

## **Best Practice1: Share & Care**

Besant Evening College, in pursuit of higher education, strives to enrich the lives of its students with many curricular and co-curricular programmes which will bring out the best in them and help them to strike a balance between learning and earning simultaneously. The college welcomes students from all categories without any discrimination of caste, creed, religion and economic status. Many of our students are coming from economically weaker sections of the society and working for a very low salary.

Hence, the institution thought it is a genuine need to help such students through a novel scheme called “Share & Care”. “Share and Care” is one of the best practices that the college has been doing over the years. This idea is mooted by the college in consultation with the stakeholders. The idea of “Share & Care” includes;

- Free refreshments to deserving students,
- Management scholarships to poor students
- Faculty scholarship- “Munnade”
- PTA scholarship and
- Alumni scholarship

Like midday meal programme in the day time institutions, we in the Evening College have introduced free refreshment scheme. The selection of the students for the scheme is based on the income level of the family. The selected students are provided with free-refreshments. In this scheme, the selected students can take free refreshments throughout the year during class days. They can take refreshments during 4.30 PM and 7.30 PM in the college canteen. During the academic year, the Management has provided free refreshments to 14 students worth Rs. 8,000.00. The College has also come forward to help the economically weaker students by providing fee concession, scholarships, etc. During the year, the Management has awarded scholarships of Rs. 1,000/- each for 13 students. The Parent Teacher Association has provided scholarships to 13 students of Rs. 1,000/- each. Every year the Alumni Association is awarding the scholarships to meritorious student. This year it has come forward and provided scholarships to 8 students amounting to Rs. 8,000/-. The staff members have instituted a scholarship called ‘Munnade’. ‘Munnade’ means, march forward. Under the scheme, 4 students were awarded with scholarship worth Rs. 4,000/-. The staff members also contributed towards the payment of fees of students in case of necessity.

## **Best Practice: 2 Social Concern through assistance to Ashrams/Arphonages**

An educational institution is a part of the society and should have concern and sensitivity towards the society. To reach out to the society and show concern to the underprivileged is one of our best practices. As a part of this, the college N.S.S unit and extension cell along with the alumni Association visits the orphanage homes and spend time with the inmates. This helps them to understand the grave realities of life. As part of this practice, this year the college has visited two Ashrams

- Vatsalya Dhama- an old age home on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2017 and
- Samvedhana Orphanage home on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

On the eve of Mahatma Gandhiji's Birth Anniversary that is on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017, the NSS unit of the college under the guidance of the NSS programme officer, Mr. B Ganapathi Bhat, visited 'Vatsalya Dhama' an old age home at Kodialbail Mangaluru and distributed fruits and eatables to the inmates and spent about two hours with them. The Principal of the college, Dr. Lakshminarayana Bhat A and faculty members and students were present.

On 12.04.2018, the N.S.S unit and the Alumni Association visited 'Samvedana' a special home for children. The Ashram is situated in Padua village near Bikarnakatte of Mangaluru taluk. The team was led by Mr. Ganesh Pai, convener, Extension & Outreach Cell and Dr. Vasappa Gowda, the Alumni Association convener. The Present Principal, Dr Lakshminarayana Bhat and the former Principal of the college, Dr Carmelita Goveas were present. The team members performed various cultural activities and entertained the children and spent about 4-5 hours with them. The college provided food for the night and also provided various daily requirements, grocery items to the Ashram for more than Rs 35,000.00.