

## **BEST PRACTICE-I**

### **1. Title of the Practice : Scholarships Provided to Students by the College**

**2. Objectives of the Practice :** The National Education Policy (2020) aims to achieve the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education to 50% by 2035. With a view to contribute in the realization of this aim of NEP-2020 the DAV College Jalandhar provides large number of scholarships to needy students so that they can continue with their higher studies without any economic constraint. The College believes that education is a great leveller and is the best tool for achieving economic and social mobility, inclusion and equality.

In addition to government's Scholarships for students, the College also provides various scholarships to needy and meritorious students. The main objective of these scholarships is to make education accessible for all and increase the Gross Enrolment Ratio of the students in higher education as per the spirit of NEP-2020

**3. The Context :** Established in the year 1918, DAV College Jalandhar has been amongst the premier institutions in North India. It is working aligned with the global education development agenda reflected in the Goal 4 (SDG4) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by India in 2015 - seeks to "ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all." It understands that the economic and social background of a family can be a major factor in determining the flow of opportunities for an aspiring student. Many deserving students miss out on some opportunities because they belong to economically weaker section in our society. This causes wastage of talent just because of financial constraints. So, the College has been trying to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education to all section of society as per the spirit of NEP-2020

**4. The Practice :** A large number of fee concessions and stipends are awarded to the students by the college on the basis of merit, sports and cultural activities in a transparent manner. The details of Scholarships/Stipends system is as under:

- **Twenty sponsored Scholarships/Stipend provided to Students.** Twenty sponsored Scholarships/Stipends are provided to students so that they can continue with their studies without economic constraints. These scholarships are Shiv Chand Gupta Scholarship, A N Kakkar Scholarship, Lt. Col. Ajay Kumar Aggarwal Scholarship, Prof. I K Vig Scholarship, Dr. T R Shingari Scholarship, Late O P chadda Scholarship, Prof. F. C Auluck Scholarship, Sh. K L

Sachdeva Scholarship, Sh. Parveen Duggal Scholarship, Mata Droopwati Rehan Scholarship, Sh. Katuri Lal Laroya Scholarship, R. L Magon Scholarship, Late Prof. A C Devashwar Scholarship, Prof. J L Mahajan Scholarship, Brig, Anil kumar Adlakha Scholarship, Dr. Sudhir Rehan Memorial Scholarship, Late Sh. Bakshi Ram Scholarship, Sh. Sain Das Puri Scholarship, Prof. Gulshan Kumar Scholarship and Daulat Ram Durga Devi Scholarship.

- **Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC Students:** The College provides Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme to SC Students as per the guidelines issued by the government of Punjab.

Eligibility conditions for Post Matric Scholarship Scheme (As per Punjab Government norms)

- a. The annual income of the student's parents/guardian must not exceed Rs. 2.5 lakh for SC.
- b. The affidavits regarding income submitted by the parents must be in original and attested by an Executive Magistrate.
- c. Photocopies of last examination passed, caste certificate and Aadhar card are to be submitted.
- d. Photocopy of student's bank account with full details of bank branch and IFSC code.

- **Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme for Students of J&K and Ladakh.** The College provides Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme to Students of J&K and Ladakh with a view to support higher education outside the state. The selected students receive financial assistance upto Rs. 3 lakh and a maintenance allowance of Rs. 1 Lakh per annum. The College has 150 students under this scheme.

- **Fee Concession Based on Merit.** The College offers fee concession to meritorious students in a fair and transparent manner. The main conditions of fee concession based on merit are as under:

University 1<sup>st</sup> position holder: Total Freeship

University 2<sup>nd</sup> position holder: 75% concession

University 3<sup>rd</sup> position holder: 50% concession

1<sup>st</sup> position in College and 1<sup>st</sup> position in university in courses run only by DAV College Jalandhar: 20% concession

Entry level Undergraduate class:

Students with > 95% marks: Total freeship

Students with 90.1% to 95% marks: 50% concession

Students with 85.1% to 90% marks: 30% concession

- **Concessions: Eligibility Criteria**

Concessions in fees and stipends are granted to economically weak and academically deserving students. Students who are desirous of seeking fee concession must apply on the prescribed form and appear before the Fee Concession Committee for interview. In case any fee concession is recommended by the Committee, it will be notified and the amount adjusted the remaining dues. Brother/Sister concession is permissible but conditions for maintaining the concession are applicable in such cases also.

