

7.2. Best Practices of the College:

1. Title of Practice : Maintenance and Development of Infrastructure

- To ensure infrastructural support as per the requirement of teaching learning, administrative and other activities in the college and its regular maintenance.

Context:

Frequent changes in the Gauhati University undergraduate scheme (Annual System, Semester System and recently CBCS) under the guidance of the UGC and continuous addition of new stream/course created different infrastructural needs. In addition, to cater to the extra-curricular activities and other in-campus requirements, suitable infrastructural development is highly required. The growing need of a modern Central Library with state of the art technology, abundance of books covering different field of knowledge, comfortable sitting capacity, separate reading rooms for the faculty necessitated expansion and renovation of the college library. To meet the growing pressure on the college administration with the increasing number of students and introduction of Semester and CBCS scheme as that the administrative work runs smoothly there was a need to expand and renovate the administrative block with state of art. With the periodical changes in undergraduate courses and increasing workloads in each department necessitate separate departmental room and renovation of Teachers' Common Room. Keeping up with changing pedagogical needs required development of state of art equipment in the laboratories and ICT facilities in the college. Mere infrastructural changes based on the above needs were not enough. Equipment etc. also required continuous maintenance. The Infrastructure Development Committee therefore needed to look in to both aspects on a regular basis.

The practice:

The planning and Development Committee is one of the important body responsible for the infrastructure development and maintenance of the campus. After getting feedback from the IQAC and Academic Committee, the committee plans out the infrastructural requirement and forwarded to the Governing Body. Going through the recommendation of the Planning and Development Committee, the Governing Body provide final approval and initiates the procedure for implementing the plan through the Construction Committee headed by the Principal.

Evidence of success:

- One measure of success of implementing infrastructural projects is the fact that the college has been able to utilize total fund provided by the RUSA under the model college scheme in due period (2016-18). The college is able to get additional financial assistance from RUSA in the next financial year.
- Due to the efforts of the committee all the departments of Arts and Commerce streams are provided departmental rooms along with furniture and computer.
- All the laboratories of science departments have been renovated or shifted to new building with state of art equipment.

- ICT enabled smart rooms are made available for upgrading teaching-learning processes.
- To cater the demand of ICT and Post Graduate courses, separate building is constructed with well equipped ICT lab. The IDOL building for Post Graduate Courses (open course) is likely to be completed in the new session.
- The college conference hall has been extended and renovated with modern amenities.
- To meet the demand of the extra-curricular activities of the students, one mini stadium has been constructed with additional basket ball court.
- To give new boost to the teaching learning process girl's and boy's hostels are constructed with good number of seat capacity.
- Partly double storied Central Library with enhanced number of books, sitting capacity, reading rooms and ICT facility (E-Resource Centre) has already been made available for students and teachers.
- To meet the increasing needs of administrative branches of the college, the old administrative block is being renovated and one new building for extension of administrative block has been constructed.
- New Class rooms for the Commerce and Science streams have been constructed to meet the shortage of classroom.
- To cater the need and safety of the girl students a new building for girl's common room is made available.
- To maintain the healthy practice one new building of College Canteen is constructed.
- To make financial transaction easy within the college campus one building for bank ATM is under construction.
- To ensure uninterrupted power supply in the college campus as well as girl's hostel, 3 (three) numbers of noise-free generators have been installed.
- The committee takes special care in maintaining of these infrastructures as they require regular maintenance and replacement.

Problems encountered:

The Planning and Development Committee had to encounter several problems while catering to the infrastructural needs of the college. This primarily relates to availability of funds for specific projects. Many a time, the college authority manages its own fund to complete some projects which needs urgent treatment while fund flow remains constraint from funding agencies.

❖ **Title of Practice (2): Values through Meditation**

- To develop a healthy value based practice among the students and to spread the same to the society through them.

Context:

In parity of the International Yoga Divas propagated by India and to inculcate a value based habit among the students, the Tangla College family has taken initiative to introduce meditation program among the students from the session of 2018-19. It started with an inaugural program including all teachers and students, where the expert teachers explained the benefits of meditation. They were guided to revive their inner power, such as purity, peace, knowledge, love, happiness, power and bliss through regular meditation in the

morning classes. At the beginning of each morning class both the teacher and students of respective classes do practice of meditation for few moments.

Evidence of success:

- In this modern period of globalization, the new practice of Yoga has able to assimilate the students of this region with the culture of India which in present time has able to draw the attention of the whole world.
- The practice of Yoga enables to develop interest among the students resulting to nurturing the practice at home by them.
- The meditation helps the students to maintain their psychological and physical stability.
- It helps in maintaining patience, stress management and develop values of life.
- Some changes have been observed among a good number of students after the practice started at the initiatives of the IQAC.

Problems encountered:

At the initial stage, the practice had to face many problems like, shortage of time during class hour, faculties were not habituated with the practice, some faculties forgot to do the same in the beginning of the class, some students lost the habit during break periods, etc.

❖ **Title of Practice (3): Maintaining Cleanliness in and around the College Campus**

- To keep the College Campus Clean, our students take special interest to collect scattered plastic materials, papers, leaves, uproot weeds, etc. twice a month.

Context:

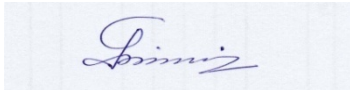
As the college is situated at the temperate zone, grass, weeds, herbs, plants of different types grow very fast during the Monsoon season. Also the fast blowing wind gathers many types of rubbish like plastic, waste papers, leaves, etc at certain points of the college campus. So, to keep the college campus clean, our students take special effort to remove and clean such rubbishes twice a month on the regular basis.

Evidence of Success:


- Our college is quite successful in practicing the habit of keeping college campus clean.
- The College Students' Union together with Tangla College NCC Unit and NSS Unit clean up the college campus and its surrounding twice a month.
- The NCC unit of the college practices Parades regularly and shines high in the parade competitions on the Red Letter days like Independence Day and Republic Day Celebrations.
- The College unit of NCC also participates in the different social; services activities carried out by the local administration as and when called for.

Problems encountered:

The problems in performing such a campus cleaning drive arise as some students, both boys and girls, are not habituated to such cleaning activities at home. When they are made to join in such types of activities initially they keep loitering and gossiping. But in due course of time, when they have to do the same work time and again, they become habituated to such works and they also do good works towards the later part of the season.



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