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## **BEST PRACTICE - I**

1. Title: Empowering Futures: A Financial Assistance Initiative for Success

### 2.Objective:

To provide financial support and relief to eligible students, ensuring education remains accessible and uninterrupted, especially during challenging times such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### 3.Context:

The institution recognizes the financial hardships faced by students and their families, particularly during the pandemic. Freeship and concession programs have been introduced to create an inclusive and supportive environment, ensuring that no student is left behind due to financial constraints.

#### 4.Practice:

The institution follows a structured approach to identify and support students in need:

- A dedicated team assesses the financial requirements of students and their families.
- Criteria for eligibility and the extent of financial support are determined based on individual needs.
- Freeships and concessions are provided for tuition fees and other educational expenses like study materials and technology requirements.
- Students are encouraged to approach the support team for assistance in availing the program.

### 5. Problems Encountered:

- Awareness among students about the availability of such programs was initially a challenge.
- Streamlining the application and verification processes required coordinated efforts.

### 6. Evidence of Success:

- **Timely Support:** Applications are processed efficiently, ensuring students receive financial assistance without delays.
- Flexible Eligibility Criteria: Accommodates diverse financial circumstances, supporting a wide range of students.
- Comprehensive Coverage: Freeships and concessions extend beyond tuition fees to include other academic expenses.
- Confidentiality and Respect: Financial information is handled securely, ensuring applicants' dignity.



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• Ongoing Support: Students receive continued assistance through mentorship and counseling.

During the pandemic, the program successfully prevented disruptions in the education of many students, showcasing its effectiveness.

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# **BEST PRACTICE-2**

1. Title - Empowering Communities: Legal Aid for Justice and Awareness

## 2. Objective -

The objective of this initiative is to provide legal awareness and support to underprivileged and marginalized communities. By educating individuals about their rights under laws protecting women, children, and vulnerable populations, our students contribute to building a more informed and empowered society.

#### 3. Context -

As part of their social responsibility, our students extend legal aid and conduct awareness programs to address critical legal issues such as domestic violence, dowry prohibition, child marriage, and sexual harassment. These programs are designed to benefit individuals and families from marginalized communities, including slum-dwellers and underserved populations.

### 4. Practice -

Our institute organizes legal aid camps and awareness programs on various acts protecting women's rights and constitutional values. Under the supervision of faculty members and legal experts, students disseminate information and provide basic legal guidance to participants.

Key highlights of the practice include:

- Focused Legal Awareness: Programs conducted focus on vital legislations such as the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013, and the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006.
- Collaborative Legal Camps: Legal aid camps are conducted on college campuses or in collaboration with local organizations and educational institutions.
- **Student Participation**: Students actively volunteer and take leadership roles in organizing and implementing the programs.

## 5. Problems Encountered -

The challenges include bridging the gap between legal resources and awareness levels in marginalized communities, ensuring maximum participation, and addressing individual cases





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requiring follow-ups. Additionally, providing legal solutions in local languages and simplifying complex legal processes remain ongoing concerns.

#### 6. Evidence of Success -

- 1. **Education and Awareness**: Workshops and seminars are conducted to educate participants about legal rights, focusing on issues like domestic violence, child marriage, and workplace harassment.
- 2. **Mediation and Resolution**: Students offer support in resolving minor disputes and grievances, fostering peaceful resolutions within communities.
- 3. **Legal Aid Clinics**: Legal aid desks and consultations are set up during camps where attendees receive free legal advice and assistance.
- 4. **Collaboration with Stakeholders**: Partnerships with local educational institutions (e.g., SNDT College, as shown in the event), NGOs, and legal experts ensure the holistic success of these initiatives.
- 5. **Empowerment through Law**: Community members leave the camps with a clearer understanding of their legal rights, empowering them to seek justice and navigate legal processes independently.

Through such initiatives, our students gain hands-on experience in legal practice, enhancing their understanding of real-world legal challenges while contributing meaningfully to the community.

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