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BEST PRACTICES

1. Title of the Practice:

“Sanskaar-The Subharti Tradition”

2. Objectives of the Practice:

Jose Rizal has very aptly stated that “He who does not know how to look back at where we came from will never get to his destination”. The University believes in this dictum and following that, the fourth pillar of our motto is Nationalism with the other three being Education, Service & Culture. Our national heroes played a pivotal role by sacrificing their lives in achieving country’s freedom. Similarly several social reformers borne the wrath of the society but undeterred with anything, kept their crusade to curb the evils in the society. With a view to awaken the present generation about such forgotten heroes, the University has dedicated itself to establish a Best Practice to honour them.

3. The Context

We keep the gratitude we experience with us all year and give thanks to the brave men and women who answered our country’s call when needed. Even if one individual gets motivated by learning about the times and motivations from the by gone years, our purpose of instilling nationalism in the youth of our country is served. The uniqueness in Subharti tradition has been that of motivation of the youth; and one motivated youth is worth a million people who strive just for their own existence.

4. The Practice

The University has dedicated all the colleges, hostels, buildings & roads in the name of one or the other martyr or social reformer. These great men have been picked from across the country irrespective of their caste, creed, region or religion. A brief history about their life and sacrifices has also been prominently displayed in the respective colleges whom they are named after. The birth anniversaries or the martyrdom day of these heroes are celebrated throughout the year. Every year on, by re-affirming that, we will always remember the sacrifice of our undisputed national heroes.

5. Evidence of Success

The lack of awareness among the youth about the country's freedom struggle has been an issue of concern for all of us and all-round efforts are being made to inculcate the knowledge of history among the masses. As the youth is the leader of tomorrow we can mould them during these tender formative years and instil in them that *had it not been for the freedom struggle waged by our patriotic forefathers, we would not be living in a free and secular country*. After becoming aware about the life and times of our national heroes we have noticed a sea change in our students who are a highly motivated lot and routinely follow the traditions of sanskaar. The principles of truth, patience, perseverance and determination that marked India's struggle for independence were being lost on the younger generation but at Subharti we can proudly say that there has been a U turn and students feel it their moral responsibility and obligation to follow these principles in letter and spirit. We can see many of the motivated students from our University who are actively involved in social work and are paving their path towards villages as that is the place where real India is.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

The freedom fighters, as the name indicates, are the revolutionaries that are fighting for a cause so as to achieve liberation from a controlling authority. However the violent means of achieving this are never encouraged in the University which were adopted during those times by some of the revolutionaries. We practice and preach the principle of "Ahimsa Paramo Dharma" and so do our students follow the same. The virtue of Truth, Patience, Perseverance and Determination in the present era is hard to come by and it all depends upon the upbringing of the individual. At Subharti we welcome all irrespective of their caste, creed and religion. It may happen that a miscreant may escape the watchful eyes of the authorities and may prove to be a rotten apple in the lot. So as to prevent such things from happening, still more thorough screening method should be employed to look for the lack of these virtues in an individual.

7. Notes

The lilting notes of the patriotic songs during the celebrations of either the birth anniversaries or the martyrdom day of our national heroes touch the soul of every patriotic Indian and inspire many to plunge into the national movement. Same holds true for every true Subhartian. The way our nation is at crossroads today, it is the need of the hour that we remember our indomitable freedom fighters, drawn from all parts India, who underwent superhuman sacrifices and shed

their precious blood so that we, belonging to a different generation, live a better life. The debt of gratitude that we owe to them cannot be repaid. This is a small effort on part of Subharti University to make a befitting tribute to our national heroes by naming the various establishments after various true daughters and sons of India. If this practice is followed across the nation, our history shall never be forgotten and the martyrs of yesteryears shall never continue to exist in oblivion.