

REPORT: Scholar Support Programme (SSP), Govt. of Kerala, 2016-17

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.

Selection of Mentors for SSP Programme for the Academic year 2016-17

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. 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 English, Economics, History, Physics and Zoology. 50 students were enrolled in the year 2016-17. Respective mentors handled the classes giving stress to tough portions of the courses. All the classes were completed by the end of March 2017.

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 who were enrolled in 2014-15 are continued for the second year. Respective mentors handled the classes giving stress to tough portions of the courses. All the classes were completed by the end of March 2017.

Subject selected and Classes for 3rd year students

As per the guidelines the college announced five courses for the Programme for the Third year students. They are English, Botany, Psychology and Commerce. 40 students who were enrolled in 2013-14 are continued for the third year. In addition to this 10 students were also selected from the physics department for the programme. Respective mentors handled the classes giving stress to tough portions of the courses.

Separate timetable was prepared for the same. 20 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 2017.

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. 2,25,500/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Five Hundred Only) was sanctioned and released for the conduction of Scholar Support Programme (SSP) in Mahatma Gandhi College, Thiruvananthapuram for the year 2016-17. Out of Rs. 2,25,500/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Five Hundred Only) of fund released during the year 2016-2017 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 2016-2017 for which it was sanctioned.

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