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ASHIRVACHANAM – MORNING ASSEMBLY

The purpose of the assembly is multifaceted. It teaches punctuality, discipline and obedience and brings out the leadership skills of students. It serves to disseminate important information, celebrate achievements, discuss campus issues, promote upcoming events, or provide a platform for guest speakers to share insights or expertise.

Objectives:

- To create a positive outlook in the student's mindset, improve student's concentration and provide mental relaxation.
- To guide students towards seeking positive goals through education.
- To provide a platform for the students to gain experience in public speaking skills and keep them abreast of current affairs.
- To motivate the students to participate and build a positive competitive spirit.
- To instil patriotic spirit and encourage the students to contribute towards nation building.

Context

- After graduating & post graduating students come to pursue the professional degree in B.Ed. College. These students often interpret that college life will be as freedom from shackles that their degree colleges have burdened them with. This initial exuberance often results in them straying away from academic and career goals.
- The college, therefore, felt the need to evolve a system to stimulate them towards reaching for the goals they had set for themselves when they enrolled in the college.

- An atmosphere of self-discipline, focus and positivity, which would motivate students reach their goals, was thus envisaged.
- Along with elements of spirituality, self-motivation, and nationalism were instilled into the Deeksha and Deekshant ceremonies in the form of **ASHIRVACHANAM** to awaken these noble ideas in the students' minds and hearts.

The Practice

The attainment of wisdom begins with 'Deeksha', or the initiation ceremony. Here, students commit themselves to follow the path laid down by the teachers. Students are oriented about the institution, rules, regulations, norms and practices they must follow during their journey of learning. The Morning Assembly is conducted every day which helps create healthy environment for teaching and learning. It motivates students as well as faculty members to focus on teaching learning process. The Assembly is addressed by the Principal on several occasions regarding college affairs. It is followed by the announcement regarding academic or co-curricular activities, as and when required. It has an organized structure that has been designed to facilitate the holistic growth of the student, and set a positive tone for the hectic day in the life of the student.

Students Council is the forum of the college for various co-curricular activities like Debate, Elocution, Quiz, Essay Writing, Talent Show, etc. The assembly also has a brief current events program announcing the major national, international, sports, economy and entertainment news and Thought for the Day. These brief event of 30 minutes include spiritual, academic and co-curricular aspects. The Morning Assembly serves as a great means of dissemination of information among teachers and students. It also serves as a part of the curriculum of our B.Ed. students who are actively engaged in the conduct of the Assembly as part of their CCA (Co-curricular activity).



At the end of the two - year degree program, the ‘Deekshant’ ceremony indicating the end of the formal education process in the college is conducted. Here students are asked to share the experience about their journey during the degree program. On this day, students are guided to take the first step towards their career and are urged to take every positive thing that they learned during

their student life to create a footprint while walking on the path of their career, profession and social life.

Evidence of Success

The success of any practice cannot always be quantitatively or empirically determined. It can often be gauged from the positive feedback it draws from the students and the staff alike. After the Morning Assembly was initiated, an increase in the concentration of the student is visible, improvement of their communication skill, removal of stage fear and positive contribution of the students towards nation building is observed. The Assembly practice empower students by involving them in the planning, organization, and execution of assemblies, thereby promoting leadership skills, teamwork, and initiative-taking. This helps students in organizing the Fine Arts Competitions and Sports events with ease and harmony. Organizing educational sessions, workshops, or presentations, personal development, career readiness, health and wellness, diversity, and social issues are promoted among students which is the success of this practice.

Problems encountered and resources required

It is not possible for all the students to arrive on time for the Assembly as 90% of the students depend on local transport. As a result some students always miss the daily assembly.