



(Criterion 7.2:Best Practice2)

1. Title of the Best Practice: Institutional Social Responsibility: LCB College

2. Objectives of the Practice:

- a. To extend support and use the intellectual resources of the college fraternity for the development of the society.
- b. To promote cohesion with the neighborhood to achieve the common goal of development of the area.
- c. To periodically survey the development needs of the neighboring community and plan activities for their overall well-being.
- d. To reach out to the marginalized section of the society.
- e. To sensitize students towards social responsibilities.

3. The Context:

Lalit Chandra Bharali College was established with a holistic vision of enhancing access to higher education at the initiative of the neighborhood community and with the generous donation by the family of Late Shri Lalit Chandra Bharali. Accordingly, the college fraternity has always had a symbiotic existence with the neighborhood for the overall well-being of the area. Besides, with the noble belief in the need of inclusive growth, student bodies like, NCC and NSS have always undertaken various programs for the marginalized sections of the society. To foster social responsibilities in students is inherent in the vision and mission of the college. In the context, the near-by village of Adingiri was also adopted long back with the aim of extending all feasible support for its overall development. The college continues its efforts in all its academic and extension activities with an aim to try and reach out to the society.

4. The Practice

The L.C.B. college family has always engaged themselves in various activities to reach out to the different segments of the society following its social outreach policy. In all such ventures, students and teachers of the college have worked hand in hand.

a) Outreach activities in the neighborhood community:

- i. The college repaired and reconstructed the sewage drain facilitating the flow of sewage and excess rainwater of the entire neighborhood.
- ii. The college provides access to water to the local communities during lean season without any charges.
- iii. The college has let the installation of a BTS tower that has enhanced internet access for the entire neighbourhood.
- iv. Awareness program, competitions, popular talks on important events like Indian Science Day, World Environment Day, are organized by the college fraternity in the neighborhood.

b) Adopted Village:

The Adingiri village, close to college, was adopted long back and several awareness programs have been carried out over the years there by the college. The college authority and the Department of Economics carried out a socioeconomic survey in the village to understand the development plight of the residents and to guide future extension programs in the adopted village. The survey report covering several socio-economic parameters has been published.

c) Extending the intellect of the college fraternity:

- i. The Extension Education and Community Welfare Cell of the College coordinated the government visionary scheme “Maitreye-Ek Gyan Yatra’ starting from 1st September, 2016 wherein twenty college teachers participated in providing tutorial classes in five schools in the locality.
- ii. When the Covid-19 pandemic started in the country student volunteers of NSS, NCC, members of the “Health Club” and “Extension Education and Community Welfare Cell” and other teachers participated in awareness campaigns to educate people on basic safety measures. Vaccination drives against Covid-19 were also held in the college premises.
- iii. The NSS, NCC and other student bodies of the college have arranged outreach programmes like blood donation camps, volunteering services at the annual Ambubachi Mela at Kamakhya Temple, cleanliness drives towards commemoration of Swacchh Bharat Abhiyaan, awareness programmes in the locality towards environmental consciousness etc.

d) Extending the feasible college resources:

- i. The College Central Library has opened a wing at the Assam Central Jail, donating books and daily newspapers for the jail inmates.
- ii. Different cells and departments of the College have visited old age homes several times over the years and extended financial and mental support to the inmates.

5. Evidence of Success

- a) The mutualism of the institution and the neighborhood is an indicator of success in its practice of social responsibilities. The institution has been appraised by the local people through letters of appreciation and even by the local MLA.

- b) The college has also conducted survey in the neighborhood about the opinions about the extension activities performed for their betterment. The survey report itself is an evidence of success in this context.
- c) This mutualism can further be emphasized by the fact that the two celebrates important landmark events like Independence Day, Republic Day together in collaboration with the Nilachalpur Bezbaruah Nagar Unnayan Samiti.
- d) The increasing number of volunteers in the different social activities of NSS and NCC are indicative of the growing awareness among the students in community engagement.
- e) The college has also received the feedback from the Assam Central Jail, Guwahati about the benefits they have derived from our library extension services in the jail premises. The feedback speaks of success of our endeavor and encourages the college community.

6. Problems encountered

1. The extension activities and outreach programs have always been affected by the paucity of funds. Managing financial resources to meet the priorities of the day-to-day affairs along with meeting the needs for these activities and programs have been a major challenge for the administration.
2. The staff and students of the college are ever eager to participate in such activities. But the scheduled academic activities cause paucity of time despite the will. Thus, manpower and time constraints are other major limitations in this regard.

7. Notes:

If the neighboring colleges and institutions of higher education get together than greater benefit of the society can be expected with better management of time and both financial and human resources.

Lalit Chandra Bharali College Maligaon, Guwahati-11, Assam
Social Outreach Policy

Lalit Chandra Bharali College, situated in the heart of the city of Guwahati was established with a holistic vision of enhancing access to higher education at the initiative of the neighborhood community and with the generous donation by the family of Late Shri Lalit Chandra Bharali. The college fraternity has always engaged in various extension and outreach programs for the benefit of the neighborhood and the overall development of the society. To foster social responsibilities in students is also inherent in the vision and mission of the college. Extension activities in the neighboring Adingiri village has been carried out since long by the college fraternity. The college fraternity has always felt for a need to formulate a social outreach policy. This is to plan out its activities over a period to achieve greater success in its ventures with its limited resources.

The objectives of the extension and outreach programs of the college was and shall be

- To inculcate social responsibilities in students which is inherent in the vision of the college
- To extend support and use the intellectual resources of the college fraternity for the development of the society.

The college shall henceforth work in the following dimensions in its urge to work for the benefit of the society.

1. **Benefit of the neighborhood community:** The college fraternity has always had a symbiotic existence with the neighborhood and have tried to work for the overall well-being of the area. The college shall conduct awareness programs, plantation drives, health camps for the benefit of the neighborhood.
2. **Village Adoption:** The adopted village of Adingiri is home to many of our students, alumni, and stakeholders. The college will continue efforts with an aim to try and reach out to the village people for their overall development.
3. **Extending the intellect of the college fraternity:** Any higher educational institution is a house of intellect and it is this property through which awareness for social, economic, environment well being must percolate to the society. The college shall work towards this cause.
4. **Extending college resources:** The college will try and extend logistic support and raise feasible financial support for the greater benefit of the society in all its future extension activities to help flood victims, needy people

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