

# St. GREGORIOS TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGE, MEENANGADI

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# MECHANISMS TO HONOUR STUDENT DIVERSITIES IN TERMS OF LEARNING NEEDS

The students who enter into the field of teaching profession may differ in terms of various needs. The student diversities in terms of learning needs include slow learners, fast learners, learner's needs with special reference to language and communication. The institution identifies the student diversities through student profile maintained by the faculty members while adopting various activities. The various activities include Mentoring/ Academic Counselling, Peer tutoring and feedback, Remedial learning engagement, learning enhancement activities, collaborative tasks, use of assistive devices and adaptive structures and with lingual interactions.

# Mentoring/ Academic counseling

Mentoring classes by the mentor teachers. During the academic year, the student teachers were grouped into seven and were allotted to seven mentor teachers under the guidance of mentor teachers, students were given personal assistance and individual guidance based on the personal and academic needs students who need additional academic support are taken care of and were recommended for remedial learning

# Peer feedback / Tutoring

Feedback is obtained from peer group as part of the curricular activity helps to identify the students with different learning needs. The discussion lessons and criticism

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lessons dealt with as part of the curriculum enable the teacher educators to identify the content competency as well as skills required for the teaching profession. Along with this, the skill learning session Microteaching skills Iso helps the learner to focus on his own weakness in the teaching skills required for a teacher. The specific difficulties identified are practiced through microteaching process.

# Remedial learning engagement:

The list of students identified with different learning needs are forwarded by the concerned teachers to the academic coordinators and the academic coordinator is responsible for conducting remedial learning strategies. The list of students thus organized are communicated with the concerned teacher educators. The remedial learning sessions are usually organized during Saturday's and extra time is spent for remedial teaching. Apart from identified students, other students can come and join the group as an additional support.

## **Collaborative Tasks:**

The teacher education curriculum offers different types of collaborative works among the student teachers which helps to identify the students potentials in different aspects. The capacities and skills of students may differ in terms of academic, personal, organizational, communication and other related aspects in teaching. Students are directed to work in groups both curricular and cocurricular activities including community services, group discussions, capacity building programmes, shared classes through practice teaching sessions, organization and participation in community living camps etc. The individual student is assessed through such various collaborative activities and appropriate measures are adopted by the teacher educators to deal with the deficiencies if any among the students.

# Assistive devices and adaptive structures:

Students with different learning needs are provided with appropriate measures for their qualitative improvement in learning. Braille is provided for visually challenged students to support the learning process. Students with physical and motor disabilities are provided with sufficient structural modifications in the institution including Ramps, Rails, provision of scribes for the examination, wheel chairs, provision of recorded classes and corresponding links, Braile facilities and Rest rooms separate for boys and girls.



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## Multilingual interactions and inputs:

The communication skills is an important aspect of the teaching profession. The ability to transact through both regional language and English is considered as an essential part of communication skill. Hence the various kinds of interactions among teacher-pupil communication during the course helps to assess the communication skills of learners in different contexts. The institution offers facilities for enhancing the linguistic skills of the students and also supports the students having multilingual competencies by providing appropriate opportunities for enhancing the same.

When students with diverse learning needs are identified, the institution take measures to deal with the needs effectively. Those students who need additional academic supports are provided with appropriate remedial measures, including provision for remedial teaching and learner enhancement and provision of adaptive structures for the students. Those students who are

identified with above average performance in various aspects are provided with opportunities for provision of enrichment programs such as participation in both intercollegiate and intra collegiate competitions, provision of special projects and assignments.



