

Best Practices of Bengtol College for the Academic Session 2016-2017

Title of the practice no. 1: Public Awareness against the evil effects of Witchcraft Practice

Understanding the importance of social responsibility of the college and being a premier college situated at remote and rural area, it undertakes the responsibility to generate public awareness in the surrounding area with regard to various evil practices and habits like the superstitious belief on the mystic power of witchcraft, alcohol addiction and human trafficking especially among the students community. The problem of witchcraft practice in Assam is still prevailing especially among the tribal communities, which are found to be violating the human rights in an extreme level. Therefore, the institute feels and decides to contribute something against the bad practice of witchcraft atleast within the region where the college is located by generating public awareness through various programmes and campaign drives. The college is located in the tribal dominated district of Chirang under the state of Assam. The problems of witchcraft in Assam, especially among the Tribal community, is still practiced in spite of progress in science and technology. There are frequent reports on such evil practices which violates human rights of the people under Chirang District.

In order to generate awareness and sensitize the public of the area against such evil practices the institute has already organized UGC Sponsored national Seminar on “Witchcraft: A traditional practice and its impact on Human Rights”. Apart from this, the institute has organized awareness programmes on such evil practices in and around the area be it within the college adopted village and other surrounding localities. Responses from the public are found to be encouraging and co-operative to such programmes organized by the college. The college believes and hopes that if such programmes are conducted time to time then the public will atleast become aware and be sensitized against the evil effects of such evil practices. Further, the institute in collaboration with students’ Union Body has conducted awareness programme against such practices. The NSS Unit of the college in November 2016 has also conducted a sensitizing programme at Maozihora village under Chirang District.

The main problem the college has to face in organizing such kind of public awareness programme is finance, because the college has to bear the expenditures from its own account. Secondly, getting public gathering in such programmes is a difficult job and takes long and meticulous planning.

Title of the practice no. 2: Creating awareness on Self Employability skills among the students community through extra curricular activities like fishery, mushroom, agricultural activities.

Along with the normal academic courses, the college has taken a noble decision to Create awareness on Self Employability skills among the students community through extra curricular activities like fishery, mushroom, agricultural activities. Such practices of the college have positively generated awareness on the importance and benefit of such activities among the students community. The college also utilizes the revenue generation from such activities for needy and poor students. To carry out these activities, the college has constructed fishery pond and has started the process of mushroom production. Moreover, the college has also started cultivation of cash crops like mustard seed and planning to cultivate different types of cash crops during the season. Beside this, the institute also has a point for Bio-organic fertilization.

The college aims to provide one time financial help to those needy students of the institute particularly from the economically poor backgrounds. This is done periodically during the new admission session of the college and during the Semester examination form fill up. Apart from this, the college endeavours to create awareness on the importance of such activities through which the students community can benefit in their academic life. In this regard, the college has organized good numbers of related programmes.

Through such practices, the college has been able to help some needy students in their academic life and also such practices have created awareness on the importance of extra-curricular activities like fishery, mushroom and agricultural activities not only among the students but also among some section of jobless youths and people of the area. However, the main problem the college has to face in executing such kind of activities is lack of man power and other necessary equipments.