EXPERIMENTAL SERVICE-LEARNING FOR BLIND STUDENT DEVELOPMENT THROUGH REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP

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PARTNER INSTITUTIONS
AND INTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

- University students and faculty of Union Christian College (10° 7' 30.65"N, 76° 20' 3.32"E), Aluva, Kerala State, India
- The School for the Blind (10°7'3"N, 76°23'16"E), Aluva, Kerala State, India
- Service – Learning centre UCC and National Service scheme (NSS - UCC unit).
AIM AND OBJECTIVES

✧ To train the Service – Learning student groups in the college so that they can train and help the blinds in their various life activities within the campus and outside

✧ To empower the teaching and non-teaching staff of the blind school and also to develop their premises ideal for blind friendly life
METHODOLOGY

🔹 Pilot study: The study group traced details on family background, dining habits, games, talent performances, cultural activities, health and hygiene of the blind students
Crafts performance of Blind Students
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Training in Music
Methods contd…..

- Joint meeting UCC S-L faculty and Blind school staff: Prioritized areas of service learning
- Data collection, documentation and feedbacks by on-stage sharing and questionnaire answering was performed
SERVICE-LEARNING AREA

UNDERTAKEN

- SL undergraduate student group from arts and science furnished multipurpose games court for the blind
Complete Health Assessment

❖ S-L faculty together with post-graduate students of Psychology Department, contributed in clinical psychology tests of the 25% multiple disabled blind students in the complete health assessment program
Voice Records

- Curriculum based voice records preparation was performed by selected SL students
SCRIBES

✿ Scribe training for S-L students and supporting staff and students was given for serving the blind students as scribes during University examinations
Training for Helping Blind

✧ Blind School teachers and selected blind students trained
S-L group “How to help a Blind”
Festival celebration
Eye Camp for Senior Citizens
Conclusions

- Success rate between 87.5% to 98% among the 70 blind student beneficiaries and 27 staff of blind school and 102 S-L members from UCC
FUTURE PROSPECTS

🌿 Health card for all blind students to be prepared with the assistance of medical doctors under progress

🌿 Training blind students and joint games performances with Service Learning students of UCC

🌿 Development of blind friendly library space for the blind students of UCC

🌿 Joint celebration of festivals and feasts
Thank you