

# CAREER POINT UNIVERSITY

## HAMIRPUR

**A brief of the two best practices is as under:**

### **Best Practice I**

**Title of the Practice:** Government and University scholarship schemes for economically poor students.

**Objective of the Practice:** To help economically poor students to pursue higher education thorough government scholarship schemes and University scholarships.

### **The Context**

Increase in Gross Enrollment Ratio in higher education has always been a major concern of national knowledge commission and other government bodies. There are a lot of constraints in pursuance of higher education viz: very few Universities in the country, most of the universities located in urban areas of the country, high fee structure, hostel fee etc. The University was established in rural area of Himachal Pradesh with a noble objective to benefit the rural population. In a case study of Tikker village, on an average seven times increase in students - enrollment for higher education has been reported. Further, to benefit students in its vicinity the University has successfully started *Post Matric Scholarship Scheme* (Govt. sponsored) to benefit students from economically backward families, especially having family annual income of less than Rs. 2.5 lakhs for SC/ST students and Rs. 1.50 lakhs for students of other backward classes.

**The Practice:** A mass drive was organized via press conferences, public meetings and advertisements to aware and motivate students for higher education with benefits of government scholarship scheme. Despite delayed payments of scholarships, every year the University admitted economically poor students in different programs of study. As a result many students, who otherwise were not in a position to pursue higher education, completed their higher education from the University without paying tuition fee and successfully started their career.

**Evidences of Success:** As of now the University has witnessed an increase in gross enrollment ratio in higher education from families of *economical backward groups*. A total of 6.6 crore of government scholarship to 1,286 students and 50 lakhs of University scholarship has been disbursed till date to benefit 1,600 students.

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**Problems Encountered and Resources Required:** Despite financial burden on University resources due to delayed payment of scholarship funds by the government. However, the University successfully managed to provide education to these students, complete degrees without any hindrance in their regular study. We emerged as leading institution in the state to benefit such needy students in large number with the scheme.

### **Best Practice II**

**Title: Preparation for government services & competitive exams**

**Objective of the Practice:** To make students ready to face the competitive world with a focus on Government sector jobs.

**The Context:** Being in Himachal Pradesh and that too in rural area career inclination of most of the students is towards Government services and preparation for government exams. Being a multidisciplinary University most of the students coming from commerce and sciences backgrounds, are comparatively poor in general studies. Since General Studies comprise significant part of every competitive examination, hence University has introduced general studies as a compulsory course for each student in any of the two semesters as (GS-I, GS-II) during the degree program.

Besides this and another academic best practice viz. PRGATI- a professional development program, the special classes for entrance examinations of UGC-NET, GATE etc. are also taken to enable students to successfully compete in these examinations.

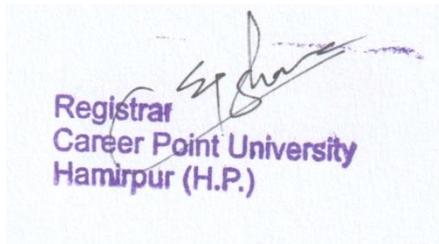
**The practice:** A provision of special classes of general studies vis for preparation of competitive examinations like: GATE, UGC-NET etc. has been made with regular classes of students. The classes are held as per the time table notified in the beginning of the semester. With regular teaching students undergo through mock tests, class tests etc. for preparation of these exams. In addition, regular seminars are conducted from time to time by inviting distinguished personalities/ experts from public/private sector viz. administrative services, banking services etc. to motivate and guide students for competitive examinations.

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**Evidences of Success:** Our students 58in number have successfully qualified various examinations like: Government services examinations, GATE, CSIR, UGC - NET and to serve the coveted services, since these classes helped students immensely to clear these exams.

**Problems Encountered and Resources required:** *Due to having low ratio of meritorious students, the success rate in qualifying exams is not as per expectations. Although, University is working hard to increase the number of meritorious students to have better result of these initiatives.*



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