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THE CONTEXT: The College attracts a considerable number of students from rural area to apply for admission and they get admitted in our college on first come first basis. Unfortunately, on many occasions, poverty and lack of education of the parents compel them to marry off their daughters. In most cases, the in-laws of the married students do not encourage to educate which results in their irregularity and poor attendance.

A majority of the college students are from agriculture / minor farming / daily wage earning and many other survival level occupations happen to be the main stay. Many students from rural area who join the college inform us that they also help their parents earn their livelihood. These students who entertain hopes of a good future are also the potential drop outs. A part from the State Govt. Scholarships and other concession, the college extends all possible help to such students to enable them. It also aims at providing a friendly environment to determine the girl students 'basic rights to work and study with dignity and free mind. Therefore the college aims, with the help of Teachers' Council, Alumni Association and NSS Unit, takes necessary steps to minimize the above mentioned problems through support provided by different Counselling Sessions.

THE PRACTICE:

Women Empowerment has been a major concern of the College and the various departments of the college have undertaken the following programme:

Counselling of Parents - are provided through Parent Teacher Meet to change their fixed mind set regarding the position of women in society.

Early marriage – are addressed by the individual teachers and the counseling session are conducted thus enabling the married girls to share the hope of a better future.

Awareness Programme - is another noteworthy, Health Awareness, Pre-marriage Counselling, Adolescent Problems, etc

Hidden Talents: The College provides opportunities to the students to demonstrate their talents. Collegiate competitions such as debates, essay writing, Poster making, flower arrangement, dance; elocution, drama etc. are organized by the concern department.

Community Based Program: The community based program includes NSS, , strive to create feeling of patriotism sympathy for the less privileged. The NSS units organize camps at which the volunteers learn not only life skills but dignity of labor also. The NSS volunteers undertake cleanliness drives within the camps & in its periphery thus getting firsthand experience of what it takes to be a manual labour. They learn how to work synergistically with one another and they also discover their leadership potential, the camps also aim at

bringing forth the leadership potential of students while teaching them life skills and making them tough for the hard break up called life.

EVIDENCE OF SUCCESS: A positive attitudinal change can be seen among the girl students. Now the students actively take part in all the activities. They are more confidence. They are more aware & sensitized. Now they have become more courageous and stronger to face the challenges of life and they are more aware of their rights. The students who have been a part of this process have been spreading awareness in the institution and motivating others as well to stand fall for the cause of women empowerment and social upliftment. Participation in various socially relevant activities for women empowerment has imbibed,

Seminar on Sexuality of Adolescence girls



Seminar on Laws of Protection of Women

