Institutional Distinctiveness 2020-21

Sree Narayana Training College is one of the pioneer institutions in the field of teacher education at the University of Kerala. The institution is located at Nedunganda, a coastal village near Varkala. The institution aims at molding aspiring teachers to procure value embedded education which help them to meet the challenges in the global scenario. The institution vision *Enlightenment Through Education* and it is internalized through the mission of the college

- to provide value embedded quality oriented education
- to nourish the potential of future nation builders
- to equip the student teachers to meet the challenges in the Global education scenario
- to strengthen the society through unity

As a distinct feature of Sree Narayana Training College, the institution provide value oriented education by emphasizing the following priority "Spiritual enhancement of the students".

The institution had chosen the thrust area for practicing the priority in the institution. The distinct activity which the institution adopts in this regard was *Aathmadarsanam*- value oriented programme based on Sree Narayana Guru.

Aatmadarsanam

In this programme, the student teachers are encouraged to participate in a value oriented programme organized by *Sree Narayana Study Centre* of the college and it is a Continuous programme for the past five years. Regional Development Committee (RDC) of the college also join their hands to implement the programme by giving suggestions and necessary supports. The programme included visit to Sivagiri and classes based on Sri Narayana Darsans. For the delivery of the content knowledge, the institution had designed a Programme material. The content knowledge was transacted by faculty of the institution as well as saints from Sree Narayana Mutt and Gurukulam, Sivagiri. The programme

materials aim at the Spiritual enhancement of a student. Though all the students were part of Sree Narayana Study Centre, there is no compulsion from the part of the college to join into the programme. An important aspect of the programme is that former teachers and alumni members who wish to be the part of the programme, are also allowed to join the programme.

Programme objectives

- ✓ To orient the student teachers towards social, spiritual and human values.
- ✓ To develop the qualities of responsible citizenship and good manners
- ✓ To enhance tolerance religious faith and cultural development among student teachers

Programme Structure

In order to achieve the programme objectives, the programmes were strctured in the form of classes and discussions directed by experts from various institutions including Sivagiri Mutt, and Gurukulam. Regional development committee of college also take initiatives for arranging resourceful classes from various voluntary organizations. The classes and discussions envisage an integrated development of a person. For the Self realization and self empowerment of an individual, Spiritual knowledge is essential along with all kinds of physical knowledge. Hence, the programme Atmadarsanam integrate dissemination of knowledge by explaining values and the ways of integrating those values in our life. The programme also integrate explanation of literature compiled by Sree Narayana Guru and thoughts of social reformers who had strengthened their life with spiritual and physical knowledge. were by

Proposed Explanations of Aathmadarsanam.

- Explanation of values- human values, societal values and spiritual values and significance of values in the present day context
- Explanation of religious values- service, humanity, peace, wisdom, compassion and endurance. Discussion on the need for integrating

religious values in holy books including Geetha, Quran and Holy Bible.

- Darsans of Sree Narayana Guru– explanation of Panchashuddhi, theerdhadanam fight against casteism, all religion's conference and works of Guru -Darshana Mala, Aathmopadeshasadakam, Arivu.
- Comparison of Sree Narayana Guru Darsans with other philosophers
 – Mahatma Gandhi, Rabindranath Tagore, Ayyankali, Vaikunda Swami.

Aathmadarsanam 2020-21

During the pandemic period programmes of Sree Narayana Study Center was very much limited. On 01.02.2021 Sri. Praveen R., faculty of Sree Narayana Training College delivered explanation of Daivadasakam, written by Sree Narayana Guru. It is the college prayer which does not mention any religion or diety in lyrics but at the same time the prayer possess, believes of all religion. Being the college prayer after giving an explanation of the lyrics, the selected students were are given training in reciting the poem as it is the mass prayer and all the students have learned the lyrics with choir team.

On 20.09.2020, a National Level Webinar was organized on Sree Narayana Guru's Perspective on Education in the context of National Policy 2020. was organized on 20/09/2020 as a collaborative venture of SREE NARAYANA TRAINING COLLEGE, SREE NARAYANA MISSION FOR LIFE EXCELLENCE (SMILE) &VIDYABHYASA VIKASA KENDRAM, KERALA. Webinar was inaugurated by Sri K. Sethuraman IPS and Sreemat Saradananda Swami, Treasurer of SMILE presided over the function. D.I.G. of Police.Prof. (Dr.) K. Jayaprasad, Former PVC, Central University of Kerala, Dean, School of Cultural Studies, Director, Mahatma Ayyankali Centre for Kerala Studies; Prof.(Dr.) M.A. Siddeek, Director, International Centre for SreeNarayana Guru Studies and Research, University of Kerala; Prof. (Dr.) M. V. Natesan, HoD,Incharge of Education,Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady and Shri. A. Vinod, Member, Monitoring Committee of Education, Govt. of India were the

Resource Persons. It was a valuable Webinar in terms of throwing light on the SREE NARAYANA GURU'S PERSPECTIVE ON EDUCATION IN THE CONTEXT OF NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY 2020'.During the academic year, Sree Narayana Study Centre was not able to transact majority of the discussions and explanations of contents. Dr. Reetha Ravi H., Assistant Professor and staff coordinator of Sree Narayana Study Centre provide guidance for organizing all the programmes.

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Explanation of Daivadasakam













Principal Sree Narayana Training College Nedunganda.

Training for reciting Daivadasakam





National Webinar On Sree Narayana Guru's Perspective On Education In The Context Of National Education Policy 2020 On 20/09/2020

