

## Best Practice-I

### 1. Project title

#### 24x7 STUDENT MANAGED LIBRARY

### 3. Objectives:

To facilitate learning ambience and space for students for knowledge gain even during out of college hours. • To help students manage their own resource facilities, their by fine tune their leadership qualities and team spirit. • To help students prepare for academic and competitive examinations from the existing learning resources • To promote hard-working nature among students • To inculcate the habit of reading books to gain vast knowledge in the subject • To ignite the minds of students towards excellence through promoting reading biographies of prominent personalities and shaping their career. • Encourage peer-learning

### 3. The Context

In a world with cut-throat competition to secure decent jobs or attempt competitive exams like CSAT or to go through research journals, students and research scholars must develop the habit of reading extensively. To enter into premier national research institutes or Central Universities or high-ranking state universities one should prepare at least 18 hours per day. Some students hailing from nearby hamlets may not have conducive environment at home for extensive preparation. Hence, this institute provides an opportunity to learn and study extensively by having library timings from 8AM to midnight 12 o Clock (8AM to 5 AM under the supervision of Library staff and from 5 AM to Midnight 12 o Clock managed by students).

### 4.The Practice

The library is kept open from morning 8AM to midnight 12 o clock (8AM to 5 PM under the supervision of library staff and from 5PM to midnight 12 o clock managed by students) on all days, even on Sundays and public holidays. Access is also given for public on the condition that they register their names in the library, with necessary contact details and enter the library with ID cards. Some students who stay in the nearby hostels study in the library up to midnight 12 o Clock and sleep in the library on their own mats. They go back to their resident rooms only in the wee hours of the

next day. The students themselves maintain the keys of the library reading room and hand over them to the College Librarian the next day. Special arrangement is also made for drinking water. Well-constructed and cleanly maintained washrooms present adjacent to the College Library, are kept open for the student-use during their night study as well.

### **5. Evidence of success**

The principal himself pays surprise visits to the night library and always finds at least 25 students studying in the library till 12 o'clock midnight. One student, Mr. Lova Sai Babu of III B.Sc ( Maths, Physics, Chemistry ) cracked JAM and secured a seat in IIT Madras. Some students have got qualified in entrance examinations through this night library. Some are trying hard to taste success in CSAT and other competitive examinations.

### **6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required**

Since the college is well-guarded by private security personnel, no specific problems have been encountered insofar as security. However, specific library staff won't be at hand to monitor the student's continuous progress during the late-night hours. Students who attend need to be self-motivated. Recently published books and journals are the only resources required for this best practice. Electricity and Water supply are always at hand for the students of Night Library.



## Best Practice-II

### 1. Project title

College Extension Libraries in adopted villages

### 2. Objectives:

To help the rural folk in acquiring knowledge and unemployed youth in preparing for various competitive exams.

### 3. The Context

Pithapur Rajah's Government College (Autonomous) spends almost Rupees One Lakh every year in purchasing books of various competitive exams for its own library. It thought its own students in the nearby villages should not be deterred from preparing for competitive exams after their graduation. Hence, keeping in view, not only its own students in the neighbouring villages but also several unemployed rural youths preparing for competitive exams, this college has decided to sponsor certain books, magazines related to competitive exams and newspapers for the sachivalayam of neighbouring villages.

### 4. The Practice

Books of competitive exams and monthly magazines purchased by the college are taken to nearby villages every month and kept at the disposal of rural folk especially unemployed youth preparing for competitive exams. The books are kept under the custody of the Panchayat secretary and even issued to the unemployed youth desiring to study at home. Magazines and newspapers are kept for reading by the public during the office timings of the village sachivalayam.

### 5. Evidence of success

The rural youth of the villages appreciated the efforts of Pithapur Rajah's Government College (Autonomous) for the College Social Responsibility of helping the rural youth acquire jobs by competing in the state level and national level examinations. Its own students living in the villages opined that this practice is like a boon for rural youth who cannot afford purchasing books for competitive exams and helped many students in acquiring jobs like Panchayat Secretary, Police Constable, teachers in Navodaya Vidyalaya etc.

## 6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

Issue of books and keeping track of them by the Village Sachivalayam employees is the only constraint as they have to attend to their regular chores besides maintaining the books sponsored by the college.



The staff of Pithapur Rajah's Government College (Autonomous), Kakinada donating books for setting up the College Extension Library in the Village Chidiga near Kakinada

