

Adoption of Slum

Taking the role of social responsibility a step ahead, R. D. S. College has started the practice of adopting slums as part of extension activities. Our college through various programmes under NSS, Teachers' Association, etc, frequently visits nearby slum areas or schools within those areas to understand ground realities.

Objectives of the Practice

The main aims and objectives of the programme are as follows:

- To bring awareness among the slum dwellers on the importance of education, legal literacy, and other relevant issues;
- To motivate them to be self-sufficient;
- To encourage the spirit of charity and social work among students, teachers, and staff members of the college;
- To make the members of our college understand the social responsibility, we have towards our fellow citizens.

The Context

The practice of adopting slums is being encouraged in our college very seriously. This practice makes us aware of the problems that our fellow citizens face on a day-to-day basis. This makes us realize that we have social responsibility towards our fellow citizens and it is imperative to do some philanthropic work to ameliorate the living conditions of people in the slum areas.

The Practice

The college regularly visits nearby slum areas and the schools existing in those slums to frequently assess the situation. The college has adopted *Rajkiya Prathmic Vidyalaya in Bhikanpura, Muzaffarpur*. The teachers' association along with the Principal regularly visits the school to distribute stationery items, food packets, uniforms, etc. Some teachers also go there in their free time to take classes in the school. Under the aegis of NSS, teachers, students, and volunteers visit the slum area of Sadpura and Attardah region of Muzaffarpur for the special campaign on education and health. Through these programmes, not only the people of slums are benefitted, the teachers are also encouraged to actively participate in social work and charity and eventually become philanthropists.

Evidence of Success

The practice is highly successful as is evidenced by the fact that the school which we have adopted is having high enrollment. People from far off slum areas are also sending their children to this school. The teachers and students in that school are now more regular than

before. Also, the NSS team is always in high demand for organizing social awareness programmes in the slum areas. Awareness about importance of education has greatly increased in these slum areas, as children from most of the families are going to schools.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required

The major problem encountered for this programmes is identification of slum areas which needs immediate attention. Also mobilizing students and teachers towards this cause is a herculean task. Not many are willing to donate generously and also sometimes lack of volunteers is also an issue.