

**Report on Best Practice introduced by Telugu Department, YA Government
College for Women, Chirala**

(2017-18 to 2020-21)

1. Title of the Practice: The joy of sharing-Visit to old age home and other vulnerable persons

2. Objectives of the Practice:

The programme relating to the above mentioned best practice was designed with the objective of creating awareness in the students regarding the problems faced by the elderly persons and social stigma faced by other vulnerable persons such as lepers and instilling in them a sense of social responsibility to treat such persons with respect and care.

3. The Context:

At present, the elderly persons in the society are left to fend for themselves without the physical and moral support of their children who may have settled at faraway places on account of their employment. Such elderly persons are deprived of the love and affection of their children and it is the responsibility of the society to create necessary social environment that encourages people to treat them with respect and care. The same applies to other vulnerable sections of the population such as lepers and corona affected persons. It was considered that it is essential to educate the students regarding the problems faced by the elderly persons and other vulnerable persons and inculcate the sense of responsibility towards their problems.

4. The Practice:

Beginning with the academic year 2017-18, the "Joy of sharing" programme was introduced by the Telugu Department, YA Govt. College for Women, Chirala, which was aimed at meeting the above mentioned objective. Twenty five students of First and Second year were taken for a visit to the Old age home at Hariprasad Nagar, Chirala on 18.09.2017. The students were accompanied by Smt. D. Dhatri Kumari, Lecturer in Telugu and another faculty member. The students interacted with the inmates of the old age home and distributed fruits to them. Further, during the same academic year, fifteen students along with five faculty members undertook a visit to the Leprosy colony, Vetapalem and distributed clothes and sweets to the lepers.

This programme has been continued during the subsequent years also. During the academic year 2018-19, twenty two students along with seven faculty members visited the Kotaiah old age home and orphanage, Chirala in connection with Independence day celebrations on 15.08.2018 and distributed rice, groceries and sweets to aged people. During the same year, a visit to Bhavani Old age home was made by sixteen students and five faculty members on 08.03.2019 and they distributed fruits to the inmates.

During the academic year 2019-20, twenty students along with three faculty members visited the Kotaiah old age home, Chirala on 06.03.2020 and distributed clothes, oil and soaps to aged people. During the academic year 2020-21, a programme was undertaken by the faculty member Smt. D. Dhatri Kumari to provide succor to the vulnerable persons adversely affected by the covid-19 pandemic by visiting and distributing the groceries and financial assistance to them.

5. Evidence of Success:

The 'Joy of sharing' programme implemented over the period of four academic years has elicited very good response from the students and enabled them to develop social consciousness and sense of social responsibility towards the elderly persons and other vulnerable people in the society and the need to devote our time, attention and resources for alleviating their problems.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

7. Notes (Optional)

Activity Name: Visit to Old Age Home

Date: 18-09-2017

Objective: To educate the students about the problems that the elderly experience and how to respect and care for them.

Description: Smt.D.DhatriKumari, Lecturer in Telugu, and I and II Year Students visited old age home, Hariprasad Nagar, Chirala and distributed fruits to the aged people.

Outcome: Students felt a sense of Social responsibility and the need to care for older people.

No of Students Participated: 25

No of Faculty Involved: 02



Activity Name: Cloths and Sweets Distribution to Lepers

Date: 08-03-2018

Objective: To get rid of the stigma about the people suffering and recovered from Leprosy.

Description: Smt. D. DhatriKumari, Lecturer in Telugu, participated in Clothes and Sweets distribution to the poor and needy.

Outcome: Students felt sense of Social responsibility and the need to take care of lepers.

No of Students Participated: 15

No of Faculty Involved: 05



Activity Name: Visit to Old age Home

Date: 15-08-2018

Objective: To educate the students about the issues that older people face and how to respect and care for them.

Description: Smt. D. DhatriKumari, Lecturer in Telugu, and I and II year students visited Kotaiah Old Age Home and Orphanage in connection with Independence Day Celebrations and distributed rice, groceries and sweets to the aged people.

Outcome: Students felt sense of Social responsibility and caring for older people.

No of Students Participated: 22

No of Faculty Involved: 07





Activity Name: Visit to Oldage Home

Date: 08-03-2019

Objective: To educate the students about the issues that older people face and how to respect and care for them.

Description: Smt. D. DhatriKumari, Lecturer in Telugu, and I and II year students visited Bhavani Oldage Home, Church Road, Chirala and distributed fruits to the aged people.

Outcome: Students felt sense of Social responsibility and caring for older people.

No of Students Participated: 16

No of Faculty Involved: 05



Activity Name: Visit to Oldage Home

Date: 06-03-2020

Objective: To develop a sense of empathy, responsibility and respect towards the elders.

Description: Smt. D. DhatriKumari, Lecturer in Telugu, and I and II year students visited Kotaiah Old Age Home, Chirala and distributed clothes, oil and soaps.

Outcome: Through interaction with elderly people, students connected better with them and understand their perceptions

No of Students Participated: 20

No of Faculty Involved: 03





Activity Name: Groceries distribution to Corona effected poor people

Date: 27-05-2020

Description: Dr. D. Dhatri Kumari, Lecturer in Telugu, distributed groceries and money for the needy during the covid-19 pandemic.



