BEST PRACTICES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-21 IN R/O GOVERNMENT DEGREE COLLEGE SARKAGHAT DISTT MANDI, HP

The academic year 2020-21 being a period of severe covid-19 surge, most of the activities conducted in the institution were of online in nature. But despite the challenges posed by covid-19 the institution was able to successfully conduct some offline activities also. These offline activities were conducted following all SOPs and the health and well being of the participants were very well taken care of. The following are the two best practices of the academic year 2020-21 in r/o Government Degree College Sarkaghat, DIST MANDI.

BEST PRACTICES I: CONDUCTING COMMUNITY SERVICES AND AWARENESS PROGRAMS:

The institution is located at a rural area and the students here hail from a rural background. Due to this there is a lack of awareness amongst the youth regarding social issues, the pandemic and leadership qualities. The institution has NCC, NSS and ROVERS & RANGERS and Youth RED CROSS units which provide community services and conducted awareness campaigns both offline and online mode during academic year 2020-21.

Offline activities during year 2020-21:

- NSS seven days camp was conducted from 1st to 7th February 2021.
- International women's day was celebrated on 8th March in which 120 students participated
- Vaccination drive was carried on 20th may 2021 in which 35 students participated
- World No Tobacco day was observed on 31st may 2021
- International Drug Abuse day was observed on 26th may 2021 in which 32 students participated
- NCC WING of the institution celebrated independence day, International Environment day.
- NCC cadets observed NCC day and National Integration & Communal Harmony initiatives in which
 39 students participated in activities like skits and singing.

Online Activities conducted during the year 2020-21:

- ROVERS & RANGERS unit of Government Degree College Sarkaghat conducted an online awareness initiative titled "SCOUTING KABHI NAHI RUKTI" in which more than 12 students partcipated.
- The NCC Wing initiated an online "**FIT INDIA**" movement during covid surge, which emphasized on yoga, running, exercises and how to keep oneself fit during the covid-19 surge.
- The NCC Wing of the institution also conducted an online quiz "CORONA: APNI SURAKSHA" in which 32 students participated.
- The NCC WING Also conducted online classes on Airmanship & Seamanship, Army, Navy, Air force orientation in which more than 17 students participated.

BEST PRACTICES II: ENVIRONMENT CONCIOUSNESS, CAREER GUIDANCE FOR STUDENTS AND AWARENESS PROGRAMS FOR FACULTY MEMBERS AND STAFF MEMBERS

Other than academic pursuits it is the responsibility of the institution to create consciousness regarding the environment, to impart career guidance to the students and also provide awareness to the faculty

and staff members on matters of financial savings and investments for securing their future. In this context following activities were conducted in the institution:

- The NCC Wing of the institution organized an online drive "SAY NO TO POLYTHENE BAGS" on 9th August 2021. Over 30 students participated in this activity.
- One day camp and plantation drive was conducted on 21st October 2020 in which 28 students participated.
- A national webinar was conducted on "Investor Awareness Program " 28th December 2020 in which all faculty and staff members participated.
- A webinar was on organized by Department of Commerce on the topic "Civil Services as Career Option" on date 19th September 2020 in which Shri Naman Sharma was the resource person from Chanakya IAS Academy, Chandigarh. In this webinar 72 students participated.