### **Key Indicator 7.2 - Best Practices**

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

The two best practices successfully implemented by the college are Full Scholarship for Orphans and Phoenix.

# **Best Practice 1**

Title:

## **Full Scholarship for Orphans**

Objective of the Practice:

The objective of this practice is to provide opportunity for orphans from recognised orphanages of Nagaland to avail higher education at the undergraduate level so that they can realise their dreams and obtain employment for enhancing their quality of life.

The Context:

Extension service is one of the extracurricular activities of the college. One of the extension services is visit to orphanages. Visit to orphanages inspired the institution to offer full scholarship to two orphans from any recognised orphanage of Nagaland.

The Practice:

The practice is advertised in the local newspapers and social media. Orphanages are contacted and informed about it. The scholarship is for the entire undergraduate programmes. Two orphans are enrolled every year to the first semester of any programme, Arts or Science, on first come first basis. For availing the scholarship, the

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candidate is required to submit a certificate from the orphanage where he/she resides. In an academic year, six orphans benefit from the scholarship. The college keeps in touch with the orphanages of the beneficiaries.

Evidence of success:

The college initiated this practice in the year 2018. It enrolled three orphans for the year. Hard work, dedication and perseverance are seen in the student beneficiaries. Three orphans graduated in 2021. This is a clear evidence of the success of the programme. The college is hopeful that these students will grow up to be leaders, be prosperous in their lives and be a guiding force in their communities.

Problems encountered and resources required:

The college would like to enrol more orphans, but lack of hostel facility has been a hindrance to this practice. Besides, there are years when there are no orphans from any orphanage for undergraduate study.

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### **Best Practice 2**

Title:

### Phoenix

**Objectives of the Practice:** 

Phoenix is an inter-collegiate talent hunt which has been conceptualized to provide a platform for the students to showcase their talents. The event will help students to learn communication and social skills, allowing them to be creative and think out of the box. The event will witness students in any creative field such as singing, mimicry, dance, flash art, magic show, stand-up comedy, cosplay and other areas. The event will be conducted every year in the month of August.

#### The Context:

Naga youth and students have rich creative and artistic talents, but there is a need to explore and invest in their creative abilities. This can be achieved through platforms of exhibition on creative art that can help their inner creative spirits. Phoenix is one of such platforms. It provides space and paves the way for the students to hone, showcase and promote their inherent talents.

The Practice:

The flyer of the "Phoenix" event is distributed to every college in Nagaland. The concept note of the event is presented in the flyer. Events of any creative fields such as singing, mimicry, dance, flash art, magic show, stand-up comedy, cosplay and any other fields are showcased. The event has a panel of judges, who are professionals in

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various fields of art, culture and literature. The first Phoenix event was conducted under the theme 'Eclectic Effervescent Effulgent' on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2019. The winners were awarded cash prizes: First - Rs.15,000, Second - Rs.10,000, Third - Rs.5000 and five consolation prizes of Rs. 1000 each. The event will be conducted annually.

Evidence of success:

A total of 13 (thirteen) colleges took part in the first "Phoenix" event on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2019. Various performances such as singing, dance, instrumental pieces and mimicry were showcased. The event was a grand success. By promoting such talent hunt, the college creates avenue for the students to achieve success through pursuing their talents.

Problems encountered and resources required:

The event was a grand success. However, organizing such a big event is always a challenge for the organizing committee. Some of the notable problems and challenges encountered are lack of sponsorship and participation of far flung colleges.

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