Outstanding speakers, singers, sports persons and distinguished artists are also awarded stipends and other concessions on the recommendations of the teachers-in-charge of these activities in the College. Fee concession to the outstanding players will be granted by the Sports Board after watching and assessing their performance in the College.

Requests for fee concessions are admitted every year before December 31.

- **Free ship to Sanskrit Students.** With a view to preserve and promote Sanskrit language, the College provides virtually free Sanskrit education to students at Postgraduate level. For the promotion and preservation of Sanskrit language and subject and to encourage its use; a special scholarship of Rs.200/- per month is offered to each and every student who opts Sanskrit as one of the subjects during his three years degree course.

- **Facility of Book Bank for Students.** The College Library runs Book Bank Scheme for meritorious and needy students. Under this scheme books are provided to the students as per their requirements for the whole semester. For this students apply for the books and Library Committee conducts interview and take the final decision. In 2023-24 164 students were provided 395 books under this scheme.

## **5. Evidence of Success**

During the session 2023-2024 the College provided Scholarships/Stipend of Rs. 76,83,212/- to 550 aspiring and needy students in addition to Post-Matric Scholarship to 681 students. Under the Book Bank Scheme the College provided 395 books to 164 students for the whole semester so that they can continue with their studies and satisfy their academic requirements. The College provided virtually free Sanskrit education to 14 students at Postgraduate level. For the promotion and preservation of Sanskrit language and subject and to encourage its use; a special scholarship of Rs.200/- per month is offered to each and every student who opts Sanskrit as one of the subjects during his three years degree course.

The university results, merit positions, placements etc. are the testimony to the fact that not only the lives of the students have been transformed and hardworking but financially weaker students have been benefited from the various scholarship offered to its students by the College. The success of this lies in the fact that after obtaining their respective degrees, the students have become the breadwinners of their families.

**6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required:** Higher education has changed tremendously over the past few years in the state of Punjab particularly. Today, no doubt many students are being encouraged to pursue higher education attributing to the enormous financial help rendered by the government and other stakeholders, but still there is lack of awareness and interest regarding these opportunities among youth as they prefer to go abroad for one reason or the other. It is also a fact that some deserving candidates lack sufficient resources even to gather awareness about the scholarships available. Moreover, the constantly growing competitive culture is also a major challenge because many students, who are in need of scholarship, get disqualified due to lack of preparation and proper guidance.

## **Best practice 2:**

### **1. Title of the Practice : Holistic Students Centric Activities**

**2. Objectives of the Practice :** DAV College Jalandhar is committed to the holistic development of students by successfully fusing our rich cultural values and legacy with modern inquisitive scientific temperament. The College is guided by the objective to mould students into rational thinkers, competent workers, innovators, entrepreneurs and socially aware citizens who are motivated by a passion for professional excellence driven by *vedic* traditions and human values. To align with the spirit of National Education Policy-2020, the College is working to develop good human beings capable of rational thought and action, possessing compassion and empathy, courage and resilience, scientific temper and creative imagination, with sound ethical moorings and values.

**3. The Context :** DAV College Jalandhar established in 1918 in the sacred memory of Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati to impart modern knowledge along with the vedic traditions to the youth of contemporary India. Along with academic, the co-academic and extra-curricular activities are organized in the college with a view to develop a well-rounded personality, encompassing not just intellectual skills but also social, emotional, leadership and entrepreneurship abilities. In-fact with a good mix of academic and co-curricular activities, a student's creative expression, self-confidence, social, mental, spatial, and sensory skills, social interaction, and self-confidence becomes more mature. Such activities also channelize the energies of the students towards positive and purposeful directions.

