

Role of College Library in the Tribal Welfare Residential Degree Colleges for Women, Telangana, India

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ABSTRACT:

Telangana Tribal Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society (TTWREIS) has established Residential Degree College for Women to reach higher education to the poor tribal women of the Telangana State. In each and every Degree colleges well sophisticated libraries have been established for the benefit of the student community. These libraries not only cater the academic needs but also meet the competitive examinations like Civil Services, Banking, GRE, TOEFL, CAT etc. Libraries enable the women students to clear further entrance examinations to pursue higher studies in abroad. In this paper an attempt has been made to review the role and importance of college libraries in Tribal Welfare Residential Degree Colleges for women in Telangana state, India.

KEYWORDS: Tribal Welfare Residential Degree College, Women Empowerment, Telangana

INTRODUCTION

Telangana Tribal Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society (TTWREIS) work under aegis of Tribal Welfare Department, Government of Telangana has been passionately working to place the poorest among the Scheduled Tribes in the prosperous orbit through quality education for the last 35 years. Society with 180 institutions (from 1st standard to Degree) more than 50,000 students has been providing quality education in English medium up to graduation. Government strongly believes that education is the right medium by which the lives of the marginalized children can be transformed in social and economic spheres there by cultivating a new generation of marginalized students in Telangana, who can lead the country in the 21st century (Anonymous 2022). TTWRDC institutions are established with a vision to disseminate knowledge to the unreachable marginalized tribal communities devoid of access to mainstream educational resources. It emphasizes on equilibrium of theoretical knowledge and practical skills for holistic development of the students. . The Government of Telangana has been giving major impetus to educational empowerment of marginalized children by launching tribal welfare residential degree colleges. As a part of this initiative 22 Tribal Welfare Residential Degree Colleges are established in Telangana state by the Government of Telangana in 2017. Among these 22 Colleges 7 colleges are allotted for Men and 15 for Women. Here, an attempt was made to highlight the role of college library in Tribal Welfare Residential Degree College for Women, Telangana state, India.

Women education influences all the family members with whom she deal and it helps to eradicate the poverty and thereby triggering development. (S K Ravikumar 2006)² Libraries occupy an important place in modern society as an agent of educational, informational, political economic and antiquarian functions. Libraries are the only agency devoted solely to the purpose of collecting preserving, transmitting and securing the widest and most effective use of the records of civilization by the society of which it is a part. This study aim to evaluate the different activities of the college library in women empowerment.

INNOVATIVE INITIATIVES IN GURUKULAM CONCEPT

The following items have been provided during the college hours

- Computer labs to TTWR degree colleges
- Closed Circuit TVs & Cameras to girls' institutions
- Sports dress to the students
- Track suit to the students Degree level
- Medical equipment provided to all the Colleges for the health & safety of students

- Television sets provided to all the TTWR institutions for implementation of MANA TV Programmes to enable students to equip presentation skills in various subjects.
- Outdoor play equipment has been provided to all the TTWRE institutions.
- Dictionaries with 3 titles – Oxford, Essential English Grammar by Raymond Murphy, Common Errors in English to develop communicative English, writing skills and to empower students with word-power.
- Cosmetic kits (KCR Kits) have been provided to all the students of our society.
- “To improve the knowledge in English Bridge courses was introduced during the academic year 2017-18.
- To improve the fluency and the communication skills among the students in English, a new project called “MIRROR PROJECT” is being introduced in TTWREI Society to improve the English Communication skills and mirrors have been installed in all the TTWR institutions.
- FAS – Financial Accounting System developed by NIC-National Informatics Centre, is being utilized for the maintenance of accounts to avoid discrepancies.
- SAMS- Student Academic Monitoring System is being utilized to monitor the attendance & performance of the students & teachers.
- Uniform, bedding material, towels have been provided to all the students of the society through TSCO.
- Notebooks & records have been provided to all the students through TSTPC.
- Annapurna Software is being utilized to monitor the stock issued at the institution level and also monitor the diet being provided to the students every day.
- E-Plus club activity has been carefully designed to increase the confidence of the students, give them a platform where they can practice and communicate without any inhibitions.
- Accountants of TTWRD Colleges have been trained on the implementation of FAS, HAS, SAMS & Annapurna Software.
- SUPER NOVA programmes are conducted at TTWRC(W) to ignite passion and competition among the students.
- Constitution of College Council - School Council is constituted in every College to empower students thereby empowering the entire institution as a whole. Each council constitutes a Captain, Vice-Captain, House Captain, House Vice-Captain, Literary Secretary, Sports Secretary & Cultural Secretary.
- Impact - All the residential Colleges organize Impact Programme thrice a year on a grand scale to create awareness about the art of parenting, importance of education, the due importance of regularity to the school, storming career opportunities, for education of dogmas like early child (girl) marriages, etc., among the tribal parents (population).
- QUEST Programme has been introduced in which either the head of the institution or the selected lecturers will visit the native village of their student/s to establish an interaction with the parents of the students.
- PANACEA Health Services 24x7 - Round the clock monitoring of health of all students from a Centralized Command Centre in Hyderabad to address, direct and route the queries related to the health of the students of the Society.

