

# Andhra Loyola College (Autonomous), Vijayawada - 8

## 7.2 BEST PRACTICES

### Practice - 1

#### 1. Title of the Practice

**Andhra Loyola Assistance for Neighbourhood Advancement (ALANA)**

#### 2. Objectives of the Practice

The main aim of ALANA is to acquire the knowledge required to educate, enlighten and empower the students through peer group interaction.

Learning by doing, the students of Municipal Corporation High School- Zilla Parishad High School, Patamata, T.M.R.C Municipal High School, Bishop Azariah Girls High School, and G.D.E.T Municipal High School, CVRG Municipal Corporation High School students from 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Classes visited the Labs under the Open Lab-Open House programme. The students were given the opportunity to experience joyful learning through experimentation. The members of the Physics Department sensitized the creative minds on science experiments. It also has a Feeding Programme called **Manna**, through which it takes care of the destitute, migrant labourers and pavement dwellers.

#### **The Context**

One of the goals of the college is to serve the poorest of the poor and provide a lending hand to the needy people in the society.

Every individual is precious. To support, safeguard the needy people the management shouldered the responsibility of providing the basic amenities since 2012-2013. The students are the capacity builders who go around and identify the downtrodden people and fill their appetite. They not only gain knowledge but only learn the society through service where a good citizen is shaped. Vijayawada is the hub of migrant workers who come from various parts of the country for their survival. No money, No food – when the migrant workers suffered a lot during the pandemic period the management supported them with the basic requirements along with medicines and clothes.

#### **Practice**

Through ALANA programme students imbibe soft skills which are needed for them to face the challenges and risk in life. Learn the society, Acquire the skills, Facilitate the needy, Visualize the future. When they visit schools, they develop their intellectual abilities to answer the queries, observe the inquisitive minds and learn to express themselves well in a non stereotypical manner. Extending the helping hand to the needy during the time of difficulties like distributing mosquito coils or blankets, in the winter season cherish the students in giving and sharing things. The students experience a real learning and become a responsible citizen. They also develop empathy and sympathy towards the destitute and deprived people.

### **Evidence of Success:**

To foster scientific temper and empower real learning, more emphasis was laid on practical learning. The following programmes were organized

- The Municipal Corporation High School and Care and Share Municipal Corporation High School students from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> standards attended the programme OPEN LAB-OPEN HOUSE organized by ALANA in association with the Department of Physics in the month of December 2019. Along with the students, the teachers also participated in the programme, exploring experiments
- Under the programme of ALANA-MANNA, a philanthropic activity, the poor and the destitute received food. Old clothes, blankets and mosquito coils were distributed to the migrant workers and footpath dwellers.
- Clothes were distributed to Rag Pickers at Penamaluru, Poranki and Tadepalli rural areas and Christmas box were distributed on the eve of Semi-Christmas
- Packed food materials, medicines and other essentials were distributed to the people on roadsides during Pandemic.

### **3. Problems Encountered and Resources Required:**

Despite the meticulous planning, well-designed structure and good man power, there are some obstacles to reach to a good number of people. Some of the following problems are hindrances to run the programme smoothly.

- ✓ Covid -19 a deadly virus made the people to stay home
- ✓ Students have to miss their instruction classes
- ✓ More social organizations should collaborate to expand the programme

## **Practice - 2**

### **1. Title of the Practice**

**Higher Education for Persons with Special Needs [HEPSN]**

### **2. Objectives of the Practice**

HEPSN provides the space for the students with special needs to excel and exhibit their talents and make them competent enough to face the society. Guidance and support is provided to the visually, orthopedically challenged and hearing-impaired students. Many organisations lend their help and support to them especially the NGOs like Help the Blind Foundation, Hong Kong, Enable India-Bangalore, Department of Disabled Welfare and Senior Citizens, Government of Andhra Pradesh and AP State Skill Development Corporation [APSSDC]. The students inner self is sharpened and they become mentally, emotionally strong enough to work in par with others in the society. Also the poor students are financially supported through scholarship.

