

Describe at least two institutional best practices:

Our Management felicitates International gold medalist player with cash reward of 10000 Rupees Chaudhry Sheetal K. who won gold medal in Taekwondo in the international level tournament held in Dehradun on 29 & 30th September 2018.

The NSS volunteers of our institution teach the children of slum areas of the city during 5 to 6 in the evening from Monday to Friday even those children who have not sought Admission in in any school or even those children who are dropouts.

Our institution hosts Khel MahaKumbh- A mega sports event for the differently abled children from the city school as well as the children from the school of the surrounding villages.

Charity Run for Unity organised by Special Olympics Gujarat on 31st January 2018. The event was graced as a chief guest by the renowned International Russian soccer player Mr Victor from Ahmedabad Defenders team. In which Mr. Sanjay Thorat Was declared the runner of Gandhinagar. 156 Female students participated in 4.5 km run and mentally retarded players in the 1 km run.

Umang Utsav competition organised by Gandhinagar district office 5th February 2018 our institution hosted the same.

Our institution hosted the zonal level Kho Kho tournament of Khel Mahakumbh on 16th September 2018. Our institution hosted the zonal level volleyball tournament of Khel MahaKumbh on 28 September 2018.

Organizing a three-day Sports Event for the Differently-abled, which includes the deaf & dumb, physically handicapped and even the Divyanjana.

The objective of the practice is to create a platform to assimilate the differently-abled children of society into the mainstream. We wish to send a strong message to society at large that in the march of the nation towards progress, the differently-abled should not be ignored. A nation succeeds and becomes powerful only when an all-inclusive progress and development is aimed at; exclusive push to a few privileged of the society will never yield rich results, and the society will not remain together as a united force, as was visualized by Gandhiji.

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Each year, in the month of December or January, as the academic calendar permits, the College decides to hold the three day Sports Fest for the Differently-abled. For the same, a circular is sent out to all such organisations in the city which provide special education to the differently-abled. Word-by-mouth is also spread around. Over the years this event has become so successful that we have begun to receive queries from interested participants in the month of November.

A detailed plan is chalked out and a three-day itinerary is prepared. Various sporting events like athletics, kho-kho, kabbaddi, cricket, long jump, high jump and others are arranged. The College playground is prepared well in advance. Flyers are sent to the organisations that provide education to the differently-abled much in advance; registrations for every sporting event is done in advance.

The students from the College enroll as volunteers, and help in noting entries, directing the students to the ground on the days of the event, helping them compete, keep the time, select the winners, note down their names, and help them on the podium and many other things. The Faculty members also participate enthusiastically in the organization of this Sports Event.

The Volunteer students are provided badges by the College; they arrive early in the morning at the Campus, and as per the duties allotted to them, they spread out and take charge. There is a special team which is always ready with a first-aid kit; some students are involved in measuring the events like long- jump, high-jump, shot put etc.

The Director of Physical Education, is in over-all charge of the Event. He does all the planning along with the Principal and the committee in charge of this Event. The College invites all the members of the Governing Body to grace the Inaugural and the Closing Ceremony of the Games.

The participation every year in the Games has been steadily on the rise. For the differently-abled children (up to the age limit of 22), this is a rare kind of opportunity, which is generally not to be

had during the year. A large number of participants therefore register as soon as the dates of the Games are announced. The local press has also covered the event on a number of occasions. The increased number of students from the College who enlist as volunteers is also an evidence of how successful this practice has been. The volunteers have to display patience and warmth towards all the participants so that the Games are conducted in an amicable atmosphere. The guardians and teachers of the participants have also begun to attend the events to cheer their ward/student.

From the very outset, the idea of organizing a Sports Event for the differently-abled did not go down very well with everyone. It was naturally thought to be deficient in terms of organizational value and interest shown in it by participants. Paucity of funds was of course the biggest barrier. But collectively the vision of the entire Teaching Staff of the College and that of the Principal persisted and the Games were organized. In the first year, there were undoubtedly lot of teething troubles. Low participation was also a factor. But this did not deter the College from organizing it the next year as well. Since then, it has become a yearly event.

A sizable amount of man power is required as each year the number of participants has been increasing. The refreshments, clean drinking water, washroom facilities, parking and others all have to be considered and appropriate arrangements have to be made.