**4. Practice :** With a view to realize the objective of holistic development of the students and to make them good human beings capable of rational thought and action, possessing compassion and empathy, courage and resilience, scientific temper and creative imagination, with sound ethical moorings and values, the College has been making many efforts. Some of these are:

- **National Service Scheme:** National Service Scheme, popularly known as NSS was launched in Gandhiji's Birth Centenary Year 1969, under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports Govt. of India. DAV College has been committed to this cause as since 1971, unit has been working in the campus. The volunteers are enrolled on the basis of FIRST COME FIRST SERVED basis. They are led by Teacher Incharge called Programme Officer. Students are required to put in 120 hours of work per year including a seven-day special N.S.S. Camp. Duration of service in NSS is minimum 2 years. After completing the service of two years volunteers get the university

certificate. N.S.S. attempts to establish meaningful linkages between, Campus and community, College and villages, Knowledge and action. During session 2023-24 NSS unit of the College organized 36 activities such as International Yoga Day, Anti-Terrorism Day, World Health Day, International Voter's Day, National Youth Day, National Integration Day etc.

- **Extra Mural Activities.** The Department of Extra Mural Activities comprises a Dean, a Deputy Dean and various members of the staff who train students and coordinate various activities like Debates, Declamations, Quiz, Dramatics, Dance, Music, Fine Arts etc. for various inter college and university competitions. The young artists of the College regularly bring laurels to the institution, university and state. Many artists of national and international repute owe their initial grooming to the department of EMA. During session 2023-24 Department of EMA organized talent hunt competition in which more than 100 students participated. Based on the performance of students in talent hunt competitions, students are selected to represent the college in Youth Festivals and other competitions.

- **The Department of Physical Education and Sports:** Established in 1930, the Department of Physical Education and Sports is the pride of the College. It has produced many players of the National and International level in various games and brought laurels to the institution. In fact, this department is the nursery of internationally recognized sportspersons. It has produced top level players of several games. Annual Athletics Meet is an essential and regular feature of co-academic calendar of college.

- **Institution Innovation Council (IIC).** With a view to systematically foster the culture of innovation and start-up among students and faculty, the College has constituted IIC as per the guidelines of Ministry of Education. The IIC has been working to engage large number of faculty, students and staff in various innovation and entrepreneurship related activities such as ideation, Problem solving, Proof of Concept development, Design Thinking, IPR, project handling and management at Pre-incubation/Incubation stage, etc., so that innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem gets established and stabilized in the College. During the Session 2023-24 the IIC organized a total of 48 activities such as National Technology Day Celebration, World Creativity and Innovation Day, Workshop on Preparing Business Model Canvas, Ideathon 2.0-Intra-College Business Plan Competition, Awareness Talk on Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace (POSH) ACT, 2013, Extension lecture on Entrepreneurial Mindset, Workshop on Entrepreneurship Skill, Attitude and Behavior Development among others.

- **Training & Placement Cell** : The College has a Training & Placement Cell to arrange career counseling, training and placement activities. It provides support for placement of Final year students of UG and PG Classes. The support services that it offers are in the form of arranging campus interviews, grooming students to face the final test of their knowledge and arranging Guest lectures, workshops, seminars for career counseling as well as make efforts to provide practical training to the students.

The training & Placement cell is an indispensable pillar of DAV College and plays a vital role in shaping student's future. The placement cell functions with a vision "To Groom students with competencies & employability skills to become part of Top-Notch companies." It is well regulated & structured with a placement officer, Dr. Manav Aggarwal, Associate Professor, Department of Commerce at the nodal level his team members. During session 2023-24 Training & Placement Cell organized various activities in collaboration with IIC such as Mahindra Pride Classes, Workshop on Ideation and Critical Thinking, Workshop on Entrepreneurship and Innovation as Career Opportunity, Online Session on " How to Plan Startup", Workshop on Angel Investment and Venture Capital Funding among others.

- **Skill based Value added Courses.** With a view to enhance the skills, knowledge, and employability of students, new Skill based value added courses have been started in the session 2023-24.

