



Sophia Girls' College (Autonomous), Ajmer

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BEST PRACTICES

1. TITLE: INSTITUTIONAL SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

OBJECTIVES

- ✚ To inculcate social awareness, and environmentally responsible behaviour among staff and students
- ✚ To nurture students as citizens with moral, ethical and social values so as to provide service to the society
- ✚ To create awareness among students and staff towards their responsibility for societal development.
- ✚ To sensitize the students to reach out to the marginalized and underprivileged sections of the society.

THE CONTEXT: Sophia Girls' College is true to its core values by contributing in society's development and promoting inclusive growth. The Institution nurtures the sense of social sensitivity and instills moral, ethical and social values in the staff and students so that they contribute towards nation- building.

THE PRACTICE: Institutional Social Responsibility is one of the mainstays of Sophia Girls' College and we as an Institution believe that our role is not simply limited to imparting knowledge and skills to the students. The Institution is committed to implant eternal values in the Staff and students so as to enable them to become beacons of light and ambassadors of humanity. Stress is given on individual development keeping in mind the changing needs of the society. The College is very considerate towards the marginalized and deprived sections of the society. It offers fee waivers, concessions and other financial aids to the children of the maintenance staff, children of single parents, COVID affected families and other needy students. Medical charity is given to the deserving families.

The College students during their free time visit the students of Government Schools of the vicinity and conduct remedial classes for the slow learners besides teaching them health and hygiene. They also give their best efforts to enhance the academic, personal and interpersonal skills of the students who are coming from economically backward families. The NSS volunteers provide free coaching daily in the evening in the College Campus for one hour to around 200 needy and under-privileged children of the nearby villages

Education is the greatest wealth one can ever have. But in an educationally backward area like Rajasthan where education is not a priority parents of poor families prefer to keep their children at home as household and farms help or sent them out to work as cheap labour. Keeping this in mind every year the Staff and students of the College visit nearby villages and donate books and clothes to the poor and needy children giving them incentives to go back to school.

Blood Donation Camps are organized regularly and the students donate their blood to save the lives of people, especially the Thalassemia patients. The staff and Students visit the adopted villages and social awareness programmes are organized on a regular basis.

In order to make the students more humane and sensitive to the needs of the marginalized sections of the Society, they are taken to AIDS Centers, Destitute Homes, Schools for special children, to Old Age Homes, Prisons etc., where they interact with these less fortunate brethren of our society, distribute sweets and necessary items and conduct programmes on various occasions.

EVIDENCE OF SUCCESS: Sophia Girls' College (Autonomous), Ajmer has prepared committed responsible women who after graduating from the Institution are competent to undertake the social and community responsibilities with confidence. Many of our ex-students are holding respectful positions in the society and are making an effective contribution to Community, Society and Nation.

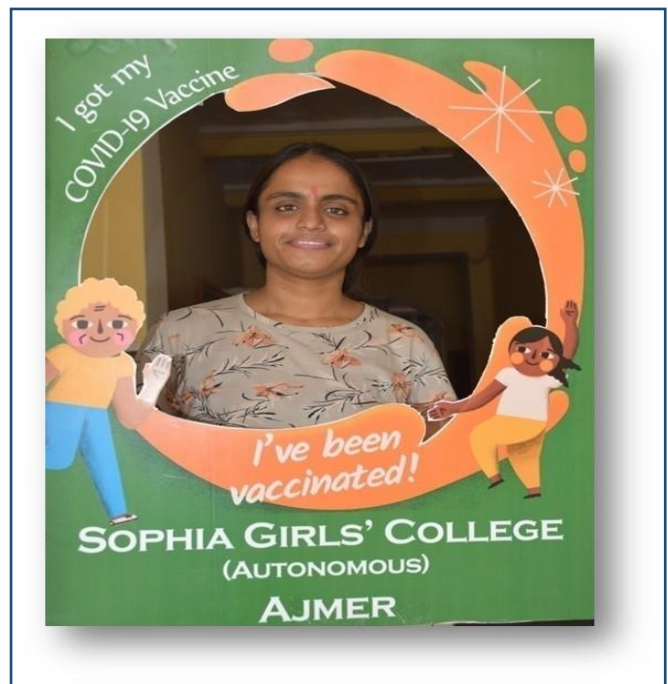
In order to lend a helping hand to the victims of natural calamities, the Management, Staff and Students have contributed a handsome amount of money as relief funds.

As Covid-19 gripped the world and affected the living conditions and morale of millions of people, the Institution actively got involved in combating challenges related to social, economic, psychological and health related issues of the victims. The students were given awareness on topics like social distancing, sanitization, use of face masks, ways to protect people from community spreading of the pandemic, etc., through social media.

