

7.2.1 - Describe two best practices successfully implemented by the Institution as per NAAC format provided in the Manual.

BEST PRACTICES

Best Practices I

Practice Title: Provision of Scholarship Support/Financial Aid for SC/ST, Minority Communities, and Deserving/Needy Students.

Practice Objectives:

The college annually helps obtain substantial financial aid to students belonging to SC/ST, Minority communities, and those in financial need, through various scholarship programs. The objectives of this practice include:

- Offering financial assistance to economically disadvantaged students, preventing study discontinuation.
- Creating awareness among students about state and central government scholarship schemes to encourage application and secure financial support for their education.

Context:

Addressing the financial needs of SC/ST, Minority community students, and deserving individuals through fee concessions or assistance in obtaining diverse scholarships is a proactive initiative aligned with the college's vision. The college ensures not only financial support but also maximizes the learning outcomes for students at all levels of their coursework.

The Practice:

The college takes proactive measures to support students from economically challenged backgrounds, demonstrating a strong commitment to aiding them in pursuing higher education.

The scholarship schemes made available are:

1. Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC / BC Students
2. Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for Minority Community Students
3. Scholarship by Nishkam Sikh Welfare Council
4. Scholarship by Sarbat Da Bhala Charitable Trust Managed by Dr S P Singh Oberoi

Full information is available on college website: <https://ggskcsarhali.ac.in/scholarships-available.html>

Special efforts are made to inform students about scholarships available to SC/ST and minority community students, including eligibility criteria and required documentation. This support is provided impartially, without discrimination based on caste, creed, or gender. A dedicated committee of faculty members identifies eligible students during admission and subsequently through classroom interactions and notifications. Notices are prominently displayed on notice boards and circulated in classrooms to inform students. The college assists students in accessing various state and central government scholarship programs, and those facing challenges can seek resolution from the designated authorities.

Evidence of Success:

The success of this practice is evidenced by a growing number of students benefiting from scholarship schemes, assistance by the college and non-government entities enabling them to continue their education. 476 students got the benefit of financial help with the concerted efforts of the college during 2022-23.

Best Practice II

Title: Cultural Heritage and Human Values

Objectives: To enhance awareness among students about their cultural heritage, human and ethical values

Activities: Sawan festival was celebrated in college campus, where girl students dressed themselves in their traditional attire and participated in events like Phulkari, mehendi and performed the folk dance of Punjab Gidha. Diwali was also celebrated so as to make students aware about its historical and cultural significance.

Environment Conservation rally and blood donation camp were organized and Teachers' day was celebrated in college, the idea was to make them understand about the value of human life, pure air and environment and the role of teacher in society.

Evidence of success: The students participated in all such activities with full enthusiasm. Students voluntarily participated in blood donation camp to donate blood.