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**BEST PRACTICE NO.1: MENTOR SYSTEM FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED
AND BLIND STUDENTS**

Goal:

The very pioneer of the institution, being a blind throughout, heavily burdened to extend all possible help and facilities to uplift downtrodden, underprivileged, Physically Handicapped and Blind students. They should be lifted to become self reliant in all aspects.

The Context:

The motto of the college is "NOT TO BE SELF, BUT TO BE HELP" is brought to practice with this program. The pioneer of the institution Dr.Puttaraja Panchaxara Gavaigalavaru was a blind and great spiritual leader, sacrificed entire life span to appease God in carrying out God's mission to help downtrodden, underprivileged, Physically Handicapped, Blind students. Gadag is academically, economically not developed and improved city. Various villages surrounded with Gadag and neighbouring places found many physically handicapped, blind, under privileged. The pioneer of the institution felt the dire need of addressing the needs of these categories of communities. This has motivated and inspired to establish an institution so that children belonging to the above said categories can get minimum qualifications and skills, thereby such students can survive and support family throughout with the help of nurtured skills, training. Initially started with music classes and later started establishing educational institutions at various levels.

The Practice:

Institution has ashrama, wherein aforesaid students can feel comfortable to stay throughout their career right from childhood to adult stage. Ashram devotees collect the database from the city, villages, neighbouring surroundings, various places, etc., so that students can be connected with this ashrama and become part of ashrama. Most of the students got benefitted and got highest possible qualifications. The impact of which, most of our students are established at various levels. Most important point here is that Management takes no charges from students belonging to the above categories and provided them education, shelter, food and all other facilities so that they can become main pillars of our country and living examples of successful individuals.

Northen part of Karnataka, our's is the only management which has recorded maximum number of blind students. Even the present President of our Management is the alumni of our institution and purely His Excellency our Hon'ble President is blind. Identifying the skills and hidden talents among blind students, they can be given training accordingly and skills on musical instruments, singing talents have been nurtured so that they can become self reliant.

Evidence of Success:

- Most students have become self reliant.
- Many students have got settled in Government / Semi – Government / NGOs.
- Every year strength of blind students is sustaining and improving regularly.
- One of our alumni who is blind is our Management President.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

Initially it has become very much challenging for the pioneers. Whatever contributions getting through Tulabhara – (which is done for the greatest devotees), that amount is spent for these children. Finance was the main constraint to carry out social concern. But the very commitment and dedications of great Pandit Panchaxara Gavaigalavaru, this mission has become greatly successful and now Government of Karnataka considered most of our education institutions in grant-in-aid code so that institution and management can continue its mission work.


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