

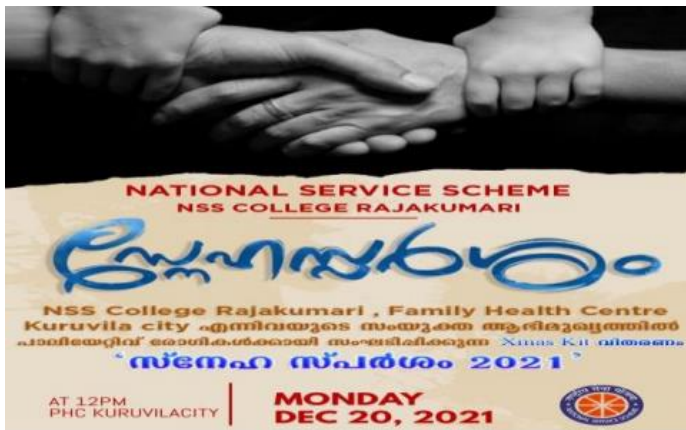
1. Title of the Practice: *Snehasparsham*

Goal: To extend financial support as well as other assistance like food items, dress materials etc to needy public nearby college.

Context: The National Service Scheme of our institution, with the help of family health centre, Rajakumari identified twenty bedridden patients nearby our college who were financially backward. These patients were badly in need of external assistance for their survival. Also three patients suffering from cancer, kidney trouble were shortlisted.

Practice: The twenty families were supplied with food kits, dress materials and Christmas cake worth Rs. 1000/- each at their home during X'mas festival. The three severely affected patients were assisted with a financial support of Rs. 24000/- for their immediate medical needs.

Evidence of success: The beneficiaries expressed great happiness for the timely help offered by the institution. Assistance to celebrate X'mas was deeply acknowledged by them. The financial assistance helped the patients to meet their expenditures in connection with their medical treatment.



2. Title of the Practice: *The Book Archive*

Goal

The Department of Computer Applications introduced the novel concept of —The Book Archive —to help poor students in its roll. The info archive gives an opportunity for the students to refer text books and study materials free of cost.

The Context

Most of the students studying BCA course comes from families of very poor financial background. The text books and reference books for the course are costly and are not affordable to most of them. Based on the feedback obtained from the students of previous batches, the department introduced the concept of info archive to help the needed students. The department introduced the practice in the academic year 2011-12 in which passing out students are directed to contribute as many text books as they can to the department. Now the info archive of the department has nearly 350 books contributed by the final year students of past 10 years.

The Practice

The Book Archive constitutes the reference books and text books for the BCA students. The students can refer books during their free time or in the morning / afternoon sessions. The books are kept in the department and are readily available for reference. The department is planning to increase the number of books with the help of its alumni. The alumni who are well placed can donate books to the department as a token of appreciation for the help they received during their study in this college. The main difficulty which may arise is the maintenance of the old books, and another concern is the space for storing the books. Now the books are available for reference only and we need to have the service of a librarian if lending of books is to be introduced.

Evidence of Success

The present crop of students in the department feels they are highly benefitted from the concept of getting the study material free of cost. The books are frequently referred which itself speaks volumes on the success of the practice.