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# EFFORTS MADE BY THE COLLEGE TO HONOUR STUDENT DIVERSITIES IN TERMS OF LEARNING NEEDS

St. Gregorios Teacher training college is affiliated to University of Calicut and is guided by the regulations formulated at the University level as per the NCTE norms regarding syllabi, examination and evaluation. Thus, internal assessment scheme is as per University and NCTE rules. As per the regulations and instructions of Apex Bodies, a continuous internal assessment system is followed by the Institution. Regarding the Internal Assessment, in each paper of pedagogical and core subjects, the total of 100 marks has a component of 20 marks of internal assessment and rest 80 marks are allotted for the final written examination of that paper conducted by the University. These 20 marks of internal assessment are designed and bifurcated in such a way that a continuous evaluation of students takes place throughout the semester and marks are given for each academic activity performed as per the curriculum implemented by the University. Accordingly, every B.Ed. student has to take written tests, Assignments, Practicums, Capacity Enhancement Activities, Seminars, Microteaching and such other means allow teachers to monitor and assess the progress of students. In the case of practical aspects of B.Ed. curriculum, the teacher educators are continuously assessing the students' performance right from the beginning till the end of the academic session by using the structured evaluation proforma formulated by the College. This system helps students also to get feedback on their



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progress mid-course so that they can work towards improvement. The students are informed in the beginning of the academic year on the modes of Continuous Internal Evaluation (CIE). The performance of students in CIE is analyzed by the concerned General and Optional Teachers. The performance of the students in CIE is monitored by the principal and the necessary feedback is given to the concerned faculty members. The principal conducts review meetings to give necessary feedback for the improvement of students' performance. These mechanisms help us for student assessment and adoption of remedial measures to assist students facing constraints.

Based on their performance, students are advised and encouraged to attend special classes by teachers which are specifically meant for students who face difficulties in studies. These provide an opportunity to both advanced and slow learners to meet faculty members for individual- or smaller group-based learning sessions. Such sessions facilitate adherence to high standards of teaching-learning, academic rigor and even skill enhancement with minimum or no dilution of the course content. Thought of the day Programs, Field visits, Weekly discussions, and visual demonstrations also feed into student learning outside the classroom. In addition to the academic activities, both Core subjects and Pedagogic subjects provide the students opportunities to attend motivational training programs, leadership training, confidence-building, mental health and life skills.

Not only these, but the institution also followed a mentor-mentee process for providing personalized and regular support to students. At the beginning of the academic year, the first- year students are divided into groups and one mentor teacher was assigned the responsibility of

Mentoring one group at the ratio of 1:8. The same mentor continues to mentor the student for the two years of his/her course. Mentors conduct a meeting with their mentees once a month or as and when required, to discuss their problems and issues related to their curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. The mentor teachers spend quality time with the mentees by having informal interactions with regard to their personal and academic problems both individually



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and collectively. The mentees were given proper guidance and counseling by the mentors. The mentor teacher tries his/her best to find solutions to any such issues arising in student's life and informs the college authorities about the matter if need be. If a mentor teacher feels professionals guidance and counseling to any students, we inform and invite the parents of the mentees to the Institution and have discussions for the wellbeing of the mentees. Students are encouraged to optimise their potential through special opportunities provided to them by way of scholarships by the University, awards and other recognitions instituted by Alumni members, Faculty members and PTA of the Institution. Platforms for enabling students to participate in diverse curricular and co-curricular forums like seminars, conferences, lectures, and other literary and cultural events are consistently organised. Additionally, student participation in the annual cultural and academic festivals showcases the talents of the learners in academic and co-curricular events. In addition, exceptional talents in the domains of art, dance, theatre, music, and other performing arts are also nurtured and exhibited in programmes like 'Talent Hunt'.



