

## Best Practices of the College 2017-18

### Gender sensitization through various programmes

**The Context:** Gender sensitization is the process of making people aware of gender equality or the lack of it in order to eliminate gender discrimination. Ramananda Centenary College is committed to ensuring and working to achieve gender equality. The college holds regular programmes towards this end.

**Objectives:** To encourage National Service Scheme and National Cadet Corps to organise various awareness raising initiatives for gender parity.

**Practice:** After the resolution was passed in the IQAC and Teachers' Council, a tentative activity calendar was drawn up to observe different important dates to mark International Working Women's Day, workshop on understanding gender. Rallies, and so on.


**Obstacles faced/ Problems encountered:** In a male-dominated society, women's voices are not easy to hear. In the context of Purulia district, this gap in gender shows up even more starkly, in instances such as early marriage of girls, dowry deaths, malnutrition, etc. These challenges are present in most places.

**Impact of the Practice:** One special mention to be made is a workshop on "Understanding Gender-Sexuality" conducted in collaboration with Sappho for Equality, a renowned Non-Governmental Organisation that works to raise awareness on issues of gender and sexuality. This workshop was a resounding success as all students heartily participated in the workshop and learnt crucial concepts.

**Resources required:** More funds and more collaborations with local ngos and governmental organisations are needed to make gender equality a reality in this day and age and in Purulia.

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## **Encouragement for national integration and scientific temperament through programmes**

**The Context:** Ramananda Centenary College strives to participate in nation-building exercises and contribute to national integration and scientific temperament development. To achieve this goal, IQAC committee resolved to hold regular programmes to promote national integration and scientific temperament.

**Objectives:** To hold meetings to encourage National Service Scheme and National Cadet Corps to organise various programmes to raise awareness.

**Practice:** Both NSS and NCC units of the college worked in tandem to organise blood donation camp, observed National Science Day, awareness on snake bite in Purulia.


**Obstacles faced/ Problems encountered:** More such programmes need to be held in the future with more emphasis on issues relevant to Purulia especially.

**Impact of the Practice/ Evidence of Success:** All the programmes were a success, especially the awareness programme on snake-bites since Purulia has a dense population of snakes and is an agricultural society.

**Resources required:** Further resources are needed in terms of funds and collaboration with local ngos for further practice.

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