Sri Poornaprajna Evening College, Udupi

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NAAC Accredited, Affiliated to Mangalore University

Internal Quality Assurance Cell

Criterion 7 – Institutional Values and Best Practices

Key Indicator - 7.2 Best Practices

Practice 1: "Nivedana: A Community Connect Initiative"

The Schools, Colleges and Universities are student Centered Institutions. These exist to shape Nation's young ones physically and spiritually. Shapers are to be selected very carefully. They must have the required competence, dedication and patriotism. A nation's future can be shaped only through shaping the young ones of the nation. Spiritual, mental and physical aspects of human beings shall be treated with equanimity and understanding.

-H.H Sri Sri Vibhudesha Theertha Swamiji, Founder President, USAMEC

Objective:

This practice aims at making education more accessible, reduce paper waste, and empower economically disadvantaged students through the repurposing of unused papers into educational materials. This initiative has both immediate and long-term benefits for the students and the community as a whole.

- Promoting equality in access to education by making educational materials accessible to students in need.
- By repurposing unused paper and promoting recycling, the project contributes to environmental sustainability.
- Fostering a more compassionate society by engaging the community, including volunteers and donors.
- Students from more privileged backgrounds may develop empathy and a sense of social responsibility.
- The project aims to have a lasting impact on the lives of these students, potentially breaking the cycle of poverty by improving their educational opportunities.

Context:

Nivedana is a proactive approach to community engagement and sustainability started on 12th January 2023. This project not only helps repurpose unused materials but also addresses the critical issue of educational equity. By providing basic educational materials to students in need, it contributes to a more equitable education system and can significantly improve their learning outcomes. This combination of educational, environmental, and community-building goals is a wonderful way to benefit both disadvantaged students and the broader community. It's an effort that aligns with social responsibility and sustainability principles.

Practice:

Nivedana is an initiative that collects unused paper from our students and the general public with an intension to donate it to the needy. The drive is conducted in three phases during a year. The paper collection campaigns usually begin after the end of each semester, because students will be using new books for the next semester.

 A box is placed in front of the college office, and donors are expected to place unused papers in it. An official notification by the college is posted and word of mouth spreads among the students and their contacts. Social media also plays a significant role.

Once the unused papers are collected and arranged systematically by volunteers, they will be weighed and given to local printers for binding. After the binding and labelling of the book, the team from the college will finalise the beneficiaries to whom the books shall be donated. During Phase I, nearly 30 kgs of unused papers were collected and

108 books were donated to the Government Primary School, Manchikodi, where the majority of the students are children of migrant labourers.

Evidence of Success:

- During Phase I, nearly 30 kgs of unused papers were collected and 108 books were made. This was given to the Manchikodi Government School in Udupi.
- During Phase II, nearly 27 kgs of unused papers were collected and 97 books were made. This was also given to the Manchikodi Government School in Udupi considering their requirement.
- Created an awareness about environmental issues and the importance of recycling and waste reduction among the students.
- **Nivedana** fostered a sense of community feeling among the students
- Student volunteers learned to balance their commitment to the project with their other responsibilities- The joy of bringing a smile on the face of the deprived made them involve with passion.

Problems Encountered & Resource Required:

1. Sourcing a continuous supply of papers is a challenge.
2. The aesthetics of the book may not be as polished as those produced commercially

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"Nivedana -A Community Connect Initiative of the College"

The Books Compiled using Unused papers collected at the College were handed over to the Students of Government Primary School, Manchikodi, Udupi. The books will be used by the 54 Students of the school.

Glimpses of the Reaching the Unreached- Its all for sustainability and bringing a smile on the face of the deprived.

The IQAC and Student Council has jointly started a " A Community Connect initiative –Nivedana" on 12th January 2023. The initiative intends to collect unused papers and compile it into a book. The compiled books shall be donated to the needy. Till date 110 books are compiled and donated.

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Nivedana
A small Step towards Sustainability

Donate the unused papers for the Cause of
" EQUITY and SUSTAINABILITY"

19-05-2023
to
24-05-2023

"Do not wait for extraordinary circumstances to do good action; try to use ordinary situations." – Jean-Paul Richter

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Nivedana - Phase II
A Community Connect Green Initiative of the College

Donate the unused papers for the Cause of
" EQUITY and SUSTAINABILITY"
The Books compiled will be donated to needy

09th - 16th October 2023
Please Drop the unused Books, Papers, Novel Books in the box kept near SPEC Office

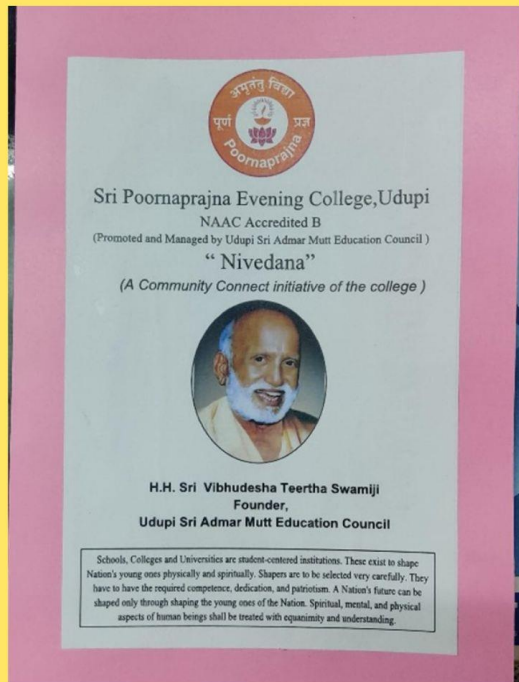**A Push Start to the Nivedana - Call for donating the papers**

Unused Paper Collection Drive

Here is how the papers are processed

Books Compiled by the Students under Nivedana

Government Primary School,Manchikodi where the majority of the students are children of migrant labourers.

Reaching the Unreached
Books were handedeover to Government Primary School,Manchikodi

The Smile on their face is an Award for our efforts

Our Inspiration

Every morning, newspaper agents in the capital city Bangalore spread the bundles of their newspapers at the Bank Colony. While spreading them, they pick up the white paper sheets on top of the bundles and throw them to the side. An elderly person, who comes there every day, collects all the white paper sheets that are scattered below, arranges them neatly, and takes them along. These white paper sheets are the discarded waste from the newspapers being spread. The elderly person then goes to various places, collects these discarded papers labeled as "waste," cuts them to size, and creates notebooks from them. He also prepares numerous notebooks and distributes them for free to children in government schools on Mysuru Road. When he arrives, the children joyfully run towards him, addressing him as "Notebook Grandpa." This elderly civic-minded individual, Mohan by name, quietly performs this social service every day for the betterment of the society.