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5.3.1: Student council is active and plays a proactive role in the institutional functioning

Documentary evidence for alumni role in institution functioning and for student welfare



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Alumni role in institution functioning

Motivating the freshly enrolled students

Every year to motivate the freshly enrolled students, alumni are invited as resource persons during the Induction Programme and share their valuable information about the benefits of pursuing B.Ed. programme at Sikshanamandira and advantages to be a Sikshanamandiraian to the freshly enrolled B.Ed. and M.Ed. students. It plays a crucial role in a student's educational journey. It also helps students become familiar with the physical layout of the campus, including classrooms, libraries, and other important facilities. This familiarity reduces anxiety and helps students feel more comfortable in their new environment and also introduces students to career services and opportunities, helping them start thinking about their future careers early on.



Student Orientation by our Alumni



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Blood donation

Every year our Praktani Association of RKM Sikshanamandira, Belur Math organises a blood donation camp in collaboration with West Bengal Blood Donors Association, Kolkata. This kind of voluntary initiative helps to build awareness, perceptions, motivations and importance of blood donation among the students. They also come to know about the Blood transfusion which is an essential medical procedure conducted with various purposes to provide patients with blood needed. The procedure saves patients' lives, as blood cannot be manufactured artificially and can only be obtained from human blood sources.



Blood Donation at Sikshanamandira Campus



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Jalseva

Every year our Praktani Association organises a water distribution programme in front of the main gate of Belur Math where wayfarers were offered purified flavoured drinking water to quench their thirst in scorching summer heat. The students come to know the importance of Safe drinking water and sustainable sanitation are not privileges but fundamental rights. These initiatives ensure to our trainee teacher that every child who goes to a school where they have access to safe drinking water and good hygiene facilities.



Our trainee-teacher during the Jalseva programme



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Tree plantation and sapling distribution

Every year our RKMSM Praktani Association conducts a tree plantation and sapling distribution drive with the collaboration of the college where our alumnus and our trainee-teacher actively participates. These initiatives provide our students with practical lessons in environmental science and ecology. They can learn about the role of trees in carbon sequestration, oxygen production, soil stabilisation, and their impact on local ecosystems. We have a green college campus surrounded by various medicinal, fruiting and flowering trees. Our entire Alumni Association team and our trainees worked the whole day to collect the sapling of those plants before the event. After that all those saplings were distributed to different local clubs, NGOs etc. completely free of cost.



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Those thousand saplings namely which were germinated in the college campus itself are as follows-

- Mango
- Jam
- Cedar tree (Debadaru)
- Mahua tree
- Plumeria
- Ashoka tree
- Neem tree
- Guava tree etc.



Saplings were distributed to 'Save Tree Save Life' NGO



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Swatchata Abhiyan

On the call of the country wide Swachata Abhiyan campaign, the Alumni Association team took an initiative every year to carry forward the noble cause. Our Alumnus, students of B.Ed. and M.Ed. programmes have endogenously participated in this noble work. The trainee-teachers also come to know about the importance of cleanliness drives like cleaning of their class, school, mess, play-grounds and surrounding areas. Through this initiative they also motivate their parents, relatives, and neighbours about these activities related to cleanliness and they also learn about the cooperation and teamwork

Covid-19 Relief Work

The world is faced with a very unprecedented problem due to COVID-19. Like other countries India is very seriously affected. Apart from the virus affected people and their relatives, the entire nation is in distress. In this period of distress by the grace of God Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira Praktani Association undertook a lot of relief activities with our trainee-teachers.

Participation in relief work instils humanitarian values such as empathy, compassion, and a sense of responsibility for the well-being of others are developed among the students. Students learned to prioritise helping those in need, which contributes to their personal development and character. It also allowed students to witness and understand the challenges faced by individuals and communities during times of crisis. This firsthand experience helped break down stereotypes and foster greater empathy and understanding for diverse populations.

This kind of relief work encourages students to engage with their local and global communities. It promotes a sense of belonging and connectedness to the broader world, reinforcing the idea that everyone has a role to play in helping others.

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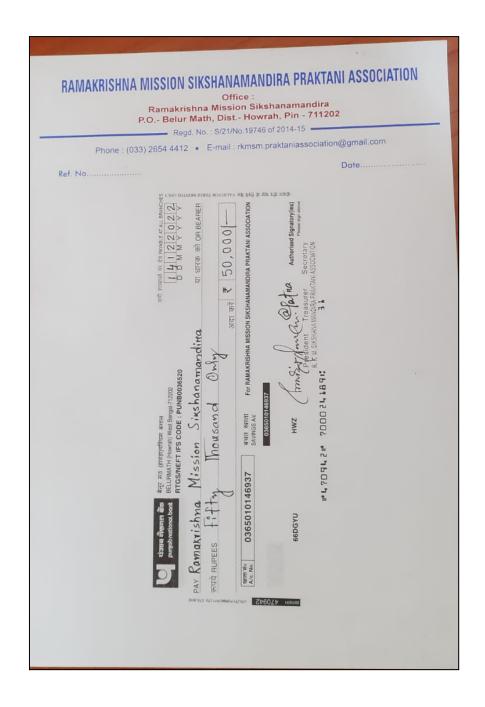


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Alumni contribution in Student Welfare

Our Praktani Association also played a significant role in supporting student welfare and enhancing the overall educational experience to promote student welfare and create a positive impact on the student community. This year our Praktani Association contributed 50000 rupees to provide financial support to students in need. This helps to reduce the financial burden on students and enables them to focus on their studies without worrying about tuition fees and other expenses.



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