

# **K. K. Das College**

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**Best Practice**

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## 1. Title of the practice: “*e Songjog and e Obhyash*”

### The context that required the initiation of the practice

Regular communication with their stakeholders is one of major tasks of any institution. Systems like sms gateways, e mails, have transformed the communication system between the college and its stakeholders.

### Objectives of the practice:

The most significant objective is the fast and effective communication. This system further assures that every record is well maintained and ensures a paperless process.

### The Practice:

SMS gateway is a system through which a message can be communicated to a large number of students. The college uses this system to communicate important messages to the students effectively. Institution communicates with the guardians in the same manner.

The office use the software package 7.1, provided by the Aidni Infotech Private Limited ,to maintain the student management system.

The Principal regularly communicates with the teacher through e mails. The staff of the College use emails to communicate with the principal regarding their leaves and other official purpose.

Apart from this, various departments of the college also have different Whats App groups for regular communication with students and teachers. This platform further ensures that the stake holders are in constant touch with one another and every in formation reaches out to them on time and without fail.

The college also maintains its own website which can be accessed by the students for study materials, programme outcomes, course outcomes, routine etc. The website is being developed as a learning resource.

The **Google form** is used by the institution for the registration process of various programmes of the college. It is also used to obtain feedback from various stakeholders.

Some departments have created **Google Class rooms**. It helps the teachers to assign tasks for the students and the students submit the same.

To encourage this *E Obhyash* the principal regularly enriches the students with various quotations of eminent personalities in the website. This helps in moral boosting of the students.

### Obstacles faced if any and strategies adopted to overcome them:

Frequent change in phone numbers of the students causes problem since such changes are not always updated by the students in our system. The college tries to direct the students to inform any changes in their contact details, so that contact numbers can be updated for effective communication. Though small in number, some students have no access to the internet on their mobile phones and this makes it difficult to communicate with them on Whatts App messaging system.

**Impact of the practice:**

The fast and effective communication is the most important impact of *E Songjog*. No stakeholder is left out the information sharing process. Thus any information that may be of vital importance to them reaches out to them effectively even when they are not attending colleges due to any personal inconvenience or otherwise.

**Resources required:**

More system developing programme and faculty development programme for the teachers and the non teaching staff for the better use of technology are to be organized.

**2. Title of the practice: Sarvik Sattavar Sandhane**

“Whenever one perceives in himself something full of bliss, calm and pure,—he should know it to be ‘sattva’”. (Manusmṛti XII.27)

In today’s claustrophobic, normative, bourgeois mode of existence, education should not be operational and functional, rather be open-ended and pragmatic infusing morality, ethics and subjectiveness. There is an urgency of imparting tradition, understanding modernity, and consolidate both in the world of unrest. Our institution as clearly mentioned in ‘Vision and Mission’, founds the essence of *sattava* imperative and beneficial for our students to ensure their holistic advancement. Our goal is to develop a culturally conscious, socially proactive and self-reliant individual. It marks with the denial of societal discrimination, derogatory gender practice and linguistic prejudice.

**The context that required the initiation of the practice:**

Our identity is what we are, what we are not, what we share with others and what not. Therefore, our being, ‘sattava’ becomes the construction of ‘Others’, the more we leave for others the more we appear ‘purna’, contented. It lays our extension to society, culture and nation. Our college has always been in association with Blood Donation Camp, Eye check-up and Eye Operation Camp, Cultural programme, Adventure sports, Gender sensitization initiative and so on. It keeps their faculty of apprehending social mobility open, provides an insight into the lives of other people and makes them a clog of building an unified organic whole.

**Objectives of the practice:**

It is important to know ‘thy neighbour’, the greater phenomenological world we live and entangled with. Social work widens our quest of self discovery. Blood donation or Eye operation is not simply an act ended itself; it is loaded with immense possibility, hope and human camaraderie. Such practices bestow among the students a sense of responsibility, relieving stress and a zeal of working hand in hand for better tomorrow.

### **The Practice:**

Every year, NSS unit, K. K. Das College organizes blood donation camp on 1<sup>st</sup> October that happens to be National Voluntary Blood Donation Day. This year it started with the thought provoking deliverance of Sri Dipankar Mitra on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2018. It is worthy to mention that almost 100 students were present on this occasion and 84 students donated blood. For a safe medico-procedure each student has to go through a simple physical examination and short blood test to identify if there is any previous health issue. It ends with the collection of blood samples and the distribution of free card issued by Government.

In this year Garia Sahamarmi Society, an NGO, society in collaboration with K. K. Das College NSS unit, successfully conducted their 10<sup>th</sup> free eye operation camp for the marginalized section of the society . Around 168 patients benefitted from the initiative. Two rooms of the college were transformed into two hospital wards.

Building self-reliant competent and confident citizens is the vision of the institution. Keeping this mind, the college organizes certificate courses on adventure sports. In February 2019, the students went on a trekking trip to Chitrey under the supervision of trainers provided by Vagabond Adventure with a group of 40 students, four trainers, a faculty member and the Principal. On their way, they not only enjoyed , but also cleaned the wastes and trash whatever came on their way and disposed them in dustbins.

Gender consciousness is a critical issue needed to be addressed with intensive care and dispersed among all. Our Equal Opportunity Cell has always been proactive in this regard. This year 20 students participated in a session of Gender sensitization organized by Swayam, a NGO, on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 with the objective of making out the societal construction of gender. Another workshop was held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019, in collaboration with 'Sutanutir Sakhya' Kolkata and Forum for Social Action on 'Gender Equality Sensitization'. Awareness programme on the legal rights of women was also organized on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.

The Cultural Committee organized a one day inter college competition of singing, dancing and recitation on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2019. Almost 80 students including teachers from 12 different colleges had participated there.

**Obstacles faced if any and strategies adopted to overcome them:**

As an institution we have faced many difficulties. But the student participation was gleefully satisfied. In respect of Blood donation, the fear among students was still there. The lecture of Dipankar Mitra surely was instigative. Female participation except in the cultural programme was meagre. Gender sensitization, we hope, would play a vital role here. We are expecting a greater number of participation from them in forthcoming years. Although we have shortage of resources, the convenient position of our college serves in other way round.

**Impact of the practice:**

Either it is blood donation or eye operation camp, the benefit appears in both directions. It provides assistance to the economically weaker, spatially backward and marginal section of the society and leads the students to a realization, awakening sensitivity and an understanding of the greater purpose of life as well. The quality of leadership, human bonding, and the value of togetherness are unconsciously getting imprinted in them through these selfless voluntary life practices. It solidifies the foundation of the students as a spirited individual, a responsible citizen and a trusty fellow. We want to build our campus a gender neutral space, a place of equity. Noticeably, female students are coming upfront now, adhering challenges of life more freely.

**Resources required:**

The College infrastructure and Human resource of the College together with a little amount of College fund are required.