

# **Trinity College, Jalandhar**

## **Best Practices**

In order to broaden the canvas of learning, the college has instituted numerous best practices such as Madad-E-Kharch, Blooming Buds, Outreach Programmes, Wall of Kindness, English Speaking Campus, Scholarships, Celebration of Religious Festivals and many more. The main impetus behind all these initiatives is holistic development of the students and upliftment of the weak and needy students.

### **I Madad- E –Kharach**

**Title of the Practice: Madad- E –Kharach**

**Objectives:**

- To assist the economically backward students of the college.
- To aid the people of the nearby areas out of this humanitarian fund.
- To inculcate human virtues in the teaching and non-teaching staff of the college so that they may become instrumental in augmenting the boundaries of this noble cause.
- To involve the alumni of the college to offer a comforting hand to the needy students and to the society at large.

**The Context**

Daftar- i- Madad- E –Kharach was started during the reign of Maharaja Ranjit Singh. The rationale behind this fund is to support the economically backward and poor classes of society. Trinity College has been carrying forward this kind endeavour through a scholarship under the same title since 2004. In the year 2010, other funds were streamlined under the ambit of Madad- E –Kharach.

**The Practice**

This practice was instituted in the college in 2004. The main objective is to support the needy and poor students. The money collected for the purpose is deposited in a separate bank account. It is utilized as a financial help for the needy students. In special cases, the fund support is extended to the needy people around. If the money collected is not fully utilized during the session, it is carried forward to the next academic session.

The students are instructed to submit their requests in tune with the guidelines and criteria. The beneficiary student must have 75% attendance in all subjects and 50% marks in house examination and must possess a good character.

The scholarship scope has been broadened by initiating financial adoption of those students who are not able to get benefitted out of this scheme. In this support venture, major role is played by the class teachers and the mentors who identify such needy students and contribute from their own pocket to support the cost of their education.

### **Evidence of Success**

Every year, many needy students get benefitted from this noble initiative. During the last five years, 65 students have been beneficiaries of this fund. Each student was given Rs. 2000/- as scholarship. Total 1,30,000/- was distributed among these students.

### **Problems Encountered and Resources Required**

At present, it is the faculty members who are contributing in this fund. Due to some monetary limitations, the amount of the fund cannot be increased. Therefore, only a few students could benefit from this scheme. However, the college management is on the mission to generate this corpus fund from good Samaritans, well-wishers, alumni etc.

## **II Wall of Kindness**

### **Title of the Practice: Wall of Kindness**

#### **Objectives:**

- To assist the people of the nearby areas out of this humanitarian endeavour.
- To assist the under-privileged and deprived students and their families and also the workers of the college.
- To inculcate the virtues of humanness and sensitivity to the needs of others among the teaching and non-teaching staff of the college and the students.
- To sensitize the students so that they may become aware of the problems existing in society and to teach them to lend a helping hand to anyone in need.

Through the above stated objectives, the college intends to follow the dictum ‘uplift the less privileged’. It is a campus community network that can benefit many people.

#### **The Context**

‘Wall of Kindness’ is the latest charity and welfare innovation enabling people to help the underprivileged with the basic needs. This initiative is borrowed from Iran where it was first initiated; the Wall of Kindness is making its ripple effects across India. It is neither a roofed institution nor a walled organization. The Wall of Kindness is a colorfully painted roadside place where people from neighborhoods can leave clothes, blankets, shoes, bed sheets, food, books and other useful things to be picked up by the needy. The motivational spur behind the initiative is the official motto ‘Take what you need. Leave what you don’t’. In Hindi, it is called ‘Neki ki Deewar’. The college believes in strengthening the ties with the community by providing requisite resources to those in need. Furthering the cause, the college strives relentlessly to make its students understand the profound notion of helping others and to train them in such a way that they are able to channelize extra resources effectively.

#### **The Practice**

This commendable practice was instituted in the college in 2019 by the department of Economics and Science. The main objective is to support the needy and poor students of the college and people of the locality. The Wall of Kindness inspires the students, staff and the Alumni to pursue acts of humanity and benevolence for the welfare of those in dire need of basic things. This sort of unconventional charity has proved to be a boon for the college as well as the locality. The Wall of Kindness installed at Trinity College is a wonderful gesture of compassion and social responsibility towards the destitute.

Named as ‘Neki Ki Deewar’ in Trinity College, the Wall of Kindness is covered with colorful graffiti, attention-grabbing motifs and hangars. The wall consists of hooks for hanging clothes that are intended for donation to those who may be in need of clothing. Racks and shelves have also been installed to keep shoes and other articles. The containers for food have also been placed to provide immediate help to the people in need. The college follows the motto ‘charity begins at home’. Therefore, we distribute the collected materials to the needy students, workers,

and to the local people. The collected material which is not taken by public, is distributed among the needy in the local community by organizing outreach programmes with the help of students, staff, alumni, NGO and other supporters. The Wall of Kindness bridges the gap between the haves and the have-nots through compassion. It blesses those having spare things to donate inculcating the virtue 'the joy of giving'.

### **Evidence of Success**

In the last 4 years, many needy students, workers who are poor and needy people of the locality, students from schools and people from slum area could benefit from this noble initiative. During the time of lockdown, around 40 families were given food items, money and other useful things.

### **Problems Encountered and Resources Required**

At present, the major contribution to this programme comes from the students, staff, alumni, management and NGOs. However, the college is cognizant of the truth that there are many more people who need support. Due to the scarcity of needful things, the college cannot help or reach to the maximum needy people of the locality and the city. We could visit only a few schools and slums so far. The college management is on the mission to gather more generous people, well-wishers and good Samaritans who can become part of this noble venture.