

BEST PRACTICES :02

TITLE: Activities of Divyang Cell

GOAL:

- To work for the benefit of the differently abled students of the college.
- To provide vital information related to various government schemes ,grants and sanction available for them
- To provide vocational skill development with quality education.
- To enable them to come into the mainstream of the society with self confidence and financial freedom.
- To project them as youth icons of the college and source of inspiration for the society

CONTEXT:

Every year the college enrolls more than ten differently abled students in various UG and PG courses. The needs of these special students are a matter of concern for the college management and in order to cater to their needs a special Divyang Cell was formed in 2016-17 which functions as an ancillary unit of the Youth Red Cross Society of the college.

THE PRACTICE:

The differently abled or Divyang students are fondly given the title of CHAMAKTE SITARE. Every student is assigned a mentor from the regular professors of the college. The college offers convenient and comfortable seating arrangements for them during lectures and examinations. There is a Divyang Library which has text books, reference books and books for preparation for competitive exams. Teachers have voluntarily donated cash for the formation of "DIVYANG RAHAT KOSH" which serves the purpose of an emergency fund for their basic needs.

At the beginning of every academic session Divyang students are identified and an official group is formed. They are allotted mentors and are familiarized with all the facilities available in the college and various schemes provided by the government. Celebration of International Day of Persons with Disabilities is the highlight of the activities. Students were taken on an educational trip to NTPC where they had a fruitful and memorable day. Annual Photo sessions are also much awaited.

These students are motivated to participate in the Annual College Festival UMANG and in 2018-19 they presented a street play during the Annual Function. Divyang students participated in Fun And Food Fair "ANAND MELA" by setting up a food stall .

Efforts are on to make their UDIDs and pension and scholarships available to them. The college also sent proposals to the Affiliating University for exemption of fees for exams.

Students are motivated to develop computer and other vocational skills .A major achievement in the exemptions of fees for them in the NUSSD-TISS flagship foundation course program.

The college encourages all the students to treat their Divyang mates with love and care so that their self confidence and self respect will remain intact.

EVIDENCE:

- Creation of a Divyang Lounge with Divyang Library and a separate washroom in the close vicinity.
- Students are given training in vocational skills.
- Active participation in the college competitions and festival UMANG

PROBLEMS:

The basic challenge in the mindset of some students who despite facing hardships in life refuse to acknowledge and accept their physical disability.this inactivity needs to be removed.