

POMPEI COLLEGE AIKALA

INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL

2018-19

Best practices of the institution

Mid day Meals scheme

Mid Day meals is an ambitious scheme started in 2003-04 by Rev. Fr. Valerian Mendonca then principal of the college. Since then this scheme is running uninterrupted. The scheme was introduced with certain specific objectives.

The main objective of the midday meals scheme was to provide mid day meals to the needy students who are economically poor and deserving students who otherwise remain in empty stomach in the afternoon which affect their academic and physical health. Ours is a rural college and many students come from agricultural background. There are students come from distance place and they leave home early. They do not carry their lunch and it is to benefit these category of the students are given the benefits of the scheme. The scheme was designed to benefit the following .

- Poor and economically backward people.
- Poor students coming from distance place.
- Students excelled in academic activities
- Students good in sports and extracurricular activities.

The scheme is looked after by the Midday meals committee which consists of a convener and members from the staff and students. The meetings of the committee are held periodically chaired by the principal. The committee decides the number of beneficiaries of the scheme based on the availability of resources. The committee prepares the plan of action in the beginning of the academic year. The college has sufficient infrastructure with regard to the serving the mid day meals to the beneficiaries. Ladies students take meals in the ladies room and for boys separate arrangement is made for partaking of meals.

Resource mobilization is the main task related to the scheme. We depend on well-wishers, donors for the generous contributions. Parent Teacher Association and Alumni Association regularly contribute to the scheme. Apart from these, college staff members annually give generous donations to the scheme. The food is supplied by the college canteen at a reasonable rate. Coupons are issued to the beneficiaries at the beginning of the every month.

We have developed the system of getting feedback from the beneficiaries of the scheme. The feedback is used for the evaluation of the scheme, for the betterment of the programme and for the improved service.

Apart from the free midday meals, we have half paid mid day meals and fully paid mid day meals.

Benefits of the scheme are.

- Helps the poor students to pursue studies without any tension
- It has direct impact on the academic performance and health of the students.

Assembly and secular prayer

In order to bring all the students together and foster the feeling of unity weekly assembly is conducted. Each class is entrusted with the responsibility of conducting the assembly every week. The assembly is conducted in the morning. All the staff members are present and principal makes the introductory speech and brings the assembly into order. The assembly starts with secular prayer. We have college anthem which is secular in nature sung by the students. After the prayer thought of the day is given and it is followed by the news headlines.

Honouring of the achievers

The college has developed best practice of honouring the achievers. Achievers may be the students, teachers or other stakeholders of the institution. During this academic year we have honoured three achievers who were our alumni. Two alumni were honoured during the annual day celebrations for their outstanding achievements. Dr Purushothama K.V., H.O.D. of Economics was honoured for securing PhD from Hampi University. Three NSS senior volunteers honoured in the valedictory function of NSS for their yeoman service. Mr Vishwith Shetty, Department of History was honoured in the Republic Day parade for the bravery along with three other persons who were involved in the rescue operations.

Computer Courses at lowest cost:

College computer centre provides computer courses to the students at a cheaper rate. We charge only Rs 1,000 per year for the course which include Basics, Tally and DTP. We also encourage the students to join computer courses through computer literacy campaign. In this campaign we collect information about the computer illiterates. Then we discuss with the students about the difficulty in joining the computer courses and explain to them the importance of computer education in job market.

Extra books for Top Ten rank holders:

The college has developed a best practice of announcing the list of top ten rank holders in the internal assessment examinations and is issued them with an additional book as an incentive to them by the college library.

Instilling a sense of nationalism:

Apart from conducting different programmes to inculcate the spirit of nationalism in students, the college organized 'homage to Pulwama martyrs' on 14.03.2019 to commemorate the sacrifice of the soldiers on the completion of a month. The programme was arranged at the entrance of the institution where even public participated in the event.

Endowment prizes:

College has installed a number of endowment prizes for those who excel in the academic performance which is distributed at the annual day celebration.

Assistance at the time of the tragedy:

A helping hand was stretched by the student community and the staff in collecting a large corpus of Rs 2 lakhs and handed over to the economically backward bereaved family of Varshith, III B.B.A. who had an untimely demise on 07.09.2018

Earn while you Learn:

The students who come from lesser privileged families are encouraged to take up part time employment during the weekend, holidays and vacations by connecting them with prospective employers. Students are employed in the field of arrangers, catering, plumbing, painters, tailors, beauticians, receptionist, welding. Through this they not only earn, but also learn some skills of employability.

Rural exposure and visit to the slums:

Department of humanities conduct programmes of rural exposure of students to rural folklore and traditions. Students interact with the folklorist and understand the importance of folk culture. Students are given experience in the planting of paddy saplings during the monsoon season. Through this experience they understand the difficulties of the farming community and they also imbibe certain skills of agriculture. Department of humanities also arranges visit to the slum areas to have an exposure to the environment of slum area. Students interact with slum dwellers and understand their problems and life.

Commerce and Management Fest:

One of the best practices of the institution is organizing fests by the department of P.G. Studies in Commerce. It is an inter-institutional programme and provides an exposure of our students to the talents and skills of other students of different institutions. It is a regular feature of P.G. Department.


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