

## **BEST PRACTICE**

### **1. Title:**

Blood Grouping to First Year Degree Students and submitting the report to Red Ribbon Club KBN College & Red Cross Society Vijayawada

### **2. Objectives of the Practice:**

- To maintain and update a permanent well-indexed record of Voluntary Student Blood Donors in the college.
- To generate awareness on Blood Donation and its significance in saving lives during emergencies.
- To save lives by making the timely availability of the required blood group in Vijayawada through KBN College HELP LINE.

### **3. The Context:**

The Department of Zoology to serve the needy started grouping of blood to first year Degree students in collaboration with the Red Cross Society Blood Bank, Vijayawada. The students identify the blood groups of First Year Degree Students every year. This practice helps the First Year Degree students to know their own blood group. They are also motivated to donate blood as it saves the lives of people on the threshold of death due to serious illness or fatal injuries.

#### **4. The Practice:**

The Department of Zoology is conducting Blood Grouping Test to the First Year Degree students from 2013-14 and is maintaining a permanent well-indexed record of blood groups of students. Every year the final year B.Sc. CBZ students conduct this blood grouping tests under the supervision of lecturers in Zoology. They do this grouping class wise in a systematic manner by using scientific and sterilized methods. This enables the first year students to know their blood group. They are also provided with the information regarding rare blood groups, the importance of blood donation and transfusion of blood. Students are thus motivated to donate blood voluntarily in times of need.

The record is then handed over to the Red Ribbon Club (KBN Help Line) members, the Principal of the college and Red Cross society of Vijayawada. When a person in need of blood approaches the Help Line, the information is immediately conveyed to the student donor and the need is addressed immediately. The students of KBN College render this life saving service with utmost sincerity and dedication.

#### **5. Evidence of Success:**

The Zoology Department as well as B. SC. CBZ students feel highly contented with their active participation in the noble act of blood donation and for being able to serve the humanity in a great way. About 100 or more students are donating blood every year on an average.

This practice has enabled the students to overcome their hesitation and fears about blood donation and transformed it into a habit and best practice.

Through this service we could inculcate the moral and human values practically to the students

## 6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

Sometimes students hesitate to come forward to know their blood group as they are afraid of needles, blood and pain. Similarly some students also hesitate to donate blood but when they are educated and counseled by the faculty and final year students they come forward to donate blood. They leave with a glitter in their eyes feeling great satisfaction after donating blood for the noble purpose of saving and giving a new lease of life to a fellow being The above problems are also solved by organizing awareness programmes and invited talks to donate blood as it saves the lives of many needy people.

