

## **Title of the Practice :-**

Growing Within : Nurturing the potential of students through Field Visit and Tours.

### **Content:-**

Field trips take students to locations that are unique and cannot be duplicated in the classroom. Each student observes natural settings and creates personally relevant meaning to the experience. Interactive exhibits help students play with concepts, activities often not possible in the classroom. Earlier course content suddenly becomes relevant as students assimilate and accommodate new understanding. Our College is located in the rural background, most of the students are from the villages where they get less exposures, educational experimental and participative learning through such activity. The field visit for the educational purpose is the focused area of the college for the students of subjects like Gujarati, History, English, Hindi and Psychology and Commerce. Field trips are generally motivating for students, bring a vividness or reality which cannot be bring with conventional lesson. it helps the students gathering information for learning in a relevant real world.

### **Practice:-**

There is a general saying “I hear and I forget, I see and I remember, I do and I understand,” it describes the theory of retaining more information when visually experiencing the activities in a chosen environment. Almost all departments organizes the Educational field trips for the following benefits.

### **Interactive Learning:**

Field trips help students to interact with what they are learning. The experience goes beyond reading about a concept; students are able to see it, manipulate it or participate in it physically. Students are able to see elements with their eyes rather than reading about it and believing what they are told in books or by educators. These tours provide the students with the opportunity of learning through travel, especially to places that they may not otherwise get to visit. Educational trips provide valuable educational opportunities away from the classroom, without using textbooks and other tools which are used in a normal school setting. Students on educational trips can often learn while having fun in a more informal environment.

### **Entertainment:**

The learning trips also provide entertainment for students. They often act as a powerful motivator for students. Breaking away from the routine provides students refreshment that might make them more focused back in the studies. Learning and fun always make a great combination. Field trips are considered as a fun, but the students learn as well, whether they realize it or not. No matter how much students learn during an educational trip, their favorite memories may be based on their enjoyment of the day. Getting away from the Institute for a day or even half a day is always exciting for students and educational trips are always highly

anticipated. Students will have fun with their friends or classmates and they also may return to the classroom with a renewed focus.

### **Social Interaction:**

Getting away from the routine atmosphere of the college or school gives students an opportunity to spend time with each other in a new environment. They may be able to connect on more of a personal level without the structure of the normal school day. Students may be able to spend much of the educational trip day in small groups, observing, chatting and learning about each other. Having a trip in the early part of the term or semester is wise since it will allow the students to make a bond with whom they may not know very well. Also, leaving the classroom for an educational tour places the students in a different social environment. They encounter a new set of folks during the course of the average field trip. These interactions teach them how to behave in different environments. They learn more self-control and communication etiquettes. It creates a sense of teamwork and community among the students as they experience a field trip together. Furthermore, students can interact with other people from all sections of society. It gives them a chance to gain new perspectives, and learn from complete strangers with unbiased opinions.

### **New Experiences:**

Many students do not get to experience the typical trip locations with their families. Because of money constraints or lack of resources, not all parents are able to take their kids to zoos, museums and other field trip destinations. An educational trip gives the opportunity for students to experience new venues or places. While field trips take a great deal of work and energy, broadening the horizons of the students is worth it. Moreover, when students and teachers are together going on a trip, new educational environments and experiences are possible. Students may have the opportunity to observe many things that are not available at school or college, including exotic wildlife, rare plants, mechanism of industries etc. Discussing the educational trip beforehand is wise because it allows students to know what they will experience during their time away from school.

### **Better Exposure:**

Better exposure is yet another benefit of educational tours in a student's life. Students get to visit new places and this is a great opportunity for students who do not get many opportunities to go on trips. Especially for curious students who have the constant urge for learning new things, these educational tours are a great way of putting their knowledge as well as experiences to test. They can learn new things and this practical knowledge will help them in going a long way in their careers.

### **Cultural Observation:**

On a good educational tour, students experience a different culture through their eyes. Nowadays, many travel agencies organize the tours which are offering volunteering opportunities and other chances to see how people of varying socioeconomic levels in a variety

of local people live. Such experiences can help students develop more compassion for people from different styles of life. It can also help them to reflect on how these issues affect people near their home, inspiring them to work toward change.

Objective:-

- 1) To provide firsthand experience,
- 2) To stimulate interest and motivation in Historical places,
- 3) To add relevance to learning and interrelationships,
- 4) To strengthen observation and perception skills, and
- 5) To promote personal (social) development.

Problem Encountered;-

1. To maintain the discipline of the students during the trip
2. Fund management
3. Some of the problems encountered is mainly due to cost, safety issues
4. It always brings a challenge to organize field trip and make rearrangements for students who cannot afford. Controlling the entire classroom in a new surrounding can also be a challenge. It may be difficult for students to focus on the lesson if they are excited about spending a day out of classroom.