



### *Internal Quality Assurance Cell*

## **Best Practice in Raj Narain College, Hajipur- 2**

1. **Title: Community Library for underprivileged children.**
2. **The Context:** Inducing children from underprivileged sections of the society towards school/college education has been a challenging task despite pouring of welfare schemes by the government. As many of these children/youth belong to illiterate/ moderately educated families, they are found lacking in adequate motivational urge for 'education'(say, higher education). In most of the primary schools at Hajipur, there is no provision of story-reading session, nor the availability of interesting story books. Exposure to only textbooks results in their aversion to studies at higher level.
3. **Objectives of the practice:**
  - i. To provide world-class story books to the children of the underprivileged sections in the surrounding areas
  - ii. To provide to them with an opportunity to explore the colourful world of imagination in the story books.
  - iii. To help them interact with the 'text' and thereafter grapple with 'ideas'.
  - iv. Finally to motivate them to continue their education even at the higher level.
4. **The Practice:**
  - i. The Library has been set up entirely with the donated children books, children magazines and interesting reading materials. ii. The teachers of the College, taking interest in this project, voluntarily donated books and magazines and also made collections from known sources. iii. Some teachers even made monetary contributions for this project. Iv. The Space for stacking and reading facilities have been provided in the campus by the College administration.
  - v. The working of the Community Library has been institutionalized with the constitution of a committee of four teachers and one support staff. The staff is entrusted with the work of opening the gate of the Library, which runs in the evening hours (between 4 to 6 p.m.).
5. **Obstacles faced if any and strategies adopted to overcome them:**
  - i. Adequate fund is required in order to procure suitable and interesting story books and magazines for the children. The College employee often becomes reluctant to render services for the Children Library. During long vacation, the issue of running the library becomes difficult.

In order to overcome the obstacles, the committee of the teachers managing the Children Library decided to make contributions for the purchase of story books. And, Postgraduate students and NSS Volunteers have been motivated to help manage the Library on rotational basis.
6. **Impact of the practice:**

The 'community library' has generated a positive response in the children of the locality, who every evening enthusiastically come to read the books and magazine of their choice. The



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smooth way in which they manage the upkeep of the reading materials and maintain the discipline is remarkable. It demonstrates their 'talent'. Some of the children have demanded that latest issues of magazines like Nandan and Chandamama should also be made available, which is indicative of their growing interest in written materials.

Creation of this facility of an open library for the children of the underprivileged sections in the surrounding areas provides them with an opportunity to explore the colourful world of imagination. It naturally leads them to interact with the 'text' and thereafter grapple with 'ideas', and finally motivate them to continue their education even at the higher level.

#### **7. Resources required:**

- i. Interesting story books, children's magazine like Nandan, Champak, Chandamama, etc. and illustrated books as published by National Book Trust that must catch the imagination of the innocent children.
- ii. Almirahs to stack the story books and magazines.
- iii. Sitting Space for the young readers.
- iv. An employee to take care of the facilities.

#### **8. About the Institution-**

- i. Name of the Institution : Raj Narain College, Hajipur
- ii. Year of Accreditation : 2015 (1<sup>st</sup> Cycle)
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