BEST PRACTICE II

1. Title of the Practice: Swavalambi Chhattisgarh scheme

2. Objectives of the Practice

Basic Objective of Swavlambi Chhattisgarh scheme is to create an enabling environment in higher education institutions in Chhattisgarh to make the students self-reliant in meeting their educational expenses in the beginning and later on in their lives. This is the scheme of GGV aiming at holistic development of the young students of the state. This is also integrated with experiential learning component in the teaching-learning process as envisaged by NEP 2020 which will be a unique step in the true implementation of NEP 2020. This will make them not only economically self-reliant while still studying, but also learn the importance of earning.

3. The context

Inspired and motivated by the clarion call of Atma Nirbhar Bharat by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi Ji, Swavlambi Chhattisgarh Scheme aims at honing the inherent skill of the students in such a way that they become economically self-reliant from the very first year of the program. The National Education Policy 2020 does address this issue and has initiated drastic reforms in the education system to produce educated, knowledgeable and skill man power. It is now high time that we think different and develop some strategy to reduce the dependency of educated youth on the governed and other sectors for employment. An education system should not only deliver knowledge and skill, it should also nurture and develop a self-reliant youth force. It is in context that the concept of Swavlambi Chhattisgarh emerges. The scheme is not limited to such associations only within the state. Its approach is pan-India.

4. The Practice

A portal integrating numerous sectors in the state is created to collect information about their employment requirements. Any individual or company interested in providing employment or earning opportunities to the students of the state universities can register on this portal with their job description and other related information. Moreover, students from the whole state can apply for such career opportunities that are relevant to their expertise. Learners from various institutions in Chhattisgarh can register on the portal for specific part time opportunities, and Job providers can pick from among them. This idea founded on the assumption that industry and the corporate sector also require a workforce which is reasonably educated and willing to work part-time. Some of these part-time employees may be appointed on a regular basis depending on their sincerity, regularity and other performance criteria.

Students could work while doing their education and support him-self/her-self even

while going through the education process. The part time work experience will help the students in acquiring practical real life work experience, which could enhance their professional skill and confidence. The engagement with the industry will also provide a reasonably qualified pool of workforce to the industry to meet their temporary, short-term needs for manpower. It can also provide an opportunity to the industry to identify qualified persons for regular employment. Working with the industry will provide exposure to the students to be prepared for real working environment and engagement with the industry and will provide necessary inputs to make the course curriculum industry-ready.

The students registered on Swavalambi Chhattisgarh portal were provided with entrepreneurial training opportunities in their chosen areas so as to make them ready for real world situations. For this purpose, the university conducted various skill based trainings for the students in the area of Instrumentation and Techniques for Biomedical Research, Entrepreneurship Awareness, Exploration of Importance of Forensic Techniques by hands on training to the benefits of society, Data Analysis- Need of Current Economy, Energy conservation and energy efficiency, Impact of Technology in Legal Skills, Barclays Life Skill, Pleading and Drafting in Civil Law, Nuisance of Mooting, Fitness Goals & Physical Activity Culture, Nature Photography, Wildlife Census Methods, Bamboo Art for enhancing the professional skill among the students. This has helped the students for entrepreneurship development and finding good experiential / earning opportunities. In addition, University has initiated several learning / experiential / production opportunities on campus that has promoted the culture of selfemployment among students, like vermi-compost Production, Nadep Compost and Azolla Production, Mushroom Production, Handmade soap preparation, Rakhi preparation using rice grains, natural 'Gulal' production, software designing and development, prepared the income tax return of GGV employees and teachers, publishing university student magazine UDDAN, ground preparation work in sports ground, website data transfer, service management in GGV Swabhiman Thali and Tuition activities.

5. Evidence of Success

To run the Swavalambi Chhattisgarh scheme the university has developed a web page, dedicated for all opportunity seekers and job providers. The web page has registration facilities for students, Industry and freelancer hiring. A total of 2671 students registered from Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya along with various colleges of the university of the state. Total 49 companies and freelancer are registered. The portal provided 801 earning opportunities including 344 in various Firms, Companies, Enterprises & individuals and 457 in university campus.

The entrepreneurial training/ experiential learning opportunities are also provided by various organizations registered through Swavalambi Chhattisgarh online portal where total 226 students are benefitted. In addition, the different department of university organized various skill based training programmes for entrepreneurship developed among the students and a total 227 students actively participated in these programmes. One of the most successful evidence of this scheme is Mr. Abhijit Tripathy, first student to get registered on the portal, who won the IAF's Most Promising Startup 2022 Award and the prestigious 8th Global Choice award. He has successfully developed the start-up and provided earning opportunity to other students registered on the portal.

6. Problem Encountered and Resources Required

The fundamental challenge is maintaining a regular communication between the manufacturer company and entrepreneur regarding the market trends, consume demand and supply. Dynamic interaction and mutual cooperation with local industries, MSMEs, entrepreneurs, professionals etc., needs regular revival. Adequate skill training and personality grooming as well as motivation to work for learning is also required.

Supporting Documents:

S. No.	Certificates related to:-	Number of Certificates	PDF File Link
1.	Students provided Earning Opportunities by Firms / Companies / Enterprise / Individuals	344	POF
2.	Students participated in Earning Opportunities on Campus	457	POT \
3.	Entrepreneurial Training / Experiential Learning Opportunities provided by Organizations registered on Swavalambi Chhattisgarh Portal	226	Post
4.	Skill based Entrepreneurship training by University Departments / Skill Development Cell	228	POF