamapada Mula.

Evidence of Success:

Increased Crop Yields: The continuous supply of water has enabled the farmers to maintain their crops throughout the year, resulting in improved yields and consistent agricultural output.

Educational Benefits: Students gain valuable experience in agricultural practices and resource management, complementing their academic studies with practical skills.

Community Bonding: The collaboration between the college and local farmers has strengthened community ties, fostering a spirit of cooperation and mutual support.

Sustainability: By utilizing an existing natural resource, the college promotes sustainable practices that benefit both the environment and the local economy.

Problems Encountered:

Water Management: Ensuring an adequate and consistent water supply during peak agricultural periods requires careful management of the pond's resources.

Maintenance: Regular maintenance of the pond and irrigation infrastructure demands time and effort from both students and staff.

Scaling the Initiative: Expanding the program to benefit more farmers in the area poses logistical and resource-related challenges.

Resources Required:

Infrastructure: Investment in efficient irrigation systems and maintenance tools.

Human Resources: Continued involvement of students, staff, and sharecroppers, along with potential training for effective water management techniques.

Financial Support: Funding to cover the costs of infrastructure maintenance and potential expansion of the initiative.

Swarnamoyee Jogendranath Mahavidyalaya's initiative to supply water from its pond to local farmers exemplifies a best practice in community engagement and sustainable agriculture. By leveraging natural resources and fostering student involvement, the college not only supports local farmers but also enriches the educational experience of its students. This initiative highlights the potential of higher education institutions to drive positive community change through innovative and collaborative efforts.



Maintenance the College Pond by the Students and Teaching and Non- teaching Staff



Local Farmers Receiving Water from College Pond for Cultivation



Means of Water Supply for Nearby Farmers Monitored by Students and Staff of the College



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