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7.2.1 – Describe at least two institutional best practices

Best Practice :1 Carrying the rich legacy and fostering an inclusive environment to the students for future motivation.

1. Title of the Practice:

Carrying the rich legacy and fostering an inclusive environment for the students for future motivation.

2. Objectives of the Practice:

City College has carrying 135 years of the rich legacy and it is one of India's historic institutions and played an important part in the aftermath of the nineteenth-century Bengal Renaissance. The combination of tradition and modernity, legacy and technology, as well as history and vision has established the college as a noteworthy educational institution in the country. This has led to an Indian Diaspora across the globe.

3. The Context:

The phrase Brahmo Samaj literally means the society of the worshippers of the One True God. Brahmo means one who worships Brahma, or the Supreme Spirit of the universe, and Samaj means a community of men. The Brahmo Samaj, therefore, represents a body of men who are struggling, to establish the worship of the Supreme Being in spirit as opposed to the prevailing idolatry. The movement was started on the 20th of August, 1828, by Raja Rammohun Roy and his friends by opening a place for public worship on the Chitpore Road in Calcutta, and was duly and publicly inaugurated in January, 1830, by the consecration of the first house of prayer, now known as Adi Brahmo Samaj.

The Sadharan Brahmo Samaj was formed in a public meeting of Brahmos held in the Town Hall of Calcutta on 15th May 1878, 2nd Jaishta 1284 of the Bengali Calendar. A letter from the venerable Maharshi Devendranath Tagore communicating his blessings and prayer for the success of the new Samaj was read in the meeting. At the time of its foundation, the Sadharan Brahmo Samaj was headed by three men universally esteemed in Brahmo society for their high moral character. They were Ananda Mohan Bose, Shibchandra Deb and Umesh Chandra Datta. Of those three Ananda Mohan Bose was the youngest, scarcely more than 31 years at the time, yet he was placed at the head of affairs. Thus the Sadharan Brahmo Samaj was launched into existence with these three distinguished men as its leaders. City College has 135 years of history as a Brahmo Samaj educational institution.

4. The Practice:

City College, Calcutta is a name in intelligentsia to boastfully enjoy the glory of the Bengal Renaissance which enlightened the entire country. Over the years, City College has been home to some of the brightest minds in India. Some of the notable alumni of the college include Shri Akhil Niyogi (Bengali Writer and Editor), Shri Bankim Ghosh (Bengali Actor and Theatre personality), Shri Barun Sengupta (Founder and Editor of Bartaman Newspaper), Shri Budhindranath Delihial Bhattacharya (Lexicographer, Author, dramatist and tea planter), Shri Haradhan Bandopadhyay (Actor), Shri Jibanananda Das (Bengali Poet and Writer), Shri Laxminath Bezbarua (Assamese Writer and Poet), Shri Mohit Chattopadhyay (Playwright, Screenwriter), Shri Muhammad Shahidullah (Linguist), Shri Pran Ranjan Sengupta (Mathematician and Scientist), Shri Rajanikanta Sen (Poet, Composer), Shri Samir Roychoudhury (Poet, Writer), Shri Satyendra Chandra Mitra (Freedom Fighter, Politician), Shri Shakti Chattopadhyay (Poet), Shri Soumitra Chatterjee (Actor), Shri Subhankar Chattopadhyay (Indian Filmmaker, Scriptwriter, Creator of Non-Fiction shows), Shri Sunil Kanti Roy (Managing Director of Peerless Group and Padma Shri Awardee), Swami Shuddhananda (Former President of the Ramakrishna Mission).

5. Evidence of Success:

Along with the sky's full of notable alumni, a few recent outstanding distinguished achievements of our alumni are

Dr. Birendra Nath Mallick (Neurobiologist, Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Laureate, 2001),

Dr. Bhaskar Saha (Immunologist, Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Laureate, 2009),

Dr. Pradyut Ghosh (Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for Science and Technology, 2015)

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

It would be beneficial to organize additional seminars, workshops, and student extension programs with our alumni to strengthen our collaboration. Additionally, we should aim to enhance networking opportunities for alumni and cultivate stronger relationships between them and our institution.

Best Practice- 2.

Memorial awards and Lectures by alumni to motivate our students

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2. Objectives of the Practice:

Dr. J. N. Mukherjee Memorial Award and the N. M. Basu Memorial Award is the notable activities is the college. These honours are given to outstanding students in the field of Zoology and Physiology. The objective of these awards and alumni lectures is to educate our students about the ideas of Dr. J. N. Mukherjee and N. M. Basu, followed by a scientific presentation about contemporary advances in science and technology to enhance our students.

3. The Context:

City College of Kolkata, strongly upholds the practice of organizing regular seminars and lectures. The lectures by alumni help the students to build their confidence, improve their communication skills and to motivate and encourage them to develop a scientific temperament. The teachers and students equally participate in an open discussion that creates a homely environment for an enriching exchange of knowledge and generation of new ideas, comprehending the challenges in today's scenario followed by sharing their experiences and success story during their student era at City College. The awards and the enriching lectures not only motivate our students but also all staff members of the college.

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4. The Practice:

1. Dr. J. N. Mukherjee memorial award (Dept. of Physiology): Annual prize distribution ceremony of the department and scientific lecture in the memory of Dr. J. N. Mukherjee, founder and Ex-head of the Department of Physiology. Dr. J. N. Mukherjee memorial award (a silver medal) is conferred to the student of Physiology honours securing the highest marks in his/her honours subject in the final examination. The memorial lecture is delivered by an eminent scientist mostly an ex-student of the Physiology department.

2. N. M. Basu Memorial Award (Dept. of Zoology): The Department of Zoology encourages students by awarding 'N. M. Basu Memorial Merit Award' in the form of a certificate and cash prize since 2012, for securing the highest marks in Zoology Honours of Calcutta University from this college. The first recipient of the award is Sri Satadal Adhikary, who stood second in the University of Calcutta in Zoology Honours.

5. Evidence of Success:

Name of the Recent N. M. Basu Memorial Merit Award recipient is Debakreeto Ghosh (2017) & Koustav Mukherjee (2018) and the recipient of Dr. J. N. Mukherjee memorial award is Annesha Basu (2017) & Parijat De (First), Swagata Kundu (Second) and Bidisha Banerjee (Third) in 2018.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

Such kinds of initiatives are should be implemented by every department in field of arts science and commerce.



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