ROLE OF LIBRARY

Library is a template for all knowledge seekers. Reading books has a great influence on young minds in developing their personality. Here in our library we have excellent collection of books which include reference books for the subjects, fiction, non-fiction and classical literature. We encourage the students to invest their time in reading to grow as an individual. There is section with an updated collection of books for students preparing for competitive exams along with the staff who are always happy to guide them. A library is a curated collection of sources of information and similar resources. It provides physical or digital access to material, and may be physical location or a virtual space.

- **News Papers:** Deccan Chronicle, The Hindu, *Eenadu*, *Sakshi*
- **Magazines:** Kurukshetra, CSR, Pratiyogita Darpan, Civil service chronicle, Shine India, Yojana, Vivek, Vijetha competition, Employment news, Current affairs, Frontline

- **Reference books**
- **Quantitative Aptitude**
- **Verbal & Non-Verbal**
- **Objective English**
- **Essential Grammar Books** for improving Communication Skills
- **Quantitative aptitude books** – Logical Reasoning books.

Library is established and working according to time table as for head office instructions. We are having the following books in the college

DETAILS OF BOOKS SUBSCRIBED

S.No	Category
1	NCERT Books
2	Telugu Novels
3	English Novels
4	IIT JAM, PG Entrance books
5	Other Reference Books
6	Dictionaries
7	Journals/Magazines
8	Academic Text Books

Our students are selected for various international internships and fellowships such as AIESEC and many other student exchange programs. Students secured seats in NITs, TISS and other ivy institutions by utilizing computer labs with rocket speed internet and fully loaded library

JOB CHART OF LIBRARIAN

Each librarian is required to submit annual work plan to the principal.

Librarian has to prepare weekly album with latest information culled out from periodicals / newspapers.

Librarian is entrusted with responsibility of developing writing and reading habits among the students.

Librarian has to organize monthly subject-wise book exhibitions in the school premises.

This would increase the students' awareness of the titles of the books available in the institution library.

Librarian must assist the principal in providing career guidance to the students.

Librarian has to prepare a time table in such a way that all classes attend library sessions on rotation basis every Sunday.

Librarian has to collect and manage books, magazines, news papers, electronic documents in a proper way.

Librarian has to help students in preparing morning assembly activities.

Librarian has to attend the supervision study along with the subject teachers as per the schedule.

Librarian should be an active member in Saturday club activities and also in the litter free and green warrior club and must actively participate in the club activities as per the schedule.

Any other duty instructed by the Principal.

ACTIVITIES OF THE LIBRARIAN TO BE IMPLEMENTED THROUGH OUT THE YEAR

Class library: The librarian has to start the class libraries. This should be done by issuing 20 books weekly to library assistants and made them to circulate among all students in the class throughout the week.

Preparing albums: Encourage students to prepare weekly albums with latest information collected from news papers, magazines *etc.*

G.K. Hunt: Students have to find important General Knowledge bits from newspapers and weekly quiz competitions can be conducted.

Reading club: Organize reading clubs to encourage book reading habit among students during their library. The students must read at least 2 books per month.

Famous historical figures (Biographies): Students should be encouraged to read books, biographies of famous personalities by giving weekly theme in club time

Monthly book exhibition: monthly book exhibition must be organized for creating awareness of books available in library.

Awareness and Volunteer activities: Choosing an important social issue, and creating awareness programmes on it on monthly basis.

Celebrating important days of the month: Competitions and activities can be conducted on important days of month.

Career Guidance: He should be one of the members of the HEC and must engage with works of HEC. Any other work assigned by the Principal.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT CELL

To promote a culture of respect and equality for female gender and to identify women with strong leadership qualities to build their capacity to provide opportunities and programmes for female gender to be mentally and emotionally empowered so as to promote their growth as individuals in their won right at women's Gurukulam institution WEC is constituted and many awareness programmes are conducted efficiently.

CONCLUSION

From the analysis, it is stated that library has to play a vital role for the improvement of women education. Various information sources of the library are not sufficient to meet the needs of women users, the infrastructure and facilities of the library has to be improved. Hence there is an urgent need for effective orientation programmes, workshops, seminars *etc* among women that only they can exploit the maximum benefit from application of information technology. Library as the local gateway to knowledge provides a basic condition for lifelong learning, independent decision making and cultural development and social group. (UNESCO manifesto 2005)³. Library is a welfare centre which provides useful service to the community by fostering education, promoting culture, providing scope for healthy recreation and disseminates information to all section of the society (Laila T Abraham 2010)⁴. Women education is a key to the development of any country. It not only helps in the development of half of the human resources, but in improving the quality of life at home and outside. Educated women not only tend to promote education of their girl children, but also can provide better guidance to all their children. The most powerful tool that changes the position of society and nation is only women's education. Education improves the status of women within the family as well as in society. For increasing female literacy rate the government should provide free and compulsory education to all females at all level of education Keeping in view of above, Library plays a vital role in disseminating the knowledge skills among women students studying in the Tribal Welfare Degree Colleges for women in Telangana, India.

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