

## **Best Practice 1- Mentoring**

**The Goal:** To help in translating the college's stated vision of producing responsible, confident and secure citizens and to ensure an atmosphere of close cooperation and guidance at a critical point in their lives .

**The Context:** From our experiences over the years it has been observed that merely carrying on teaching learning activities in the formal class rooms is not enough to ensure all round development of the young learners. In addition to formal teaching college students also require outside the classroom guidance. A mentor can be of much help to guide and channelize the energies of the adolescent learners and address their doubts and confusions in an appropriate manner. Mentors with their emotional maturity and experience of life situations can surely play a crucial role.

### **The Practice:**

As a part of our efforts to translate into reality the stated vision and mission of the college to help in producing capable and responsible citizens, Students mentoring system has been started at Kharupetia College. Initially, only the students of Major/Honours Course have been included under the system. The HoDs along with the other faculty members have been entrusted with the responsibility of mentoring the students of UG Major Courses. Under this student mentoring system the students are given the opportunity of availing round-the-clock advices, suggestions about their problems pertaining to academic matters. At the beginning of the academic session, the Heads of the Departments hold meetings of the faculty members and introduce the mentor with the students. The students are briefed about the procedures of availing the benefits of mentoring system. Each teacher mentor maintains records of the individual mentees . Apart from providing them guidance about career and academic opportunities the mentors also provide emotional and moral support.

**Evidence of Success:** The mentoring system has been helpful in providing academic and emotional/psychological guidance to the students on crucial matters. It has been possible to pay the much needed individual attention to the students through this mentoring system. Students have developed a close and fruitful relationship with their mentors. Mentors have also solved several academic and emotional issues related to the students. It has also provided career guidance and opened up avenues for alternative career opportunities besides their areas of academic specialization.

## **Best Practice II – Formation of Eco-Club**

**The Goal:** To generate awareness among the students of Kharupetia College about their environment and to help them to become active participants in the process of mitigating environmental degradation.

**The Context:** Over the years, environmental degradation has become a global problem. In a bid to search for material growth and development, human beings have been very cruel to nature by causing its degradation in various ways. Global warming and climate changes are the inevitable consequences of such unkind and irresponsible acts of human beings. In order to mitigate these environmental issues every citizen has a solemn duty to contribute his bit towards preserving the green environment. College students being future citizens of the country have a crucial role in this respect. It is in this context that the concept of Eco Club has been formed in Kharupetia College.

**The Practice:** The Eco Club formed in Kharupetia College takes care of the environmental issues. Different initiatives have been taken by the club to keep the college campus green and pollution free. Every year on the World Environment Day, some saplings are planted both inside the college campus as well as in the college neighborhood. Every care is taken by the members of the club as well as the students and other members of the college fraternity for proper nurturing and growth of the trees planted. All the trees planted inside the college campus have been named and serially numbered by the Eco Club. On the initiative of the Eco Club, the college has been declared a “polythene free zone”. Separate dustbins for keeping degradable and non-degradable wastes have been put up at different points within the campus. Various initiatives have been taken by the Eco Club to continue the mission of keeping the college campus evergreen.

**Evidence of Success:** The Formation and functioning of the Eco Club has produced positive results. The Club has been able to instill a sense of responsibility among the students about their role in keeping the environment green and pollution free. As a result, students are coming forward voluntarily to take up the responsibility to make the college campus greener.