



St. Anne's Degree College for Women

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Best Practice - I

1. Title of the Practice: *Mother Gnanamma Fund – 'A day A Rupee'*

2. Objectives of the Practice

Mother Gnanamma Fund – A day A Rupee scheme was formulated to provide financial support for the needy students and help them to fulfill their dreams of completing their education. The main objective of the scheme is 'Better education for better society' to help the truly needy students who find it difficult to meet their financial requirements for education. It has been observed that many women college students discontinue their studies due to lack of funds. Hence college has taken a humble step to provide support to those students so they can complete their studies and be successful in life.

3. The Context

The Mother Gnanamma Fund is in line with the vision and mission of our foundress who aspired to provide free education in order to enable young women to have an access for learning and achieve their aim in life. The initiative has been conceptualized to provide financial support to students who are under economic constraints to pursue their higher studies. It provides scholarships to these students and reaches out to others in need of financial support. Thus the fund was utilized in 2019-20 for reconstruction and rehabilitation of people in flood-hit, Kodagu district. Efforts were taken to raise more money through fund-raising drive, food fests, Kala Mela - a fundraising cultural event to balance the ends meet.

4. The Practice

The scheme was designed to raise a specific amount of money to meet the cause. Class teachers collected one rupee from every student on daily basis. Apart from this faculty members, Principal and college management contribute certain amount towards the fund for each semester. The fund collected will be utilized for the students who are in need of help. When the need has arisen further the fund was even extended to help several affected people

of Kodagu district in Karnataka, India, who have lost their homes due to the heavy rains and floods that have ravaged Kodagu in August 2018 which was identified by the Lions Club in Kodugu district.

5. Evidence of Success

The scheme has helped several students to successfully complete their degree which aided them to accomplish career goals. Since it is not possible for every individual to support the needy, this initiative of joining hands together by contributing a very small amount was a great victory. Every benefactor had a feeling that even their small contribution has helped to serve for someone's education. It was an ease feeling for the beneficiary to approach the concerned person in-charge in the college to receive the scholarship rather than seeking help from friends and known persons. The mobilization and utilization of fund for the extended cause in Kodagu gave a feeling of satisfaction and was acknowledged in print media since many families were provided with the basic needs and required medical aids.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

The scheme required generous hearts to raise funds physically going to the streets and appealing for donations from different corners. It also required a tendency from the students to help someone in need when the time came for their contribution. There was a problem in collecting funds since they were not coming forward willingly to support the cause. There was also a challenge in identifying the real needy students.