

BEST PRACTICE – V

1. **TITLE OF THE PRACTICE:** VILLAGE ADOPTION

2. **GOAL:** The goal of the Village Adoption program of Pachhunga University College is many folds. Some of the chief goals are:

- To conduct a scientific research in order to provide deeper and better understanding of the village whilst providing opportunities of research to students and faculties of the college.
- To provide informations vital to the development of the village through researches conducted in different fields such as, Geographical, Historical, Sociological, Political, Cultural, Literature etc in the Arts spectrum and Botanical, Zoological, Geological, Environmental etc in Science spectrum.
- To provide opportunities of learning and access to HEI through exposure programs and Educational tours for the village community.
- To assist the village in assessing the best possible ways of improvement and development that is both affordable and sustainable.
- To identify the potential of the village towards further growth and advances.

3. **THE CONTEXT:** The motto of the college is ‘Learning and Service’ and as such the college considered the need to branch out and render its services to places beyond the center so that the facility and knowledge of the college may be made available to those outside the college fraternity. The Village Adoption program will also provide many opportunities for students, scholars and teachers of the college to gain hands-on experience and understanding of the rural populace, rural system and habitat by conducting a series of researches based on their specialization. The findings of these researches will in turn generate a knowledge pool, which will be greatly instrumental towards understanding the requirements necessary to make advancements, developments and growth which otherwise was unidentified. The college will also provide a series of educational help by conducting college tours, special talks, hands-on training, counseling etc. on various issues related to the problems identified within the village adopted. Many villages within Mizoram are beyond the reach of Government aids and benefits. Although the program is not designed to provide relief to these villages economically, the villages adopted will be provided help from an academic stand point.

4. **THE PRACTICE:** Pachhunga University College’s Village Adoption Program is a self-financed program generated purely out of the goodwill and desire to serve others, present within the fraternity of the college. Funds for the program are donated by every teacher from their salary and researches are done purely on pro bono without any funding received from any agency. The college forms a committee with the Principal as the Chairman, and the committee decides by conducting various surveys on which village to be adopted.

A. On research

- Village Adoption Committee invites research project from all departments and teachers
- The Principal encourages faculties to pursue research in adopted villages
- Village Adoption committee grants funds for selected research projects
- Certain departments are clubbed by the Village Adoption Committee to conduct research projects on vital and relevant topics
- Project committee of the college facilitates and monitors research programmes.
- Students are involved in Departmental Projects on adopted village
- Departments conducts research activities with schools, NGOs, Village Council etc
- Research findings are published in a book form with ISBN

B. On Capacity building:

- Departments are encourage to write academic papers for publication

- Departments are also encouraged to organize at least one academic program for or in the adopted village
- Students are encouraged and afforded opportunities to participate in programs organized under the Village Adoption Program.
- Eminent persons are invited to deliver special lectures/ invited talks.
- Students of the adopted villages are invited for educational tour, laboratory visits, etc.

5. EVIDENCE OF SUCCESS

- Research Findings and Publications: Faculties published their findings in National and International Journals. The Village Adoption Committee also publishes research findings in a book form with ISBN. 21 research papers have been published from the two phases conducted.
- Research Funding: The Village Adoption Committee provides funding for research projects from the contribution of the teachers towards the Village Adoption Program.
- Research Experience: Through the Village Adoption Program, the college provides opportunity for students of the college to be a part of a full-fledged research project. This research experience gained under their experienced teachers cum researchers is truly invaluable.
- Seminars and Workshops: The Village Adoption Committee organizes a number of seminars, workshops, programs etc. for students and community of the adopted villages.

6. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AND OBSTACLES FACED:

- Since the Village Adoption Program is a college self-financed program, funds are very limited to conduct deep researches.
- Adopted Villages often misinterprets the college's intention for want of monetary aid or anticipation of immediate transformation.
- Due to a very hectic academic session, departments and researchers barely manage time to conduct programs and researches in adopted villages.
- Discovered issues (especially, sociological and political) cannot be directly addressed by the institution sporadically.

7. RESOURCES REQUIRED:

- Better funding source or agency
- Research Centre for Arts and Commerce stream
- Flexible Time-Table for Teachers and Students
- Experts/Resource Persons on critical issues related to Rural livelihood
- MoU with Rural Department of Government of Mizoram

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