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#### **ACTIVITIES TO ADDRESS STUDENT DIVERSITIES**

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#### PEER FEEDBACK ON CRITICISM CLASSES







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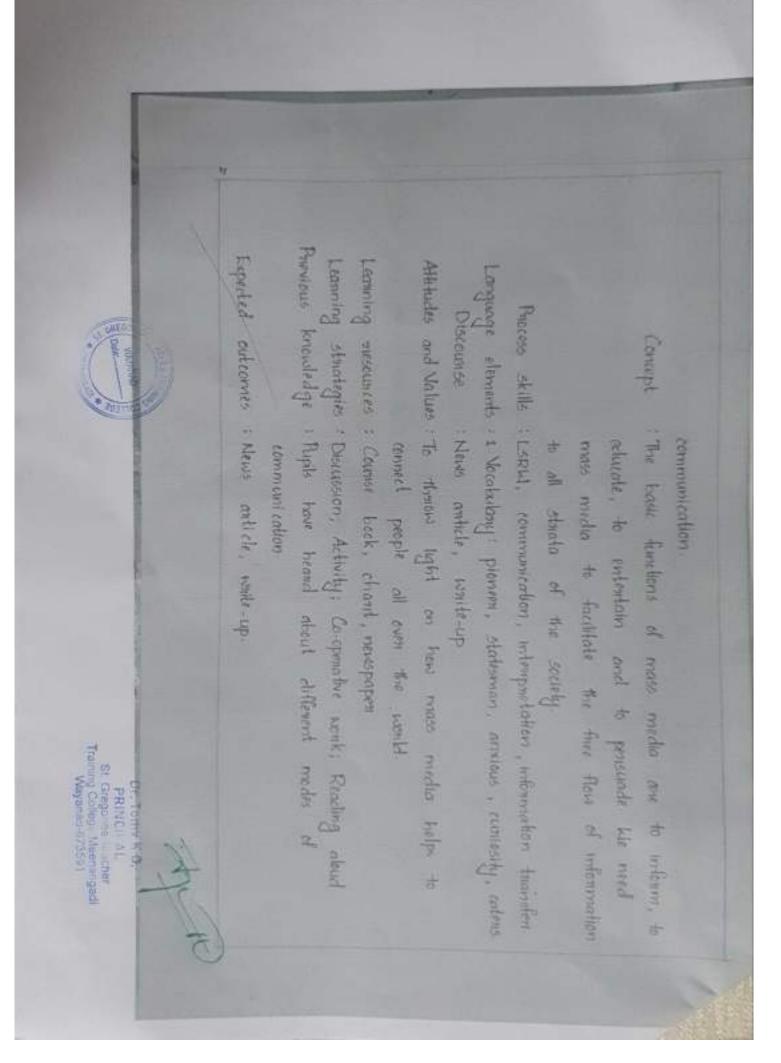
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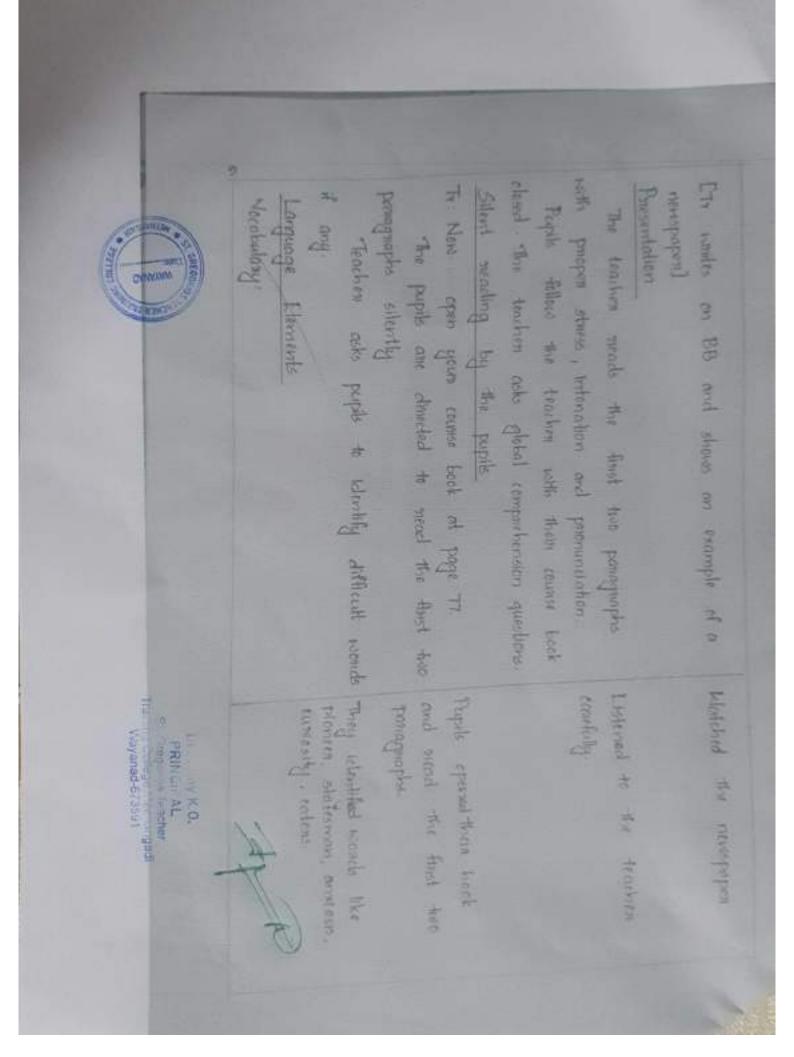


