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Institutional Values and Social Responsibilities

1. Title of the practice: Rabindranath Tagore Study Centre, a centre for research on the life of Rabndranath Tagore.

2. Objectives of the Practice: Keeping in view of inculcating on the minds of the students and faculties about the values and thoughts of great social thinkers, the institution has established the Rabindranath Tagore Study Centre in 2013.

- The intended outcome of the study centre is to popularise the thoughts of Rabindranath Tagore among the students and researchers of the region.
- To facilitate the students to expand their knowledge by reading and practicing the philosophies of the great thinker.

3. Context:

- Rabindranath Tagore, being one of the great social thinkers is always remembered and followed for his great contribution for social change in India and the centre has been established under the scheme of Epoch making of Social Thinkers of India as approved by UGC letter no.F.6-1/2012(NEF) April,2013.
- In the prevailing condition of literature and social outcry, the institution has adopted some important initiatives to implement the objectives of establishing the centre.

4. Practice:

- Fakiragram College has established Rabindranath Tagore under the approval of UGC in 2013 to promote the thoughts and philosophy of the great social thinker.
- The institution has allotted a separate room with furnished furniture and equipments necessary for smooth functioning of the Centre.
- Mrs Jaya Dey, an Assistant Professor, Department of Bengali, who possesses profound knowledge on

Rabindranath, has been appointed as Director of the centre.

- The Centre has a library of its own with approximately 124 Books.
- The centre has planned to organise a Seminar on the life and philosophy of Rabindranath Tagore very shortly with a view to highlight the philosophy of the great thinker.
- The students of the institution have performed *Rabindra Sangeet*, dance on Rabindra song in the different programme of the college.
- Special Lecture on Rabindranath Tagore was organised in connection with the celebration of Birth Centenary of Rabindranath Tagore on 09.05.2022 where Dr Biswajit Biswas, Associate Professor, Department of Bengali, Bilasipara College has participated as the Resource Person and he, in his speech, elaborated the life and philosophy of Rabindranath Tagore in a simplified language.
- The college has a plan to introduce some Certificate courses on Rabindranath Tagore under the program of Add-on courses very shortly.
- The institution is planning to organise some programme like workshop on Rabindra-Theatre, workshop on the songs of Rabindranath etc. very soon.

Constraints:

- Rabindranath Tagore Study Centre, Fakiragram College is located in a semi-rural area with limited staffs.
5. Due to lack regular source of fund the centre faces some difficulty in organising the events like workshop, seminar, introduction of Certificate courses etc

6. Evidence of Success:

- Celebration of Rabindra Jayanti on 09.05.2018 with a special lecture.
- Celebration of Rabindra Jayanti on 09.05.2019 with an open session.
- Celebration of 161st Birth Anniversary with many colourful programmes followed by a special lecture.

7. Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

- The full time staff required to be allotted for smooth functioning of the centre.
- The students and researchers are found to be less interested in the studies which are of conventional value.