

MAHATMA GANDHI COLLEGE KESAVADASAPURAM

REPORT: Scholar Support Programme (SSP), Govt. of Kerala, 2015-16

The Scholar Support Programme, part of the 'New Initiatives in Higher Education' initiated by the Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Kerala aims at imparting additional support to students in curricular areas of weakness. The pilot phase of the programme that has been initiated from the academic year 2014-15 onwards and targets the students of Degree programmes (B.A./B.Sc/B.Com) being offered at Aided Colleges. Subjects in which additional curricular support would be offered have been selected based on a results analysis work carried out based on results from the affiliated Colleges of Kerala.

REPORT ON SSP 2015-16

As per the circular from the Director of Collegiate Education, the Principal on the recommendation of College Council appointed Dr. Praveen Kumar B. R., Assistant Professor of Botany as the Coordinator of the Scholar Support Programme (SSP) 2014-15. As per the guidelines the college announced five courses for the Programme during the 1st year. They are 1- Methodology and Perspectives of Plant Science in Botany, 2- Reading Drama in English, 3- psychological processes in Psychology and 4- Principles of Management in Commerce. SSP programme was not successfully commenced in the Physics Department. So we have refunded the amount sanctioned for the Physics Department. 40 students were enrolled for the courses. Respective mentors handled the classes giving stress to tough portions of the courses. All the classes were completed by third week of March 2015. Study materials were distributed for all the selected courses.

Selection of Mentors for SSP Programme for the Academic year 2015-16

As per the circular from the Director of Collegiate Education, the Principal on the recommendation of College Council appointed Dr. Praveen Kumar B. R., Assistant Professor of Botany to continue as the Coordinator of the Scholar Support Programme (SSP) 2015-16. This year, 2015-16, five subjects were selected for the implementation of SSP in our college as per the communication from Director of Collegiate Education. The selected subjects are English, Chemistry, Sociology, Mathematics and Hindi. One mentor from each of the departments were selected for taking classes.

Subject selected and Classes for 1st year students

As per the guidelines the college announced five courses for the Programme for the first year students. They are 1- Methodology and Perspectives of Plant Science in Botany, 2- Reading Drama in English, 3- psychological processes in Psychology and 4- Principles of Management in Commerce. 40 students who were enrolled in the year 2014-15 were continued to 2015-16 year. Respective mentors handled the classes giving stress to tough portions of the courses. All the classes were completed by the end of March 2016.

Subject selected and Classes for 2nd year students

As per the guidelines the college announced five courses for the Programme for the second year students. They are English, Mathematics, Chemistry, Sociology and Hindi. 50 students were enrolled for the courses. Respective mentors handled the classes giving stress to tough portions of the courses.

Separate timetable was prepared for the same. 16 hours were allotted to teach 10 students after the college hours with one-hour duration. Classes designed in such a way that it should not affect their routine. Attendance was taken on a daily basis. It was noticed that some of the students were come from the humanity background so special care taken by the mentor to give more focus on the paper. After the completion of classes, a class test was conducted by the mentor to find out the academic achievement of the students. Regular monitoring and mnemonics were provided to the students, so that it is easy for the students to grasp the matter easily. All the classes were completed by the end of March 2016.

Distribution of Study Materials

During the period timely direction were given to mentors to prepare study materials and give order for books to be purchased. All the mentors distributed study materials/books to scholars.

Achievements of the Programme

The programme gave opportunity to the weaker students to improve their study. The study materials distributed to students were very helpful to improve their study.

Fund Utilization

An amount of Rs. 1,21,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Twenty-One Thousand Only) was sanctioned and released for the conduction of Scholar Support Programme (SSP) in Mahatma Gandhi College, Thiruvananthapuram for the year 2015-16. Out of Rs. 1,21,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Twenty-One thousand Only) of fund released during the year 2015-2016 in favour of The Principal, Mahatma Gandhi College, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, has been utilized for the purpose of Scholar Support Programme (SSP) in the college during the year 2015-2016 for which it was sanctioned and the balance of Rs.

10,900/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Nine Hundred Only) remaining unutilized as of 31/03/2016 has been refunded under the head of account "2202-03-105-96-SSP" vide challan No. 1073 Dt. 30/03/2016.

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