

Title of the practice

‘My birthday gift to College Library’

The context that required the initiation of the practice

Today everyone celebrate birthdays in different manner irrespective of financial status. Due to the widespread application of mobile technology and social mediate people get detached from library, books and reading. They are less interested by buying books. In this context, as part of the birthday celebrations, an individual donates a book to the library which takes place in a solemn function.

Objectives of the practice

1. To create an emotional attachment to the library among the teachers and students.
2. To celebrate the birthday in an academic way.
3. To inculcate a habit of giving gifts instead of receiving on birthdays.

The Practice

On the birthday of a student or teacher, he/she donate a book to the College library. The principal or another senior teacher receives the gift on behalf of the college. The teachers in the department and friends of the person who celebrate birthday, the librarian of the college library and the co-ordinator of literary club will be present during the function. The person is also given a gift on behalf of the college library.

Obstacles faced if any and strategies adopted to overcome them

Certain individuals who are not interested in celebrating their birthday are abstaining from this best practice. Still they are also persuaded to come forward with a gift to the college library.

Impact of the practice

The impact of the practice among the stake holders is enormous. Most of the students and staff are coming forward with gifts to the library. Certain classes have unanimously decided that they together as a class will purchase the gift (book) on the birthday of every student in the class. Certain individuals have donated books on behalf of all their family members. All these instances show that there is a tremendous impact for this best practice. As stated in the

first objective, this practice creates an emotional attachment to the library among students and teachers because library contains the book that they have contributed. In the library, a separate collection called 'birthday collections' is also arranged.

Resources required

From the institution's side no much resource is required. The person is gifted back with a small token of thanks.