BEST PRACTICE -2

1. TITLE- student’s cooperative mess.

2. Objectives-
   1. To develop social behavior, team spirit and spirit of responsibilities.
   2. To develop leadership, cooperative management and problem solving skills.
   3. To provide healthy and hygienic diet in economic price.
   4. To develop idea of family spirit and national integration.

3. Context

    Students who come from away places require comfortable and peaceful residential accommodation along with healthy and hygienic food on economically viable prices.

    In contractors managed mess system business consideration take priority and students interest takes back seat. Thus many times quality gets compromised.

    Where as , in students managed cooperative mess, as its run on no profit no loss basis, choice of the students their interests and quality maintenance have preference.

    Further, as the mess is managed by students themselves, qualities of team spirit, cooperation, responsibility, leadership, problem solving etc can be developed in them and prepare them to handle social responsibilities in future.

4. PROCESS THE PRACTICE

1. In the beginning of the year a hostel management committee of the students is formed which is guided by wardens and coordinator.
2. Monthly mess distribution committees are formed to implement food distribution work.
3. Groceries, vegetable, dairy products, gas cylinders etc are arranged as per requirement, with suggestions from cooks.
4. Weekly menu chart is prepared as per discussion with student committees, where in variety of choice, nutritional values and economic aspects are given attention.
5. Occasional arrangements of special food for guests and participants for various seminars/programmes/meetings tea/ coffee etc for the staff and others are also made and payments for all these are received in mess A/C.
6. Total expenditure and income is calculated and same is proportionately divided among the number of students.

5. EVIDENCE OF SUCCESS

    Students enthusiastically participate in the activity with a sense of belongingness. As their finance is involved in the mess so they take keen interest and pay proper attention towards transparent fair and purchase, practices, reducing wastages, controlling distribution work etc. ultimately they feel happy and satisfied that they are able to enjoy healthy food on economical rates.

6. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED

1. Shortage of infrastructure and supervisory man power.
2. Shortage of public transportation facilities.
3. Difficulties in accommodating and adjusting to choices of students of different regions.