KTM COLLEGE OF ADVANCED STUDIES, KARUVARAKUNDU

Institutional Distinctiveness – 1

"Shashaktikaran"

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Introduction of the program

KTM College of Advanced Studies has always shown keen interest in reaching out to the community and strengthening its ties with the latter. Many communities outreach programs have been organized by the College right from the time of its inception. All the same, it was for the upliftment and the empowerment of the orphans and destitute that College always gave top priority.

Back ground:

The parent institution, DNIC, was primarily set up by the leaders of the community to provide a safe haven for the orphans and destitute of the area. The two orphanages under DNIC accommodated 200 inmates by providing them shelter and other facilities for their overall growth and development. The management was committed to providing them institutional support for pursuing education up to any level they wanted. They were free to choose any program which suited their aptitude and matched their intellectual capacity. The College felt called upon to be a willing partner of the DNIC in its efforts to empower these orphan and destitute children.

The Program

is a distinctive program spear headed by the College to help the orphans and destitute to claw out of their educational and social backwardness by making their way ahead easy. Drawing up and implementing many coherent plans the college deconstructed the popular notion of orphanages as mere shelter homes and repurposed it as an agency for social and educational empowerment.

Objectives

- to help children know about their own strengths, talents and potentialities
- to provide emotional and academic support to the weak and vulnerable
- to make them responsible individuals for the society and the country
- to inculcate and nurture leadership qualities in them and empower them to assume leadership roles in the future
- to assist them to find themselves in better professional slots

Measures taken

- Educare
- Know thyself
- Coaching programs
- Talent hunt
- Psychological counseling
- Leadership programs
- How I made it

- Motivation programs: orphan students are worse off on several counts. Setting the right attitude in them towards their studies and the programs was the most challenging task before the college. In order to properly motivate them the college conducted motivation sessions under various rubrics like “educare”, “know thyself” etc.

- Coaching programs: modeling on the practice tested in the college the inmates of the orphanage were divided into two categories namely academically weak and advanced on the basis of an assessment level test administrated to them. Arrangements were made to give advance level coaching to those who were academically well off with a view to preparing them for JEE and medical entrance tests , civil service exams etc.

- Talent hunt: the college roped in the service of the professional career gurus to conduct talent hunt exams for the inmates of the orphanage so that they could find their academic and professional orientation.

- Psychological counseling: The disadvantaged familial background of the orphan and destitute students creates in many of them a feeling of want, deficiency and inferiority. Counseling sessions run by the experts helped the children immensely to shun their negative complexes.

- Leadership programs: the college organized several leadership programs for the children.

- Modeling programs: children were presented videos of several self made men who made it to the top rungs of society . Programs were also organized under the rubric “How I Made It?” featuring men of repute from diverse fields of activities. Such programs went a long way in helping children install some of such men as role models in their mind.

Many of these programs initiated by the college has had their positive impact upon children. The number of DNIC orphanage inmates who made it to coveted positions is many. Several of the faculty members of the college, including the principal himself, were inmates of the orphanage. Similarly, out of the six administrative staff members of the college two are from the orphanage.





"Shashaktikaran". (Educational and Social Empowerment of orphans and destitute)





Distinctives 2

“Saturday Library’’

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Introduction

The College has always shown keen interest in reaching out to the community and strengthening its ties with the latter. Many communities outreach programs have been organized by the College right from the time of its inception.

Program

'Saturday Library' is a distinctive program initiated by the College to extend the facilities of the College library to the public on all Saturdays. In line with the vision of the College to help the marginalized and the under privileged to claw out of their educational and social backwardness, the College has launched the Saturday library program in July 2019 with the avowed aim of spreading the light of literacy and knowledge among all those who reside in the proximity of the College and are interested in books and reading. The main beneficiaries of this distinctive program are people hailing from scheduled caste and tribes and other backward communities. At present this program is open to the residents of Division-20 and Division-5 of the Karuvarakundu and Thuvvur Gramma Panchayath respectively. The College is seriously considering covering more divisions under the Saturday Library Program. By throwing its doors wide open to the public, KTM College library has set a new precedence which is in fact a clear departure from the stereotype practices of any library.

Membership in the library

Any resident of Division 20 & Division 5 of the two panchayaths can enrol themselves as members of the library. (Enrolment register shall be kept). Those who are interested can apply for the membership (application form with sign of ward member) along with a certificate issued by the member of the Division/Ward proving their place of residence. Library cards are issued to the enrolled members and books are lent for a period of two weeks

Outcome

Saturday Library Program evoked good response from the residents. More than 50 persons have taken membership during the year 2019-20. The program has served as an unexpected boon for all the lovers of letters who include the educated and the uneducated alike. Through this program many form the older generation could retrieve the thread of reading habit they had dropped somewhere. The program has been hailed as exemplary and ideal by the Karuvarakundu Gramma Panchayath and has issued a certificate appreciating the laudatory service rendered by the College.