Sophia College stood true to its core values by engaging in various charitable acts like preparing and distributing food, ration, masks, sanitizers etc., to the poor and needy, especially migrant workers, and people staying in slums, road side, etc.

From raising funds for people who lost their livelihoods to distributing ration to the needy, from arranging medical supplies and spreading social awareness to motivating people through free music, dance and yoga classes; our Sophian Angels of hope, help and joy left no stone unturned in spreading the message of love and humanity to the Society.

Thus, College has given its best to address the Socio-Economic issues faced by the poor and needy of our society.



PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED

- ✚ Time Constraints
- ✚ Lack of Transport Facilities
- ✚ Financial Limitations

2. TITLE: COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES

OBJECTIVES:

- ✚ To create a network of Academic and non-Academic platforms that will aid in the holistic development of our students.
- ✚ To introduce the students to the challenges and opportunities of the professional world and make them globally competitive.
- ✚ To observe these professional organizations and inculcate their expertise in the future developments of the Institution.
- ✚ To encourage research among the Staff and students by providing them more inclusive academic exposure.
- ✚ To encourage appreciation of multidimensional nature of human society among the students.

THE CONTEXT:

Modern academic institutions must equip the students not only with adequate professional skills but also with enough practical experience to navigate through the competitive and demanding world. Being located in the town of Ajmer, the Institution is perpetually in danger of becoming stagnated due to lack of exposure. To avoid inertia, Sophia has been building a network of MOUs and collaborations with various national and international organizations.

THE PRACTICE: Sophia Girls' College has enhanced its competency and research skills through various Collaborations and Linkages. International Staff & Student Exchange Programmes are organized to increase global awareness, to encourage the development of cross-cultural perspectives, and to broaden career skills through direct in-service experiences.

The Exchange Programmes conducted by the College during the session 2019-2020 were:

- An International Staff & Student Exchange Program from 27th January, 2020 to 2nd February, 2020. Around eighty students and staff members from 10 Colleges of India and Nepal participated in it.
- An International Student Exchange Program at Singapore Institute of Management (SIM) from 10th October to 17th October 2019. Seven students and a staff participated in an International Development Training Programme organized by SIES.

A two-day International Workshop on 'Real Life Application of Machine Learning and Image Processing using MATLAB' was organized in collaboration with Computer Society of India, Udaipur Chapter, on 17th and 18th December 2019.

A Two-day International Conference on Water was organized in collaboration with Ministry of Jal Shakti, Irrigation, Government of India on 24th and 25th February 2020.

A two-day National Workshop on 'Revised Assessment and Accreditation Framework for Higher Education in India' was successfully organized on February 28th – 29th 2020 by IQAC (Internal Quality Assessment Cell) of Sophia Girls' College (Autonomous), Ajmer in collaboration with St. Aloysius' College (Autonomous), Jabalpur.

National Level Orientation Program on capacity building in Geospatial Technologies was organized in collaboration with DST from 28th to 30th November 2019.

EVIDENCE OF SUCCESS:

The College has collaboration with ISDC which is an International Skill Development Company that offers professional course US CMA (Certified Management Accounts). A scholarship test for CMA students was conducted under the guidance of ISDC on 10th January 2020 in Sophia College. Many of our students passed the test and each student received a scholarship for Rs.30, 000/-. They also received a comprehensive package of benefits like IMA membership for up to three years while pursuing the CMA.

Through the collaboration with Father Agnel College, Goa, students of B.Com. and Economics went to participate in National Conference at Goa and students of Sophia Girls' College won the best paper presentation award.

The Collaboration with Jaipuria Institute of Management helped the students of B.Com. and BBA to participate in the International Conference organized by them and win the best poster award.

Through our linkage with HMT (Hindustan Machine Tools, Ajmer, Rajasthan), every year the students undergo summer training for 25 days free of cost.

The partnerships have resulted in various seminars, conferences and workshops, both of national and international repute. By overcoming the various challenges presented by these encounters, Sophia was able to grow and solidify its image as a vanguard of holistic education. Through various cultural exchanges and dialogues, our staff and students assimilated the spirit of diversity that pervades the modern civilization and promises a better future.

Collaborations and Linkages not only enhance the competency and research skills of our students but are also beneficial for the faculty members. National Workshop on 'Revised Assessment and

Accreditation Frame work for Higher Education Institutions in India' was organized by Sophia Girls' College in collaboration with St. Aloysius College, Jabalpur. These collaborative initiatives have also enabled the Staff and Students to enhance their Research Quotient and presentation skills.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED

- ✚ Financial Limitations
- ✚ Time Constraints
- ✚ Location Disadvantages



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