

BEST PRACTICES OF GSM MAHAVIDYALAYA

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1. *Imparting of English Language Skills*

This project was aimed towards encouraging students educated in the vernacular medium to speak and read English. Fluency in the language is a major deterrent for the students. Knowing how to read, what to read, how much to read and when to read matters a lot. To inculcate the habit of reading and to make the students skilful, the Language laboratory has come to good use. In this activity students are given slots to access the language laboratory. OREL Software is very student friendly. The clear goal of this activity is to generate interest of reading among the students utilizing library resources and give them skills in speaking the language. This practice has generated interest among the students to learn the language. Many have inquired for spoken English certificate course. The library saw a greater footfall of students. It also has polished their writing skills. Now students are more confident, knowledgeable with the language. We find a positive impact of this on results of the students. As this practice is completely cost free and even its implementation is not at all difficult there was no problem encountered. Need for more terminals at the Language Laboratory was however felt.

2. *Environment Club (ENVIRON) and its activities*

The *Environ* club was established to create environmental awareness among student, stakeholders and the neighbourhood. A platform to spread awareness about environment pollution, clean drinking water supply, hygiene and cleanliness and use of renewable energy, *Environ* designed activities to generate awareness about a green and clean campus, environment friendly practices in the neighbourhood. The club enrolled students from all departments. The Department of Environmental Science took a lead role. Poster campaigns were organized within the college on hazards of smoking, need of renewable energy, waste management etc. Poster campaigns and door to door survey was organized in the adjoining villages of Khelarampur and Bireswarpur about benefits of potable drinking water and also on the use of local resources to fight mosquito borne diseases. World Environment Day was organized by the club through plantation drives of medicinal plants and another Vermicompost Pit was made running. The adjoining Railway station and the college campus was periodically cleaned. The Social Forestry scheme gained momentum and a green area was created adjoining the railway line and the Kulpi Road. There is an increased interest among the students about enrolling in the club.