

**7.3 Give two Best Practices of the institution (please see the format in the NAAC Self-study Manuals) \*Provide the details in annexure (annexure need to be numbered as i, ii, iii)**

**I. Title of the practice**

**1.Zakat fund for the poor/needy students.**

**II. Objectives:**

1. Keeping in view that education is the best weapon for eradication of poverty, students are provided financial help.
2. Higher education is a gateway for better tomorrow, students are taken care by supporting them with financial help.
3. Promoting the interest of economically poor towards higher education.

**III. Context:**

Empowering the economically poor students has been our motto. Institutions governed by Private managements find it difficult to run them with financial assistance. So the fee structure seems to be a difficult task for the poor students.

The institution is run by Anjuman-e Islam, Hubballi, where majority of the students seek admission are from the economically poor and rural background. Students find it tough to get admission under such circumstances, they even think of discontinuing their education.

In order to promote their interest in higher education, a best practice was adopted by the institution by collecting Zakat fund. It is a self-financing club formed by the staff of the college. Zakat literally means giving alms to the poor and destitute. It's an Islamic religious practice, which states that persons income or wealth earned through legal ways. As per the Islamic Law a person is liable to pay zakat at 2.5% of his income or wealth. The aim of Zakat is to eradicate poverty. It will help the poor people. But the followers of Islam contribute their share individually which does not serve the major part of poverty. Considering the above factors, the Zakat fund was initiated. A collective effort by the staff has become resourceful to support the cause of poor and needy students, which helps them in promoting their interest in higher education.

**IV. Practice:**

Due to enhancement of fees for Higher education at the University, it has been tough going for the economically poor students, even from rural background to get admission for continuing their studies. Through survey it's learnt that those students who are really economically weak shall be given fees from Zakat Fund for their continuance of education. Promoting their learning by giving the much needed help is the best practice of the institution. Students are made aware that they should continue to serve the cause of the poor and needy.

## **V. Progress:**

Promoting learning has been a noble task. Funding agencies like NGO'S are supporting only Poor Meritorious students. But Zakat fund is bent upon helping the economically backward/poor students. The students find it tough to get funded by NGO'S because it's quite time consuming and laborious to get funds. Whereas the process of Zakat Fund is time saving, not laborious. These factors are leading Zakat Fund towards the door of success. Students have benefited the most.

## **VI. Need of Resources to Resolve Problems:**

Poverty is a curse. Denial of higher education too creates a negative impact on the mind of learners. Limited resources will not do justice to the task. More funds to be collected to help a large number of poor students.

Public also should come forward to make it jointly a best practice for promotion of higher education. Hence involvement of Public/ members of the society will make it a strong resourceful unit to meet the demands of the poor/needy students.

Note :

It's the innovative, unique, and the best practice of the institution. It deserves a word of appreciation. Overall, it's a challenging task which demands - interest, time, efforts and above all funds.

## **2..Title of the practice**

### **I. Creating Voting awareness amongst college students.**

#### **II. Objectives:**

- 1.To motivate the students to get EPIC.
- 2.We collect EPIC related documents

#### **III.Context:**

The mission of the programme is to increase civic engagement and voter awareness among college students. The negligence of one voter makes no difference but mass negligence may cause greater harm to democracy.

Voter negligence is widespread, on the polling day the votes casted shows the amount of ignorance. Political ignorance is a serious problem in a democratic setup. Keeping in view, the above things, on 25th January; every year National Voting Day is observed. Talks are delivered, oath is administered. Students are made aware that voting is their fundamental right.

#### **IV. Practice:**

We guide our students to register their names to cast their votes. We collect the necessary documents and further make it easy for them to register. They are instructed to collect documents from their family or neighbours to get registered for casting votes. Students are trained to survey their residential area and add the eligible voters for registration. This event becomes more effective for creating awareness among public.

## **V. Progress:**

As per the records, the attempt has been made and hundreds of students within short period of time got their EPIC Cards in the college. The entrants continued the best practice in their neighbouring community, areas and encouraged them to register to cast their valuable votes.

## **VI. Problems/Short Comings/ Care to be Taken**

Even after approaching the students/public they delay the process of submitting the necessary documents on time. This affects us to attain 100% success.

Reach programmes have to be carried out for betterment. Many eligible voters are totally unaware of the deadline of registering. Voting awareness camps to be created in rural areas/slums. Addition and deleting the deceased, becomes a part of the programme.

### **Note:**

Voting is a fundamental right but it can be exercised after registering. Creating awareness among the young minds is to make them know their social and national responsibilities. Spreading the message of right to vote and to provide them the licence their EPIC card within short course of time remains to be the innovative, best practice of our institution.