

Title of the practice I:

### Shrimant Rani Parvatidevi Saheb Best Reader Award for Students

One of the unique initiatives is the award for students titled as 'Rani Parvatidevi Saheb Best Reader Award in the name of Rani Parvatidevi Saheb (May 01, 1907-August 06, 1961), wife of H. H. Major Sir Pancham Khemraj alias Punyashlok Bapusaheb Maharaj, the saint king of the then Sawantwadi Sansthan.

Rani Parvatidevi Saheb was a versatile personality. She was efficient administrator, maintained excellent public relations and had a keen interest in sports and sports activities, educationist, enthusiast of literature and voracious reader. To promote the cause of literature and inculcate the habit of reading she donated the purse of Rupees 55,000/- and her personal collection of books to our college library. In her memory, our library has been named as 'Shrimant Rani Parvatidevi Granthalayva Abhyasika'.

As a tribute to her exemplary work in the field of promoting library movement our institution through the initiative of our celebrates May, 01 as 'Granthamitra Din'.

- To encourage students to read regularly and widely throughout college days.
- To nurture good reading habit among students in digital era.
- Building a sustainable reading atmosphere and promoting a reading culture.

### Context

The unique and one of its kind initiative of our institution is - 'Rani Parvatidevi Saheb Best Reader Award' for students in our college. "Books are best Universities", keeping this view as prime objective, our institute implements this practice.. Reading develops our mind, enhances our understanding of life and encourages our creative ability. Reading improves vocabulary and communication skills. New ideas and thoughts pop up in our mind because of reading. It is important to develop a good reading habits among the students. "Books are the best friends". To cultivate and enmesh sound reading habits among the students in contemporary situation and bring them back to books is a great challenge.

The award distribution function is celebrated on May 01 every year, to commemorate the birth anniversary of Rani Parvatidevi Saheb, a visionary, true lover of books and literature, an evangelist, carrying the message of education and learning. It is very apt to give such award in her name and honor the recipient students.

#### The Practice

A committee is formed for the scrutiny of frequency and content of reading by student throughout the year. A notice is displayed by the committee on the notice board in the month of June for students. The selection committee completes its scrutiny in the last week of March and declares the awardee names. They are then given invitation to attend the function. On 1st May, in the function they are felicitated at the hands of eminent personalities.

#### Benefits

The activity provides a genuine platform, to recognize and felicitate the best readers among the students. It encourages the young generation to develop their creative ability and enhance understanding of the world around them.

Title of the Practice -II:

### Know Your Campus Biodiversity window

Ranges of Sahyadri hills are Eastern part of the Sindhudurg district. It is a part of Western Ghats as Biodiversity hotspots of the world. We conserve biodiversity awareness among the students to protect and save the diversity of this region.

- Objectives
- To create awareness about the Flora and Fauna in the campus.
- To take initiative for environmental protection and sustainable development.
- To maintain eco-friendly campus.
- To develop environmental consciousness among the stakeholders.
- To prepare checklist of animals and plants in the campus

Context -

The institution is conscious about the value and worth of environment conservation. Charity begins from home, is the popular saying, our institution strongly advocates this philosophy. Keeping this view in mind our institution has introduced an initiative 'Window to Campus Biodiversity'. The faculty from Departments of Zoology and Botany take the lead in carrying out this program. They identify the animal and plant world in the campus, documentation and classification is carried out, name plates are placed for plants and photographs are taken. To create awareness and to educate students, teachers and visitors regarding existing biodiversity in the campus, Slogans are displayed at strategic locations, photography exhibition is also organized.

The Practices

- Celebration of World Environmental day on June 05th.
- Celebration of Ozone Day September 16th .
- Organization of expert talks on various environmental issues.
- Survey of animals and plants from campus

- Benefits
- Campus is made eco-friendly.
- The activity has enhanced environmental awareness among students, staff and society.

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