

Best Practice 1

Need and importance of value education in 21st Century

Ever since the inception of the college the need to incorporate values in the students is stressed by the institution. Value education promotes tolerance and understanding above and beyond our political cultural and religious differences, emphasizing on human rights, the protection of ethnic minorities and the most vulnerable groups and the conservation of the environment.

Both traditional education and value education are essential for personal development and they help us to define our objectives in life.

Value education helps students to become more and more responsible and sensible. Courage optimism, collaboration, diversity are the outcomes of value education. Swami Vivekanand said “Man is a combination of animosity, humanity and divinity.” To awaken the human and divine qualities, man needs education of values particularly positive values. Our education system should aim not merely at information based knowledge but on the inculcation of values that guides the students, in the desirable use of the acquired knowledge and skills thus moulding them into ideal, positive human being and useful members of the society.

Practice – Ramgarh College has also stressed upon the need for value based education. Utmost care has been taken to help students imbibe the values through curricular, co-curricular and extracurricular activities;

- (a) Celebrations of days of national and international importance.
- (b) Cultural activities, Sports activities organised throughout the year.
- (c) Seminars and lectures on value education.

Obstacles – Scientific and technological advances serves as an impediment in assimilating traditional values and ethics. Majority of the students of Ramgarh College come from rural background and are unable to attend classes regularly. Lack of regular interaction also slows down the motivation for imbibing values.

Method to overcome the obstacles

The cultural committee of our college is very active and most of the co-curricular programmes in the institution have strong character building components which teaches students tolerance, fellow feeling, mutual respect, loyalty, generosity & courage.

Impact -

Students passing out of this institution have incorporated values as their guiding principles in their life. The understanding of values and accepting it as the guide to achieve the goals of life helps in nurturing the students into good human beings. It has helped tremendously in shaping

the personality of the students of Ramgarh College. Students are now able to appreciate the dignity of labour. They have developed keen interest in the environment. The entire campus is cleaner and holds an environmental friendly look.

The students have imbibed the spirit of nationalism, scientific outlook and are compassionate towards the needy. Value education has proved to be very useful for the institution.

Best Practice 2

Soft Skill Development - Preparing students to step from college to the real world

Ramgarh College caters to the needs of the local population. The college is a semi urban institution and the majority of the students belong to SC/ST/OBC class.

Objective – There is an urgent need for skill training across the country including all Higher Education Institutions. The absence of sufficient training avenues prevents the students from acquiring skill training and certification through formal channels. Most of the students of Ramgarh College come from poor background. They lack self confidence and their capability to communicate is also very poor. Soft skill enables students to tackle various sorts of issues and problems effectively which are commonly faced in their daily life.

Practice – IQAC invited retired teachers and professors to motivate students. They were encouraged to shed their inhibitions. Interactive sessions were arranged in the seminar hall. Group Discussion, Storytelling helped the students overcome their hesitations in communicating.

The introduction of uniform in the campus initiated the overall grooming and personality development of the students. With the mission 'from college to the real world' the institution has organised various sessions for grooming our students to make them ready to face interviews and the outside world with confidence. Some sessions include time management, planning, group discussion. Emphasis is laid on developing the communication skill of the students. English and Hindi has become a widely accepted door to the world so it becomes necessary to support the students to build up their vocabulary and communicative skills. Students are therefore guided to build up their reading and speaking skills. They are encouraged and guided in various subject like logical reasoning, mathematics and linguistics which is the key requirement to face any competition exam after they pass out from the institution.

Obstacles – initially the eagerness of the students was not very encouraging. The number of girls who attended the grooming session was very scant but gradually with the continuous motivation of the teaching faculty of Ramgarh College our effort to help our students began to bear fruits.

Impact – The self confidence of our students improved. They become flexible in the world which keeps changing. The realisation reached among the majority of the students that all life

skills are essential to gain success not only for a healthy society but also for a successful individual.

Activities like critical thinking creative art and craft work, decision making, problem solving ability to collaborate and creative art and craft work, decision making, problem solving ability to collaborate and communicate with a sense of responsibility improved the performance of our students in all walks of life. Their performance in sports, youth festival and other activities improved. Many of them become efficient bread earners of their family after passing out of the college.

Resources – The College has managed Soft Skill Development by utilising capability of the faculty members. Our retired teachers have also contributed significantly in making our efforts a success. Local professionals have also contributed significantly in assisting in our efforts. Well settled local Ex students also joined us in our dedicated mission for the upliftment and progress of our students.