

**Rajasthan Aryan Arts, Shri M. K. Commerce and Shri S. R.  
Rathi Science College, Washim**

## **Best Practice I**

### **Alumni For the Development of College Students: Zoology Alumni Association**

Motto: We Can And We Do'

R. A. Mahavidyalaya Zoology Alumni Association, (ZRAAA) is one of the most important institutional bodies that promotes a collegial spirit. It helps all Aryans to come under one roof in order to connect and grow by building bridges of support, solidarity and strength.

#### **Goals**

To Train the students appearing for various competitive examinations conducted at state and national level through sharing the experiences of alumni.

To provide guidance to NET/SLET aspirants of Post Graduate Students of the college.

To contribute funds for providing financial aid to needy students.

To explore and generate financial prospects by networking with other resources.

To help the college in developing a substantial corpus of funds to enhance and sustain development.

To involve other stakeholders in serving the cause of higher education in rural area of Washim.

#### **Context:**

Students of R. A. Mahavidyalaya come from diverse social, cultural and economic backgrounds. Many students come from disadvantaged sections of society and find it difficult to continue with their education. It is in this context that the alumni decided to join hands with the institution in providing financial assistance to such students and enable them to pursue higher education leading to gainful employment.

#### **Practice:**

College Students Aid Programme was strengthened when RAAA launched its student education support programme called "Role of Alumni in Development of College Students" in 2012. This programme was started on a modest scale to train the Post Graduate Students who in future are going to appear for the National Eligibility Test conducted by CSIR/UGC, New Delhi and State Eligibility Test Conducted by University Of Pune for Maharashtra Government. Initially few Alumni were sent to Training Programmes for the preparation of NET to Jodhpur, Rajasthan. The trained alumni extend their knowledge to the freshers P. G. Students who are aspirants of NET/SLET Examinations.

However, in addition to Coaching For Entry Services provided to UG students similar practice is done by the alumni through invited guest lecture series by the College Career Guidance and Counseling Cell.

**Evidence of Success:**

Students are encouraged to appear for the competitive examinations. Some of the students belonging to P. G. Departments of science faculty successfully cracked NET Examinations. Miss Sangita Chhaba, Mr. Varun Lohiya, Mr. Digvijay Tonchar are some of the successful candidates.

**Problems Encountered:**

Main obstacle in conducting such practice is scarcity of funds and study materials. The problem of study material is solved by borrowing books from the central Library of the college and donations of the alumni and for easy access the books are made available in Department.

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