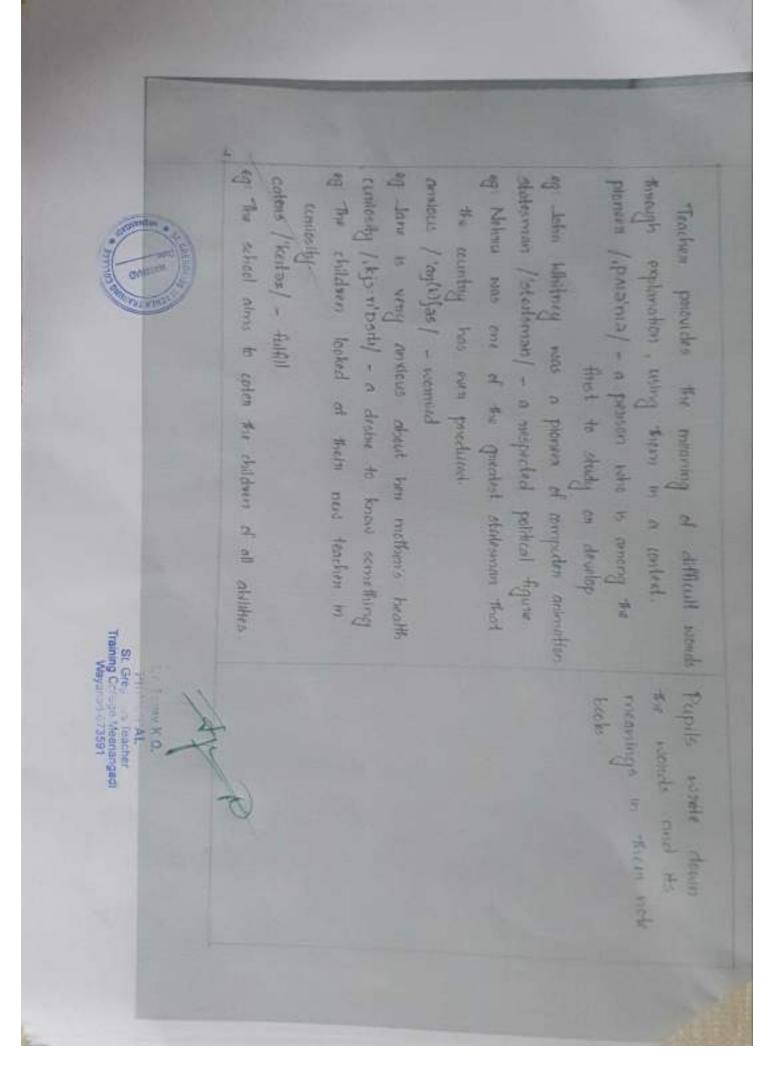
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