Details of Value Added Courses offered in 2023-2024 are Computerised Accounting (Catpro and Tally), Professional Website Development, Data science and Analytics, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, Spoken English, Modern Bakery Technology, News reading, Anchoring and Voice Art, Quantitative Aptitude and Reasoning, Yoga and Yogic Diet (Asthangha Yoga), Medical Lab Technology.

- **College Magazine titled Ravi.** The College publishes its annual magazine entitled "Ravi". It is published in the supervision of teacher Editor-in Chief supported by an editorial board. The magazine has different sections like languages, Social Sciences, Computers, Commerce, Sciences etc. The students contribute in the magazine in the form of poems, stories, articles, essays and give expression to their creative thoughts. During session 2023-24 the Ravi magazine has been released on August 12, 2023.

- **Women Empowerment Cell:** The Women Empowerment Cell has been reconstituted on February 2, 2023. Dr. Deepali Handa, Associate Professor, Department of Economics has been

appointed its convenor. The Cell has organised various activities with a view to create awareness about gender equity. Some of the activities are : ‘Kaksha Suraksha Ki’- Women Safety Awareness Campaign, International Women’s Day : Guest Lecture by Prof. (Dr.) Viney Kapoor Mehra, Former Vice-Chancellor, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Law University, A Declamation contest on the topic ‘Inspire Inclusion’, the theme of International Women's Day, Online Caption Contest on the theme was International Women's Day, Online Awareness Quiz on the theme of International Women's Day, Teej Celebrated under Gender Sensitization Programme,

- **National Youth Parliament. DAV College Jalandhar** With a view to strengthen the roots of democracy, to inculcate the healthy habits of discipline, tolerance of the views of others and to enable the student community to familiarize themselves with the working of Parliament, the DAV College Jalandhar regularly organized National Youth Parliament, sponsored by Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India. In the 16<sup>th</sup> National Youth Parliament Competition, DAV College Jalandhar has secured top position at the group level and runner-up position at the national level.

- **Centre for Competitive Examinations.** The College has a Centre for Competitive Examinations under a Teacher In-Charge. The center arranges expert coaching for various state and national level competitive examinations. During session 2023-24 Centre for Competitive Examinations the College has organized various activities such as Competitive Exam cum Career Counselling Session, Guest Lecture-cum-Interactive Workshop on “How to crack civil services exam?”

- **National Cadet Corps (NCC):** National Cadet Corps is a Tri-Services Organisation comprising the Army, Navy and Air Force, engaged in grooming the youth – ‘The Leaders of Tomorrow’ – into disciplined and patriotic citizens. DAV College Jalandhar has three wings of NCC- Army Wing, Air Wing and Naval Wing. These wings are working to develop Character, Comradeship, Discipline, Leadership, Secular Outlook, Spirit of Adventure, and Ideals of Selfless Service amongst the cadets. The three wings also motivate the students to provide leadership in all walks of life and to take up a career in the armed forces and be always available for the Service of the Nation. During session 2023-24 various activities were organized by the three wings of NCC of College such as Vijay Diwas Celebration, Debate Competition, Raksha Bandhan Celebration, Independence Day Celebrations, Blood Donation Camp, Trash to Treasure, Republic Day Celebrations, Environment Day Celebrations, International Yoga Day Celebrations etc.



