

## Best Practices

### 1. Title of the Practice:

*(The title should capture the keywords that describe the Practice)*

### Student Support System:

### 2. Goal:

*(Describe the aim of the practice followed by the institution. Mention the underlying principles or concepts in about 100 words)*

The underlying principle of this practice is enshrined in the vision of the college's inception which is to provide quality education to the students to enable them to serve society. Hence, to provide quality education the college located in the North East India, having people belonging to different economic backgrounds felt the need of ensuring accessibility of this quality education amongst all and the need to provide necessary motivation amongst them so as to ensure that the college creates a generation of young people to serve the society and committed to the moral, secular scientific and nation – building virtues.

### 3. The Context:

*(Describe any particular contextual features or challenging issues that have had to be addressed in designing and implementing the Practice in about 150 words.)*

Right from inception the college has been aspiring to deliver quality education and meet the need of civil society. The biggest challenge is that it caters to many first-generation learners among the youth from economically backward class, and also Person with disability (PwD). To be able to serve the students better, the college has over the years come up with many initiatives like free studentship, tuition waiver, scholarships and endowments, book bank, etc, to motivate and support them to the extent that the college can afford and stakeholder's aid. The college is also actively encouraging students to undertake research and minor projects. In spite of all these challenges, it continues to provide quality education and is constantly on the lookout for ways and means to provide equal opportunity to students belonging to all sections of the society and to compete with the other colleges in the state.

### 4. Practice:

*(Describe the Practice and its implementation in about 400 words. Include anything about this practice that may be unique in the Indian higher education. Please also identify constraints or limitations, if any.)*

Shillong College since its inception has taken many measures to provide quality education to students coming from different economic backgrounds and to provide necessary motivation and support to ensure that the college creates educated youths to serve the society. A few initiatives taken are as follows

- The college has since 2017 decided to offer Free-studentship/ Tuition Waiver to

students of economically backward and Persons with disability to provide equal educational opportunities.

- Setting up of Book Bank by the Library for provision of text books to the departments for lending out the same to the students who cannot afford to purchase Text books.
- The Students service centre was set up by College Cooperative Society to provide text books, stationery, Laboratory coats and provision of other services such as photocopying, spiral binding, lamination etc at a nominal rate for students of the college.
- Departmental Fieldtrips and College Excursions are organised for students every year to expose students to the various developments in the field and acquaint them on cultural diversity in other states. Industrial visits are also organised to familiarise students to the various industry in the state.
- The Research and publication Cell has also encouraged the students to take up Students Projects under a Teacher Supervisor. The total Teachers' Student projects sanctioned from 2009-2019 are 23.
- The College has also established an Endowment committee from 2006 to identify students who have excelled in their academics and co curricular activities and to reward them with an intention of motivating better performance.

**The Awards are as follows:**

- S.C. Dutta Memorial Award (1st Class First)
- Rank Holders from Different Departments (Other than Professional Courses)
- N.S.S. Award
- N.C.C. Award
- Award for Excellence in sports
- Award for Academic Excellence in the Higher Secondary Section
- Nirjharini Deb Roy and Biman Behari Deb Roy Memorial Scholarship (For outstanding Girl students of Shillong College pursuing Post-Graduate studies)
- Rovers and Rangers awards

**Awards Sponsored By Retired Teachers:**

- N. K. Sarkar Award (Highest Marks in English),
- D. Mukherjee Award (Highest Marks in Physics)
- Rekha Devi Award (Highest Marks in Zoology),
- T. J.Kharbhih Memorial Award (Highest Marks in Chemistry)
- T. J.Kharbhih Memorial Scholarship(Supporting Students with Excellence Performance in Chemistry)

**Awards Sponsored By Alumni:**

- Jaya Bhattacharjee Memorial Award (Highest Marks in Commerce)

## 5. Evidences:

*(Provide evidence of success such as performance against targets and benchmarks and review results. What do these results indicate? Describe in about 200 words.)*

A few evidences of the best practices during this period are as follows:

### A: Students Research Projects: 2019-2020 = 05 (Five)

### B: Free studentship/Tuition Waiver/: Person with disability and BPL

Batch	Number of students	Remarks
Batch 2017	03	Waved off
Batch 2018	01	Waved off
Batch 2019	05	Waved off
Batch 2020	02	Free studentship

### C: Texts Book in Book Bank provided by the Library for under- privilege students:

Stream	Total number of books
Commerce	400
Arts	1060
Science	500
Professional courses	150

### D: Endowments and Scholarships: 2019-2020

Name of the Award & Scholarship	Number of Awardees
S.C. Dutta Memorial Award(1 <sup>st</sup> Class First )	02
Rank Holders from Different Departments (Other than Professional Courses)	14
Rank Holders from Professional Courses	12
N. K. Sarkar Award(Highest Marks in English)	01
D. Mukherjee Award(Highest Marks in Physics)	01
Rekha Devi Award(Highest Marks in Zoology)	01
T. J.Kharbhiih Memorial Award	01
T. J.Kharbhiih Memorial Scholarship	06
N.S.S. Award	02
N.C.C. Award	02
Excellence in Sports	01
Jaya Bhattacharjee Memorial Award (Highest Marks in Commerce)	01
Nirjharini Deb Roy and Biman Behari Deb Roy Memorial Scholarship(For outstanding Girl students pursuing Post-Graduate studies)	01
Rovers and RangersAward	02

## **6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required**

*(Please identify the problems encountered and resources (Financial, Human and others) required to implement the practice in about 150 words.):*

In implementing this practice the problems encountered were that there are many students from the economically backward class. However, the college has to screen applicants and provide assistance to only a few. The enrolment of Pwd students in the institution also entails expenditure to ensure accessibility of the services such as a separate unit for Pwd's in the library, construction of Ramps etc. It is a great achievement that in spite of the problems the college with the support of stakeholders taken a positive step in this direction to ensure accessibility of quality education for all.

## **7. Notes (Optional):**

*(Any other information that may be relevant and important to the reader for adopting/ implementing the Best Practice in their institution (about 150 words)).*

These steps taken up by the College as part of the implementing of Best Practices has not only fulfilled the vision of the college being set up but has enhanced the image of the institution as one which strives towards accessibility of quality education. Today, the student waiver/ free studentship for those belonging to the economically backward class is much sought after but due to paucity of funds it is offered to deserving and meritorious students which in turn has generated the awareness amongst them that such privileges are awarded to those who persevere and prove with results, thereby creating a group of citizens who claim not by right but by merit. Further, the inclusion of Pwd students in normal education is an inclusive strategy that aims at creating a group of students who are sensitive and teachers who can go out of their way. There is undoubtedly room for improvement and positive steps in this direction will be taken.

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