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Best Practice – I

1) **Title of the Practice:** Student Aid Fund/ Zakat Fund & Book Bank Scheme

2) **Goals (Objectives):** To Help the underprivileged students and ensure that their education doesn't get stalled for lack of resources. Keeping this objective in mind the institution ensures that books and funds are made available to as many needy students as possible.

3) **The Context:** A large number of students come from economically poor background, unable to even afford their college fees of Rs.6000. Some of them are first generation learners and some are compelled to take up jobs to support their families for survival. It is a plight that some of our students work in night shifts and then attend college in the morning. Since it is the mission of the Institution to help these students to get out from the quagmire of poverty, every possible effort is taken to to make them graduates and help in the cause of Nation Building.

4) **The Practice:** The Student Support Initiatives at APCCE which specifically includes Book Bank scheme and the Students Aid Fund The Book Bank Scheme is executed through a Book Bank Committee while the Student's Aid Fund facilitated through the Student's Aid Fund Committee ensures that maximum deserving students are benefited through this initiative. Immediately after the admission at the beginning of the term, notices are issued asking the students to apply for the Scheme. On receipt of the applications, the documents are scrutinized and personal interviews of the students are conducted; after which the books or funds are distributed to the deserving students, based on their respective requirements. With regards to the Student's Aid Fund, a notice in circulated in advance about the avenues and various schemes available to students in need of financial aid. Apart from the personal interviews, application forms, income proof certificates and copies of other relevant documents are received and processed, before distributing the aid to the needy students. Students are provided with maximum possible financial assistance from internal and external sources . The same was done during and after the pandemic too when the students' financial situation had further deteriorated.

5) **Evidence of Success:** Over a period of time the number of books as well as the amount of funds disbursed under the Student Support Initiative has increased which indicates that this scheme of the Institution has been very successful. More and more students have shown interest in availing the book bank facility and as such it has also contributed to the steady enhancement of the college results.

Academic Year	No. of Books Lent	Amount of Funds
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		disbursed(in lakh Rupees)
2018-2019	5779	3.46
2019-2020	3278	8.96
2020-2021	<i>Covid Year</i>	18.66
2021-2022	2369	3.26
2022-2023	6376	7.68
Total	17,802	42.02

The table shows that Students Support Initiative has been successfully in place on a continuous basis over the years. 2020-21 and half of 2021-22 was the Covid period during which students faced several issues such as loss of either of the parents, financial losses, displacement , etc but the Management as well as the Staff managed to raise funds to the tune of 18.66 lakhs and provide it to the students who were in dire need.

6) Problems Encountered:

It is a huge challenge to identify students who are genuinely in need of funds to pay for their admission or to buy books. At times it may so happen that a slightly better off (financially) student may get the facility instead of the one who is more desperately in need. So

Secondly arrangement of increasing amount of funds for student's aid and procuring more and more books for distribution under this scheme also becomes a tough predicament for the Institution.

Best Practice – II

1. Title of the Practice: Seerat-un-Nabi (Ethical & Moral Values)

1. **Goal (Objectives):** The objective is two-pronged and aims to instill ethical and moral values and at the same time prepare them to polish their oratory/public speaking skills

3) The Context: Considering the rapidity with which times are changing, regular efforts are considered necessary to instill inclusiveness, spiritualism; and ethical and moral values amongst the students. With a thrust on promoting and strengthening traditional Indian knowledge and value system, our Institution deems it fit and necessary to involve as many students as possible in this endeavour. The importance of public speaking for our students is taken very seriously and therefore all these aspects were combined and the outcome was that the Seerat Committee was established to facilitate the competitions at both intra as well as inter-collegiate levels. Seerat Committee was formed in our College about three decades ago.

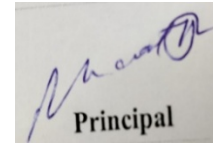
4) The Practice: Intra and inter-collegiate Seerat-un-Nabi competitions are held in the college consistently every year. Those with a strong hold over spiritual knowledge are invited to guide the participants and judge the events. Participants are allowed to deliver their speech in either English or Urdu. They are judged for their content & on their oratory skills. Students from our own college & colleges located in the vicinity participate in the annual event in large numbers. The numbers are so large that one or sometimes two elimination rounds have to be conducted to select the best speakers only for the final rounds

5) Evidence of Success: This practice of organizing the Seerat-un-Nabi competitions is unique to our college as none of the other colleges in South Mumbai conduct such competitions. The participation rate is also phenomenal and not a single year has passed by without having a Seerat competition. Our College takes pride in highlighting that we have an increasing number of participants from several colleges and the participating students come from different religious backgrounds. This is the biggest success for our college as we come across as an Institution that promotes Social Inclusiveness through our approach towards academics as well as co-curricular activities.

The following table shows the number of colleges and students that participated in the previous years

Year	Number of Colleges	Number of Participants
2018-19	8	16
2019-20	13	26
2021-22	5	10
2022-23	8	26

1. **Problems Encountered:** There has been an attempt to organize a National Level Seerat Event but organizing an event at this scale comes with some difficulties, most of which are administrative. But we are still positive that we will be able to overcome the existing bottlenecks in the near future.



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