



NORTH KAMRUP COLLEGE, BAGHMARA

BEST PRACTICES FOR THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2021-22

1. **TITLE:** GOING BACK TO THE ROOTS (INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM)

OBJECTIVE: The principal objective of this practice is to integrate and disseminate the IKS within the college education system.

CONTEXT: The National Educational Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) recommends the incorporation of Indian Knowledge System (IKS) into the curriculum at all levels of education. According to NEP, "The heritage of ancient and eternal IKS and thought has been a guiding light for this Policy. The pursuit of Knowledge (Jñāna), wisdom (Prajñā), and truth (Satya) was always considered in Indian thought and philosophy as the highest human goal. ... The Indian education system produced great scholars such as Charaka, Susruta, Aryabhata, Varahamihira, Bhaskaracharya, Brahmagupta, Chanakya, Chakrapani Datta, Madhava, Panini, Patanjali, Nagarjuna, Gautama, Pingala, Sankardev, Maitreyi, Gargi and Thiruvalluvar, among numerous others, who made seminal contributions to world knowledge in diverse fields such as mathematics, astronomy, metallurgy, medical science and surgery, civil engineering, architecture, shipbuilding and navigation, yoga, fine arts, chess, and more. Indian culture and philosophy have had a strong influence on the world. These rich legacies to world heritage must be nurtured and preserved for posterity and researched, enhanced, and put to new uses through our education system." To implement this vision, the college has adopted various initiatives and incorporated them under this best practice for the session.

PRACTICE: In accordance to the vision of NEP 2020, the college has taken various initiatives to return to the roots of our nation and its knowledge system.

- International Yoga Day was celebrated on 21st June, 2022 highlighting the theme, "Yoga for Humanity". It is an ancient practice that originated in India and has gained popularity globally for its mental, spiritual and physical benefits.
- World Philosophy Day was celebrated on 17th November, 2022 on the theme "The Human of the Future". Resource Persons highlighted especially on Indian Philosophy and spoke about "Bharatiya Dhristi" based on Srimanta Sankardeva's darshan and Swami Vivekananda.
- 400th Birth Anniversary of Lachit Borphukan was observed from 19th to 23rd November, 2022 by the college. Various programmes like Essay Competition, Quiz Competition, Lecture Programme etc was organised based on the history of Assam and the reign of Ahom kingdom. A documentary on Bir Lachit Borphukan was also screened for the students to create awareness amongst them about Assamese Culture and to instil nationalist feeling.
- International Mother Tongue Day was celebrated on 21st February, 2023 wherein the importance of Mother Tongue (Assamese and Bodo) was discussed extensively.
- Birth Anniversary of Chandraprabha Saikiani was observed by the college in collaboration with an adopted school so as to enlighten the students about the Assamese freedom fighter, activist and social reformer.
- Lecture Programme on History of Assam and Indian Knowledge System was organised by the college on 13th May, 2023.

- Annual Lecture Programme was held on 25th May, 2023 on the topic, “Reconstruction of Assam’s History and Role of the Youth”.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED: None

2. TITLE: PUSTAK PRATHA- THE READING CULTURE

OBJECTIVE: The primary objective of this practice is to develop a culture of reading books/journals so as to enhance cultural understanding of the world and to foster a thinking/talking culture around books among our students.


CONTEXT: Reading transcends class, race, age, and gender. It’s a free magic carpet ride to anywhere on Earth (or beyond), at any point in time. Every child, regardless of age or ability, deserves to be able to access the written word. Readers who go on to develop a life-long love of literature not only decode, segment, and blend with ease, they have a genuine adoration for the power of prose. In order to stimulate a lasting love of reading, it’s crucial that we build a strong reading culture in schools. In this day and age of increased screen time, there is a rising fear that students’ reading habits are declining. Hence, our college has taken up several means to enhance this culture that makes it one of the best practices for the session.

PRACTICE:

To encourage the reading habit amongst our students and develop it as a culture, following are the steps taken by the institution:

1. Best Reader Award: Our college provides a Best Reader Award to our students every year. The selection takes place on basis of the visits made by a student and their attendance in the college central library. Later on, the shortlisted students are interviewed to determine their aptitude and awarded the title.
2. Library Orientation Programme: A Library Orientation programme is organised every year to familiarise the students with the central library, the resources available in it and the ways to access it, when and if needed by the students.
3. Departmental Library Access: Each department has their libraries of which students have full access of reading and lending books.
4. Book Donation: Existing and Retired faculties of the college donate books to the library making it available for students, especially the economically- backward ones.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED: None


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