### **The Context**

The main objective behind the programme is to hone the skills of the differently able students to lead a happy and healthy life in the society. Regular interaction with the students to find out their needs and aspirations, mould them towards the success path in life. The moral support to the students strengthens their inner self and courageous enough to face the challenges and issues they encounter in their personal as well as

professional life. It enables them to explore a new world beyond their narrow confines and improve their ability.

### **3. The Practice**

A person's strength is not in his outward appearance, but in his inert abilities. HEPSN always tries to develop the skills through empowerment. HEPSN has volunteers who act as scribes and also train the students in computers and make them work in an organised manner without being dependent on anyone. The compassionate volunteers help the disabled students and become sensitized on the hardships and learn to overcome them. The coordinators of HEPSN attend many training programmes and learn about the opportunities available for the disabled students and direct them towards the right destination. Resource rooms, access ramps, movement free corridors, lift facility, washrooms are available for students and also wheel chairs are provided for the needy.

### **4. Evidence of Success**

One's ability to believe in one's self is stronger than one's disability.

- ✓ APPSSDC and AP Differently abled Welfare Department jointly organised a job mela for the persons with disabilities on December 15<sup>th</sup> 2019 at Andhra Loyola College in which around 100 students with special needs participated. 14 companies including Accenture, Kallam Textiles, Expert solutions, Flipkart, Aegis and First Source created a platform for the students to exhibit their skills and around 68 students with disabilities were selected by different companies for various positions.
- ✓ Two visually challenged students from intermediate, Peddinti Nitin Sai and Tholeti Sandeep received the Prestigious Pratibha award for achieving State First rank in Intermediate MEC and HEC respectively in the Visually Challenged category from the Government of Andhra Pradesh.
- ✓ Two students named A.Silvia and P.Mounika studying M.Sc Physics and M.Sc Mathematics received the most Prestigious Dr.A.P.J Abdul Kalam awards from the Government of Andhra Pradesh on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019.
- ✓ A State Level Sports Meet was organized by the Department of Disabled Welfare and Senior Citizens of AP from Nov 30<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2019 at the IGM Stadium, ALC visually challenged Team won 4 prizes in partially blind and totally blind categories in Chess and Shot put.
- ✓ State Bank of India generously supported HEPSN by providing 5 laptops, 30 chairs, 10 tables and 2 Wardrobes on 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2020 for the enhancement of Digital Literacy centre for the visually challenged.
- ✓ Help the Blind Foundation, Chennai gave scholarships worth Rs. 7.35 Lakhs, to 67 visually challenged students of ALC, and other Colleges in Guntur on 18.2.2020.
- ✓ A Guest Lecture was conducted to sensitize the Staff of ALC and Vijay Mary integrated school for the blind on Jan 23<sup>th</sup> 2020. Dr.Homiyar was the guest speaker who encouraged the visually challenged students to use white canes and advised the staff to be stringent in academics.
- ✓ A Two Day workshop for the 40 visually challenged students of ALC and Vijaya Mary Integrated School for the Blind was organised from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2020.

- ✓ A Computer Workshop for students with visual impairment was organised by HEPSN in collaboration with Enable India, Bengaluru from 10<sup>th</sup> July to 10<sup>th</sup> Sep 2019. Sri. Sridhar Krishnamoorthy, the Managing Director, Gerdau Steel India Pvt. Ltd, Tadipatri, Anantapur district as well as the Member of Help the Blind Foundation was the Guest of Honour and Sr. Gonuguntla Koteswara Rao, Chairman, A.P. Differently Abled & Senior Citizens Assistance Corporation was the Chief guest.

**5. Problems Encountered and Resources Required**

- To cater to the needs of the increasing number of students, additional manpower and resources are required
- The scribes miss their regular class works