

PRACTICE 1

Title of the practice

Library best user award

Goal:

1. To attract more students to inculcate reading culture among students and thereby gaining more knowledge
2. To make optimum use of the available library resources
3. To increase the frequency of visits by students to the library
4. To increase the use of library reference materials

The content

Library and Information sources of higher educational institutions play a pivotal role in enhancing the quality of academic and academic and research environment. In our college, it is seen that students use library resources only for borrowing books to meet the shortage of their personal books. Often, it is seen that very few use library resources such as reference books, e-resources, internet faculties etc. Very few students make use of the library reading room. So to make optimum use of library by the students, the Librarian had thought it wise to introduce a Library best user award and it had been a practice ever since 2016.

This award is presented every year on Library Day, the birth anniversary of Dr. S.R. Ranganathan

The Practice

Data is gathered through students maintained separately in the library. Usage data is compiled from record on library card. Based on the above data and the observations of the library staff, one best user award is given to the student who has made maximum use of the library.

Year	Name of the student
2020-21	Bobita Kumari 5th Semester Dept. of Political Science

Problems encountered:

1. Due to less usage of online resources, user statistics is not upto the mark
2. Due to poor internet connectivity and server problem , sometimes the interested students also are not able to avail complete access to e-resources

PRACTICE 2

Title of the Practice: Resource Mobilization and fund generation schemes

Goal:

1. To utilize the untapped and unused resources in our 3rd campus i.e. Baniabari Campus which has to a large extent being unused.
2. To convert the existing water area in the campus into 2 fisheries to be used for commercial purposes and thus generate fund.
3. To make a drive for plantation of such type of trees that would yield timber in the coming years and which would surely be a factor not only as resource mobilization but also generate funds.
4. In the process, this would also help the institution in expanding its green cover.

The context:

Developing a plan or strategy for resource mobilization can lead to creative efforts in using our own institutional assets to gain support for our organization.

In one such effort, our institution has tapped one of its resources in order to generate a fund raising scheme. Out of the 3 campuses we have, the 3rd campus which has a land area of 7 bighas 3 Kathas 16 lachas is an excellent asset for fund generation.

The Practice:

On 26/4/2021, the head of the institution alongwith the IQAC team members made a on the spot survey of the whole campus. A plantation drive of 20 segun (teak) trees (donated by 1 member of the teaching staff – Mrs. Barnali Lahkar, of the Department of Education) was undertaken. It was proposed that the timber yield would be used for commercial purposes out of which funds would be accrued. The green cover of the green campus would also be expanded in the long run. It was also proposed that 2 fisheries would be started in the existing ponds for which an agreement would be made with the caretaker of the campus. Accordingly, a court deed / agreement was signed soon after in which the two parties i.e. the first party - the Sibsagar Girls' College and Shri Bitupan Das (2nd party) agreed to start the fisheries.

The expenses and maintenance related to the starting of the fishery would be borne entirely by the second party. Revenue payment, electricity charges and other expenses would be paid by the first party and in no terms would the second party be a claimant to the land. Once the sales would start, from the fund that would be accrued thereof, 40% share would be handed over to the first party and 60% share would be retained by the second party.

Problems encountered:

The 3rd campus is quite a distance (approx 5 kms.) from our main campus. So it is not always feasible to visit the campus frequently to make a survey or a monitoring of the campus as per our needs.

Nevertheless, the whole process is underway and we would soon be able to gain a certain amount for some of our daily activities.