



## STUDENT SUPPORT AND PROGRESSION AN IMPORTANT CRITERIA FOR OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF STUDENTS

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**ABSTRACT** Student support and progression is the significant criteria in the accreditation process. It focuses more on the ways and means for up gradation of students. It emphasizes on the career progression of the students. The activities that can enable the students to upgrade themselves are Student's Aid Fund and various scholarships, Earn and Learn, Alumni Association, Student's Council, Special Provision for slow and advanced learners, Organization of different Curricular and Co-curricular activities, Students and social activities, Health care, Student's Grievances, Feedback on curriculum, Competitive exams guidance, Provision of awards and prizes, Campus placements, NCC, Eco Club, Science forum, Participation of Students in different competition, Library facility, Moral support to students and Value education. These student centric activities can develop all round skills and upgrade progression of students.

**KEYWORDS :** Student support, Progress and Overall development.

### INTRODUCTION

Student support and progression is one of the important criteria laid down by NAAC. This involves active involvement of teachers and institutions to ensure the student's up gradation. This criterion carries significant weightage in accreditation process (Goel and Goel 2015, Dange 2016, Jabde 2016). Role of teachers, institute and management is crucial in student support and progression (Jadhav et.al.2017). So it is imperative to focus more on student-centric activities. Following activities which are helpful in progression of students can be worked out effectively with the help of teachers, institute and management.

#### i. Students Aid fund and scholarships:

Various Government Scholarships are available for economically backward and meritorious students. Awareness among students can be created by teachers about such schemes. Institution can create student's Aid Fund with financial support of teachers. This student's aid fund can help needy and talented students

#### ii. Earn and Learn Scheme:

The main objective of the scheme is to develop a student as a multifaceted personality with academic excellence and a commitment to an egalitarian society. It inculcates in the idea that no work is big or small and develops a work culture with the right aptitude. This scheme is basically undertaken for benefits of students who are economically backward, intelligent and meritorious but can not afford higher education.

#### iii. Alumni Association:

Alumni association can be encouraged by teachers and institute to be actively involved in the development of the institution. It can financially help the students and take up certain activities that can ensure progression of the students. The alumni are a strong support to the institute.

#### iv. Student's council:

Student's council is constituted to develop leadership qualities in students. It can organize various programmes for the students to fine tune their all-round skills.

#### v. Special provision for slow and advanced learners:

Remedial teaching is conducted for slow learners. This helps these students to improve their level of understanding. It can increase their knowledge and confidence level. Advanced learners can be given reference books and asked to participate in group discussion, student's seminars and workshops. They can be asked to undertake field surveys and small research projects to stimulate their research potential. This can enhance their advancement.

#### vi. Organization of different curricular and co-curricular activities:

Group discussions, student's seminars on topics related to syllabus, exhibitions, debate competition, essay writing, poster and model preparation, field visit industrial visits, study tours and different sports competitions can be successfully organized for overall development of personality of students

#### vii. Students & Social Activities (NSS):

Students are encouraged by teachers & institute to participate in different social activities. NSS can enroll the students and involve them in social programs. They are also encouraged to participate in different rallies, survey work, de-addiction, awareness about traffic, anti-ragging measures, environmental activities etc.

#### viii. Health Care:

Health Care Centre at the Institute takes care of the health of the students. Health Check-up Camp and regular health check-up can be done. Lectures on Health Awareness and different diseases & disorders are organized by Health Committee of Institution with the help of renowned & specialist doctors. Pure potable water has to be provided. Provision of pure and quality food from college canteen and hostel mess is also one of the important factor. Maintenance of hygienic atmosphere in college and hostel is necessary.

#### ix. Student's Grievances:

Students Grievance Committee can resolve the Students problems with specific time.

#### x. Feedback on Curriculum:

Feedback on curriculum can be obtained from the students. This provides valuable inputs of students regarding Syllabus. That can help the Board of studies in formulating the syllabus as per UGC guidelines & requirements of the Students.

#### xi. Competitive Exams Guidance:

Special cell for Competitive Exam guidance can be set up at the college. Special lectures on various subjects can be organized to encourage the students. Special corner devoted to the books on competitive exams can be setup in library. Final year students can be encouraged to appear for various competitive exams.

#### xii. Provision of Awards & Prizes:

Awards & Prizes can be constituted to encourage meritorious students. Performers in Sports can also be given prizes. Participation in cultural activities also deserves to be acknowledged & such students can be awarded. This can be done by the Institution.

#### xiii. Campus Placements:

Deserving students can be provided opportunity for campus placements. I.T. Companies, Pharmaceutical Chemical, Biotechnology Companies & Cooperate section, Call Centers can be invited at the campus to hold interviews for specific job positions. This can provide easy employment to the students immediately after their studies.

#### xiv. NCC:

In order to inculcate and foster discipline, leadership quality and organizational skills, sportsmanship and unity in diversity, NCC is significant

**xv. Eco Club:**

Eco Club is for the creation of environmental consciousness and the importance of conservation of natural resources.

**xvi. Science forum:**

The objectives of Science forum are to involve them in science & technology related activities and make aware about recent developments / trends in research in the different field of Science & Technology.

**xvii. Participation of students in different competitions:**

Students should be encouraged to participate in different competitions organized at university, state and national level.

**xviii. Library facility:**

Text books, reference books, magazines, journals, newspapers, CDs and DVDs related to syllabus should be made available to the students for study purpose. Students are encouraged to utilize E-Library. Book exhibitions have to be organized periodically. Specious, ventilated, well-furnished reading hall to be provided to the students. The reading hall may be kept open in holidays and vacations. This is very important to inculcate "reading culture" among the students.

**CONCLUSION**

These student centric activities can develop all-round skills and upgrade progression of students. These activities are also found helpful to increase employability. All these activities are carried out by the teachers with the support of institution and management. Teachers, institute and management plays vital role in student centric activities. This can lead to overall development of the institute

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