

BEST PRACTICE I**TITLE OF THE PRACTICE: NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME**

THE CONTEXT THAT REQUIRED THE INITIATION OF THE PRACTICE: The NSS unit of the college has been active since in inception. It is a part of the government–sponsored programme conducted by the Ministry of Youth Affairs. The college unit engages students in various community services in the local neighbourhood. Over the years various programmes have been conducted to identify the needs of the local community and to address them in an effective way. Its focus has always been on gender and women’s empowerment given the fact that it is a girls’ college.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PRACTICE:

To develop a sense of responsibility towards civic and social community

Develop inter-personal communication skills

Analyse the problems/ needs of the community and offering solutions thus developing problem-solving skills in practical situations

Responsibility sharing and delegating duties for collective –living

Inspiring communal harmony

THE PRACTICE: Over the years the NSS unit has been actively engaged in various programmes.

Highlights of the activities of the NSS

		(Participants)
(1) Orientation Programme held on	24.08.18	50
(2) Thalassaemia Carrier Test	27.08.18 to 01.09.18	314
(3) Dengue Awareness Seminar	07.08.18	102
(4) Mosquito Net Distribution	07.08.18	30
(5) Visit to AGAMI NIRMAN	01.03.19	50
(6) NSS Special Camp	24.02.19 to 02.03.19	50

OBSTACLES FACED IF ANY AND STRATEGIES ADOPTED TO OVERCOME THEM :

- A common problem that NSS faces is that of infrastructural inadequacy. Since this college shares its building with two other colleges, space constraint prevents the unit from organizing events on a larger scale.

- Limited financial resources also stand in the way of initiating more ambitious (cost wise) projects.
- General inhibition about thalassaemia carrier test discourages students from participating in these camps.

Strategies to overcome these constraints:

- ✓ The college administration has taken special initiatives to provide additional space by renovating the college building and constructing more rooms
- ✓ Special orientation camps devote time to raise awareness about thalassaemia detection and its larger social implication in community life.

IMPACT OF THE PRACTICE:

- A deep sense of Institution-Community engagement has evolved in the active participation of all stake holders of the college in all the programmes of the NSS.
- Students have had first hand-on training of community services
- NSS volunteers have honed their leadership skills; their soft skills have improved in course of their community service
- They have learnt to identify the needs of their community and address them accordingly
- Their interaction with their community has sensitized them to a feeling of common nationhood.
- NSS activities have given female students of the college an exposure to opportunities around them and have instilled a sense of pride and productive engagement

RESOURCES REQUIRED:

Storage facilities.

Electronic devices.

Financial resources.

BEST PRACTICE II

TITLE OF THE PRACTICE : NATIONAL CADET CORPS

THE CONTEXT THAT REQUIRED THE INITIATION OF THE PRACTICE : The NCC Unit of Maharani Kasiswari College started functioning from 24th July 2004, under the 19th Bengal Battalion of Eastern Command at the Fort William. Within this period it has shown promise of a full-blown unit with multi-dimensional interests. It is heartening to find cadets, especially female cadets ready to offer voluntary services to the community and greater society.

OBJECTIVES :

- To create a resource pool of organized trained and motivated youth to provide leadership in all walks of life
- To provide a suitable environment to motivate the youth to take up a career in the armed forces
- To develop character comradeship, discipline, leadership secular outlook, spirit of adventure, ideals of selfless service among youth of the country.

THE PRACTICE:

Apart from the routine activities of the NCC UNIT such as LRDC I/II;CATC XII; CATC II, IGC Shooting(WB,SIKKIM), Rock-climbing(Gwalior) the NCC has played a pioneering role in the following:

(NCC Cadets participated)

(1) World AIDS Day	01.12.18	26
(2) Cultural Integration Day	09.11.18	7
(3) Pinkathon at Maidan	01.04.18	28
(4) Earth Day	24.04.19	10

OBSTACLES FACED :

- ✓ Lack of better equipped and more secure storage facility.
- ✓ Infrastructural constraints. Lack of adequate space for cadet march and other drills and practices.
- ✓ Non-availability of adequate electronic device.

STRATEGIES ADOPTED TO OVERCOME THEM :

- Arrangements have made so that cadets can practice on the college terrace.
- Overhead shades have been constructed for the general convenience of cadets.

IMPACT OF THE PRACTICE:

Active participation in NCC has resulted in our ex-cadets gaining entry into services under Kolkata Police, Mountaineering Department and Air Services.

RESOURCES REQUIRED

Laptops, printer and mobiles

Better equipped room for secure storage

Financial resources

Larger space for uninterrupted practice, drill and parades