Chaiduar College

Gohpur, Biswanath, Assam 784168

Best Practice 2021-22

Best Practice 1: Extension Activities:

The Goal: To engage with community life in a meaningful and effective manner for the betterment and development of the local community, and bridging a bridge between academic life and social spheres.

The Context: Situated in a semi-urban milieu, Chaiduar College is surrounded by areas and people who remain mostly marginalized in terms of social and economic development. Due to these factors and lack of education, a large number of people of these areas are deprived of the awareness regarding many issues closely related to their lives. As one of the premier institutions of higher education, Chaiduar College strongly feels that the college has a responsibility to work for these people, to serve them in our own ways to being positive changes to their lives and to create social awareness and social consciousness. In this context, the college undertakes various activities and programs to create social cohesiveness, bring awareness and positive changes in the nearby community

Extension Activities are mainly aimed at enabling our student/volunteers to develop social and cultural responsibilities and learning by doing. Service attitude is essential for learner to flourish in the job. The activities of our college are planned systematically with an objective of obtaining smart solutions to problems of society by. The college

The Practice: The following extension activities were undertaken during the year:

A total of 10 (ten) extension activities were carried out in the neighbourhood community sensitizing students to social issues and for their development during 2021-22.

1. Cleanliness drive/Swacchata Abhiyaan by the NSS Unit of the College
2. An Awareness Program on Anti-Tobacco Day by the NCC Unit, 31/05/2021
3. Tree Plantation on World Environment Day was done by the NCC Unit, 05/06/2022
4. An Anti-Plastic Rally was conducted by the NCC Unit of the College and the Students Union,15/08/2021
5. Cleanliness drive/Swacchata Abhiyaanby the NCC Unit
6. Field Work by the students of the Department of Zoology to Kolkata Botanical Gardens to study Biodiversity
7. Conservation and awareness programme in Bongaon village, Behali Wildlife Sanctuary by the Dept. Of Zoology, 24/11/21
8. Snake (python) rescue and released in Gohpur –Dr. M.M. Borah, Dept. Of Zoology, 24/02/2022
9. Stork rescue and released by Dept. Of Zoology, with Rongoti village, 12/03/2022

10. Wildlife Awareness programme by the, Dept. Of Zoology with Kochgaon villagers, 12/09/2021

Evidence of Success:

1. Greater awareness about the need for cleanliness and hygiene seen among students and local people

2. Increasing awareness among the students and local people about the need for conservation of wildlife

3. Greater enthusiasm observed among students for tree plantation and environmental issues

Best Practice 2: Library Orientation Program on Accessing Online Systems:

The Goal: Library Orientation Program is very essential for library users. This practice was put in place to teach the students to use library resources and services independently and efficiently for the purpose of their study thereby transforming them to be lifelong learners.

The Context: The library in any academic institution is the main organ to support the academic and research needs of its students, teachers, and researchers. To provide better services to its stakeholders, it is the responsibility of the library to make information sources, services, and resources readily available for use and easily accessible. It is seen that many students may not even have the slightest idea of how library materials are used or how best touse its resources and other online resources available through the institutional library. Due to the lack of awareness and expertise or confidence, these students cannot use the online resources to enhance their learning experience and outcome. Academic library orientation helps these groups of library users to adapt to the system or know how the library operates its activities within the college and make good use of its services.

The Practice: The Central Library of Chaiduar College organizes a one-day orientation program for the students with a view to spread awareness about and making them confident and efficient in accessing online systems. This orientation program includes:

- How to make personal visits & browsing
- Search Online Catalogue for all holdings in Library
- How to follow links on Library Website
- Off campus access of online resources
- Live demonstration in D-Space on gaining access to the Institutional repository
- Familiarization with the automated system of borrowing and return of books.
- Live demonstration in accessing e-resources in the N-LIST repository
- Use of OPAC with live demonstration in SOUL 3.0
- To browse other journals: Directory of Open Access Journals
- Books: DOAB, Google Books, Project Gutenberg, Digital Library of India
- Theses: Shodhganga, NDLTD, OATD & many other
- To use Search Engines: Google Scholar, Microsoft Academic Search Live, JURN, rossRef
- Library Catalogue: IndCat, WorldCat, Trove, COPAC etc.

Evidence of Success: It has been observed that due to this orientation program, students have become more adept and efficient in the use of library resources. The student users have learnt to use and keep books and journals in the stacks and racks in an orderly and neat fashion. More and more students are accessing the digital library page of the college andthere have been increasing queries from them regarding online resources.