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# Best Practices

## BEST PRACTICE -1: Cloth Distribution

1. **Title of the Practice:** Distribution of clothes to underprivileged children of the neighboring areas.
2. **Objectives of the Practice:** To reach out to the economically marginalized sections of the society, fulfill our social commitment towards eradicating poverty and share hope and joy for all segments of the population in a festive city.
3. **The Context:** Many vulnerable children of impoverished families/daily wage earners living in close vicinity of our institution are deprived of their basic human amenities like food and clothing. Our institution hopes to cater to their basic needs providing them with new clothes each year before the Durga Puja and usher positivity and warmth before the festive season.
4. **Practice:** The NSS, IQAC and Student's Council of our college collaborate to distribute new clothes to around 100 children every year. This practice was initiated by the Student's Council and our Principal's Office, to fulfill the social and moral responsibility of the institution. The active cooperation and financial contribution of all teaching and non-teaching staff cannot be understated. Slips are distributed to the underprivileged families of the locality, and their children are invited to receive new clothes in the college. All our teaching and non-teaching staff are enthusiastically involved and dedicated in the entire process. The Principal initiates the practice by distributing the new clothes as well as dry food. He is followed by the staff, NSS and Student Council members who continue the practice. The children likewise participate in the infectious positive vibe of the event with beaming faces, and their eagerness rightly heralds our puja festivities. During the initial years, the event was conducted inside the college classroom (R. 209). However, it was shifted to the front premises of the "Uddalak Bhavan" after the latter was constructed. The "bastradaan" practice is the right build up to the



  
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spiritual ethos of the Durga puja which celebrates the spirit of togetherness and harmony.

- Evidence of success:** Ever since its inception, this practice has helped connect the institution with the demographic of the location. The latter has responded positively to the institution's altruistic commitment, especially after the economic uncertainty and rising financial crisis in the post-pandemic years. The hopeful and satisfied looks of the children receiving new clothes, which enables them to partake of the joyous warmth of an illuminated festive city, is also evidence of the success of our community drive. In addition, our students learn the necessity of empathy and engaging in pro-social behavior which helps to improve their social relationships, and inspires them for future philanthropic causes.
- Problems Encountered and Resources Required:** Due to our limited resources, many children cannot avail the facility. We intend to purchase more clothes in the coming years as required to extend our cause.

## BEST PRACTICE -2: Blood Donation

**Title:** The voluntary blood donation Camp

**2. The context that required the institution of the practice:** Our Institute practiced to help those people who are in urgent need of blood. The students, staff of college make it a practice of donating blood to needy people. The Government Hospital is located very near to the College. There are a number of SOS cases from the relatives of the patients for requirement of blood donors to save the lives of kith & kin.

**3. Objectives of the practice:**

- ◆ To inculcate the concept of community service among the students
- ◆ To fulfill the social responsibility of the institution.
- ◆ To educate students about the importance of blood donation.

**4. The Practice:** The Institute is located in central Kolkata where the medical college & hospitals are located. The patients from all sections of the society mostly from the rural areas of the nearby district come for treatment to hospitals. The College made publicity through Central Blood Bank, Students Health Home, Students, Staff, Ex-students, parents and other well-wishers of the institution to approach the institute for voluntary blood donation in needy time. This activity is monitored by the Central Blood Bank and other



  
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voluntary blood donor association. Whenever any person in want of blood approaches the college, Principal or the students' council of the college about the details of required blood group along with the status of the patient. Any one of the student or staff member will respond immediately to the announcement and help the patients by donating the blood voluntarily or though giving the blood donation card. The beneficiaries express their heartfelt thanks to the college /students council. It gives almost satisfaction to all the stakeholders of the institution as this is a lifesaving donation.

## 5. **Obstacles faced if any and strategies adopted to overcome them** :

During the pandemic situation, we failed to organize the blood donation camp in the college. Also, at the time of examinations the students are not able to donate blood. To overcome this problem the staff members or the ex-students donate the blood.

6. **Impact of the practice** : The Practice has most benefitted the underprivileged section of society. Also the patients suffering from various diseases like heart problem, cancer, kidney problems, dengue fever and surgeries for different problems including accidents have been benefitted. As the Medical college & hospitals are nearer to college, the students and staff are ready to help in emergency situations by voluntary blood donation.

7. **Resources required**: No resources required. But the physical arrangement of the camp, the refreshment of the donors and the staff engaged in the camp are provided by the college.



  
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