

## **Successful Best Practices**

### **Care and Share**

As a college where most of the students belong to the poor socio economic background, it was felt by the teachers and staff that at least some of these students are provided with financial support. By way of e-grants and scholarships the government already provides financial assistance to the economically poor and meritorious students. Unfortunately much of these financial assistance is distributed very late and some even after the completion of the course. There are also students who are in real need of help but are not covered by e-grants or scholarships. A new endeavor 'Care and Share' is envisaged by the College and a project proposal for the Scheme was prepared and submitted to the Directorate of Collegiate Education and got it approved. An initial fund of Rs. 80000 was mobilised for this purpose through voluntary donation from teachers and non teaching staff. The Care and Share programme has been formally inaugurated by Sri M. Nanda Kumar IAS, Director, Department of Collegiate Education, Government of Kerala. A Committee is constituted under the chairmanship of the Principal to go ahead with its registration and selection of beneficiaries.

### **Selection process**

Urgency and genuineness of need are the twin criteria for selection of the beneficiary. The selection process should not put the student under any kind of mental agony. If needed, the selection shall be based on a site inspection by a team of at least three members of the Executive committee.

### **Transparency and accountability**

The 'Care and Share' fund should have proper accountability. 'Care and Share' to be registered under the Thiru Kochi Scientific, literary and charitable Societies Registration Act 1955 with a well formulated bye-law with provision for audit of accounts with a

Chartered Accountant. The annual accounts are to be published and distributed to all stake holders..

## **Elder-Care**

Old-Age Care and the allied issues are perturbing the state for the last few decades. The responsible younger generation need to be sensitive to this burning issue. In this direction the college has designed an intelligent intervention. The college has understood the importance of new generation and their role in old age caring in the near future. If our students are trained or made aware of this issue, there can be a positive change in our society by caring the older generation. The purpose of this very programme is to address this issue in a systematic and scientific manner. The fragmentalised old age groups are purposively grouped in to three sections. Viz. the old age category with terminal immobility, old age category with slight or minor physical issues, and old category but capable of normal functions. These groups are engaged regularly with our peer groups from college and members of NGO (kudumbashree, prominent NGO in Kerala).

As a first step in this practice we have conducted a comprehensive survey of the selected three local self government bodies and the data base has made in to the form of directory. Kudumbashree, being the prominent NGO, which has been selected as the nodal agency of National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), has consented to undertake this project in the selected three panchayaths in the Chavara constituency due to the able guidance of the then MLA and Minister for Labour and Skills Shri.Shibu Babyjohn. To deliberate the issues on old age care, a meeting has been summoned. As result of this deliberation, a project report was prepared with the technical support of our students. Considering the social gravity of this issue, the State Rural Livelihood Mission has approved the entire project. Subsequently the project was taken up by the NRLM with the recommendations of the state government. The NRLM has sanctioned a lucrative sum of 30 lakhs per local body. Finally the project has got a flag off by the then Minister for Social Justice

Dr.M.K.Muneer. As a part of the social extension activity, the students are conducting a social audit to evaluate the socio- economic – psycho effects of this programme among the elderly community as a beneficiary.