

## **Annexure-III**

### **Best Practices for 2013-14**

**Title:** Establishment of extra admission and fee counters at remote locations (Guptakashi and Ukhimath) for the students of distant area.

#### **Background:**

The natural calamity of June 2013 (16/17 June 2013) has severely impacted the backbone of the whole Kedarnath valley of Uttarakhand state. It has affected each and every sector and segment of society. The low-lying areas near the river edges were completely vanished due to the floods and following landslides. There was a great loss of life and property (houses, shops etc). Road connectivity in the whole area was severely hampered. The community as a whole is in dire need of financial / mental and social support. The negative impact on the educational environment in such a period of calamity can be easily understood. Re-establishment and maintenance of the proper educational environment is a great challenge for the college. Only positive attitude and motivation can help in facing and overcoming the challenges posed by calamity.

#### **Objectives:**

- Motivating parents and students.
- Easing the enrollment process by setting camp offices near the students.

The road connectivity of whole area was severely impacted. It was very difficult for people of distant village to reach places for the basic needs of food, shelter, medicine etc. There were masses of dead bodies lying and rotting for search of proper cremation ground. Army, NGO and various organizations, social workers, local people, students all were involved in relief work on a large scale. In this period of grave pain, when everyone is struggling for the basic amenities of life, enrolling for higher education (i.e. taking admission and attending classes) takes a back seat. But life goes on and we all have to move forward. And it was thus the responsibility of the college staff (both Teaching and Non teaching) to make all possible efforts in various directions for bringing back the situation to a normal level. Therefore, firstly for maintenance of normal situation the college staff (Teaching and Non-teaching) actively involved themselves in various social works like small repairs in and around college, distribution of essential commodities (under various calamity relief programs) to the needy and affected. For smooth running of classes during the session, remote admission and fee counters were established for students at far-off places (Guptakashi and Ukhimath). Also, parents were asked to encourage their wards for maximum enrollment despite all the hardships.

#### **Obstacles:**

The staff had to face problems in the form of initial no-response from parents and students. They had to stay longer in far-off places away from their families (and in absence of basic amenities) for this task.

#### **Impact:**

The establishment of remote counters for admission and fee deposition with the active involvement of the teaching and non-teaching staff of the college helped in an appreciable enrollment of students, especially girls. This was quite motivational for the college staff also as the whole road network around the region was badly damaged and it was otherwise quite difficult for students and parents to participate in the admission process.

## **Best Practices for 2013-14**

**Title:** Active participation of college Teaching and Non-Teaching staff and students with NGOs like Goonj for distribution of essential commodities in the region during the disaster period.

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### **Objectives:**

- Motivate the community as a whole including parents and students.

The road connectivity of whole area was severely impacted. It was very difficult for people of distant village to reach places for the basic needs of food, shelter, medicine etc. There were masses of dead bodies lying and rotting for search of proper cremation ground. Army, NGOs and various organizations, social workers, local people, students all were involved in relief work on a large scale. The college staff (Teaching and Non-teaching) also actively involved themselves in various social works like small repairs in and around college, distribution of essential commodities to needy and affected

Various NGOs like Goonj, Reliance foundation, Ram Krishna Mission were contacted and they agreed to offer their help. They made camps at the college campus. Teaching and Non-Teaching staff and students helped them in the packaging and distribution of the essential commodities, first aid kits, solar lights, clothes, drinking water kits etc. to needy and affected persons in the nearby region. Any higher educational institute must bear a moral responsibility towards such social causes and connect with the society in such a period of grief. And it is a matter of great pleasure that our college spearheaded these responsibilities by aiding the various NGOs in their relief campaigns.

### **Impact:**

This act not only motivated the college staff but also helped us in connecting with the society. Our interactions with the parents and their wards during these activities helped in creating a positive educational environment in the valley. It encouraged the parents to enroll their wards in the college and also encouraged students to attend classes. It encouraged them to move forward with a positive approach as life goes on. Quite appreciable enrolment during the session was the reflection of the efforts made by the college staff.