

Best Practice – I

Imbibing nuances of Thirukkural – Capacity Building to Students

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Objectives:

- To impart the nuances and fine-tuning aspects of the world common creed – Thirukkural
- To disseminate the inheriting truth and facts hidden in the Thirukkural
- To propagate the thoughts and interpretation of eminent Tamil scholars and Academicians
- To imbibe the tips and guidelines given in the Thirukkural to acquire life skills and moral life applicable to the present-day life style of the students and to empower them to face the contemporary challenges.

Context

Thiruvalluvar is a celebrated Tamil poet and philosopher popularly known as Theiva Pulavar, Poyyamozhi Pulavar, Gnana Vettiyan, whose contribution to Tamil Literature is the Thirukkural, a work on ethics. Thirukkural is considered a “Common Creed” providing a guide for human morals and betterment in life. It is divided into three sections, viz. 1. Aram, good ethical behaviour with conscience and honour (right conduct), 2. Porul, the right manner of conducting worldly affairs and 3. Kaamam, love between men and women.

The College started functioning in the year 1968-69, having the name of the great saint THIRUVALLUVAR. The College is under the management of Kundrakkudi Thiruvannamalai Adheenam Trust headed by His Holiness Srimath Ponnambala Adigalar (Popularly known as Thavathiru Kundrakkudi Adigalar). He is also the President of World Thirukkural Peravai. In association with World Thirukkural Peravai, sufficient number of events are organized in the College for the benefits of students.

By engaging the eminent Tamil Scholars across Tamil Nadu, the special lectures are arranged to deliver the nuances and inherited truth shaded in Thirukkural for the benefit of students.



Implementation

- The dissemination of pride of Thirukkural is given effect through various on-line programmes during Corona pandemic and subsequent days.
- In association with World Thirukkural Peravai, adequate number of events, such as Conferences / Workshops / Seminars have been organized by this institution during the past years.
- Some of the events are conducted in the context of ARAM of Thirukkural to impart the thrust given for life skill.
- On many occasions, the Thirukkural books will be given as Prize for winners of various competitions to encourage them to read the book.
- Aspiring students are encouraged to participate in various events organized by Trusts / Associations / Peravai in the process of the disseminating the nuances of Thirukkural.

Evidence of Success

- Participants (students) have been inculcated the confidence of Tamil Speaking / Reviewing in various occasions.
- Participated various Tamil Competitions / Quiz programme on Tamil Literature and won Cash award and Recognition at the University level.
- Obtained several thousands of Tamil books from the World Thirukkural Peravai and added in the College Library.

Problems Encountered and Resources required

- Inadequate resource mobilization for the effective functioning of this event is one of the problems encountered so far.
- Geographical location of this College remains a problem to the eminent Tamil Scholars to face the students physically.
- The technological inadequacy and non-affordability of students to acquire more technological gadgets deprives to offer more on-line programmes in this regard.
- Being the students are tender in age, the high order deliberations by eminent scholars are not reached the students as we desired.



Best Practice – 2

Effective functioning of Co-operative Store in this campus

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Effective functioning of Co-operative Stores in the College Campus

Objectives

- To inculcate the prime objectives of Co-operative ethics among the staff and students
- To provide the learning materials, stationeries and uniform to the students at minimum cost effective
- To involve the students' representatives for ensuring the motto of Non-profit operation of the store
- To inculcate the entrepreneurial skill to the participating students
- To disseminate the sense of satisfaction among the students to cater the needs with very affordable price

Context

Around 1400 students are studying in the college campus. They have to purchase the Stationary materials, uniform dress and some other consumable items. In order to cater their needs and also to provide such items at rates lower than the market price, the Co-operative store is established in the college campus three decades ago. From its inception, the very purpose of Co-operative nature of functioning among the faculty members and students, such as the beneficiaries / stakeholders, are disseminated and practiced in an effective manner.

Through this Co-operative store the Stationery materials, Uniform, snacks, Examination stationeries, other items required for the colleges. This store is made arrangements for supply of stationery and consumable items to other nearby Co-operative stores.

Participative nature of management is ensured through the Governing Body constituted for the running of this store through proper election as per the Government of Tamil Nadu guidelines.

Implementation

This store was established in the year 1980. The Governing Body of this Store is constituted with the elected representatives from the segment of Faculty members, administrative members and Students by the election. The Governing body is constituted as per the Co-operative rules of Govt. of TN. The functioning of this Store is periodically reported to the Government authorities with financial statement.



The Stock Report and Audit Report are duly verified and endorsed by the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

Evidence of Success

- The effective functioning of this Co-operative store is not only earned the confidence and credit among the faculty members and students, but also won Special Award from the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Government of Tamil Nadu, for many consecutive years.
- This store won State Awards for seven times, particularly during the year 2018-19, 2020-21 and District Awards for good number of years.
- A few Seminars / conferences were organized in the earlier years in association with the Co-operative Store to disseminate the purpose and improving the functioning of this Store.

Problems Encountered and Resources required

- Time slot allotted to students for the purchase of required items from the Store is very limited.
- The space constraint and man power engaged in the Co-operative Store is a serious concern for the expansion in the years to come.
- Reprographic facility in store for the benefit of students is yet to be offered.