- **Student Advisory and Welfare Council (SAWC).** The Student Advisory and Welfare Council of the College has been set up under a Teacher In-Charge. Presently, Prof. Munish Khanna from Department of Commerce is looking after this cell. During the session 2023-24 various activities were organized by this cell with a view to make develop to develop a well-rounded personality of the students. Some of the activities organized by SAWC are listed here : G 20 India's Presidency, Rakhi making Competition, Student Felicitation Ceremony for honouring university toppers, Diwali Mela Khushiyon Ki Diwali, Entrepreneurship Day celebration in collaboration with IIC, Children's Day celebration, Workshop on Ace your soft skills by Ruhani Kohli, D.A.V. Wonder Chef 2.0.
- **Various Subject Societies and Clubs.** As many as 32 subject Societies, Associations and Clubs are active in the College. They organise lectures, declamation contests, exhibitions, poetical symposia, educational film shows, dramas, celebrate commemorative days and organise tours for personality enhancement of the students. The Students get an opportunity to showcase and groom their talents. At the time of admission all students opt for the membership of Subject Societies/Associations/Clubs. All the clubs and societies organized more than 70 activities some of which are listed here : Celebration of National DNA Day 2024, Empowering Communities through Recycling and Adopting Healthy Lifestyle, Water Scarcity in the Blue Planet: Concerns for Sustainable Development, ECO-Sankalpana (Inter College Competition), National Vaccination Day, One-day educational visit to Pathology Lab and National Institute of Bio-energy Kapurthala, Poster Making Competition on the Historical Legends of Punjab in Freedom Movement, Digital Detox Challenge (Book Reading), International Literacy Day Celebration.
- **In the Session 2023-24 the college has received sponsorship in the form of financial help from various government bodies:**
  - To Commemorate International Youth Day, grant of Rs. 35000/ received from PSCST, Chandigarh.
  - To organise Nature Camp under Environment Education Programme of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, a grant of Rs. 2,00,000/- received from PSCST, Chandigarh.
  - To organise Eco-Sankalpana under Environment Education Programme of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, a grant of Rs. 1,45,000/- received from PSCST, Chandigarh.

- To organise EMCO-2024 under Environment Education Programme of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, a grant of Rs. 10,000/- received from CDC, GNDU, Amritsar
- To organise Periodic Lectures, a grant of Rs. 30,000/- received from Indian Council of Philosophical Research, (ICPR) New Delhi
- To celebrate National Science Day a grant of Rs. 20,000/- received from PSCST, Chandigarh.

**5. Evidence of Success :**The College has been constantly working to develop the holistic personality of students besides aiming at excellence in education. The ones who are outstanding, the college promises to take them to even greater heights and those who are average, the college will strive to transform them from ordinary to extra ordinary. Drawing upon our deep-rooted sense of community and our strong commitment to a better society, we have nurtured and guided innumerable students to academic excellence and personal growth by giving ample opportunities to choose their career path and shape their future in the best possible manner. During the session all attempts have been made to organise co-academic and extra academic activities along with academics with a view to develop holistic personality of the students with sound ethical moorings and values. The success of this endeavor is described as under:

#### **List of Evidences**

- **Excellent University Results :** College students bagged 7 gold medal and 14 students got merit positions.
- **Awards/medals for outstanding performance in sports/cultural activities at university/state/national level :** College students bagged 32 medals for outstanding performance in sports/cultural activities in Youth Festivals and Sports Competitions.
- **National Youth Parliament Competition :** In the 16<sup>th</sup> National Youth Parliament Competition, DAV College Jalandhar has secured top position at the group level and runner-up position at the national level. At the Prize Distribution Function of 16<sup>th</sup> National Youth Parliament Competition held in GMC Balayogi Auditorium, Parliament House, New Delhi on February 16, 2024, the eight best parliamentarian of the College along with Coordinator Dr. Dinesh Arora and Principal Dr. Rajesh Kumar were honoured by Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Law and Justice; Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Culture.

- **Placements & Internships :** In academic year 2023-2024, 70 students of the college got placement in reputed companies while 71 students joined internships as part of experiential learning.
- **Recognition for IIC Activities :** While recognizing the various activities of the IIC of the College conducted as prescribed by the innovation Cell, Ministry of Education, Government of India to promote Innovation and Start-up in Campus during the IIC Calendar Year 2023-24 the College has been awarded Three Star Certificate on January 2024. Earlier in the year 2023-23 the College was awarded Two Star Certificate.

**6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required:** With a view to realize the objective of holistic development of the students and to make them good human beings, college organized various academic and co-academic activities which involves a lot of human effort and financial resources. A major challenge being faced is to keep students motivated for participation in these activities and financial constraints also limit the ability of the college for organizing these events.