

Key Indicator-7.2 Best Practices

a) Educational awareness for Jail Inmates

1. Title of the Practice

Fostering higher education to sentenced prisoners to promote inclusiveness in society.

2. Objectives of fostering education to Sentenced Prisoners

- i. Socialization of jail inmates through education.
- ii. To provide the equitable access to all the jail inmates with basic benefits of the society through higher education
- iii. To make them skilled and knowledgeable with technical education.
- iv. To provide them physical and mental health through the yoga and meditation.

3. The Context

Some prisoners are falsely involved in crimes and other illegal activities due to a lack of education and awareness in detention centers. Further, after atonement, they are interested in living in a society with respect and confidence. It is possible only when they get higher education. In this direction, UPRTOU has decided to provide free education to the prisoners in the jail. Since education is the best tool for inclusion, so UPRTOU has initiated their inclusion in mainstream society.

4. The Practice

UPRTOU has a strategic plan to spread education, which will be readily available to every citizen of society. With the help of these plans, the university is providing higher education to the sentenced prisoners of UP (14 Jails).

5. Evidence of success

Initially, the university has facilitated education for prisoners of Naini Central Jail, Prayagraj. Due to its positive response, there is an MOU between UPRTOU and the jail administration (IG/DIG). The number of study centers of the university is going to increase in other jails of U.P. as well, with a circular for establishing new study centers.

6. Problems encountered and resources required

Practically, a few problems occur in providing education to prisoners in jail, such as admission, study center, counselling classes and conduction of examinations etc., due to the restrictions in going outside. To avoid these problems, the university has facilitated education by physical means and humility resources to the prisoners. The

credit goes to our university for establishing harmony, happiness and peace in prisoners through modern education.