



## St. Xavier's College of Education Ambikapur

### Institutional Distinctiveness (2019-20)

#### Prayer Assembly

Every day there is prayer assembly from 8.30 A.M. to 9.00 A.M. All the teacher trainees gather together for prayer assembly. Every group formed by the student teachers becomes responsible for conducting prayer assembly and regularizes themselves for prayer assembly. The class day in the college begins with the prayer assembly. The main aspects of prayer assembly are physical exercise, thought for the day, news reading, do you know questions, and a skit. Along with that one of the teacher educators gives feedback about the conduct of prayer assembly. Then the principal gives some information and instruction. Lastly the anthem is sung and the prayer assembly gets over. The prayer assembly in the college is meant for participation, all-round development, overcome stage fear, unity, peace, love, sense of God and spirituality, opportunity for learning and beginning the day. Prayer assembly refers to a group of students and teachers coming together before starting the learning and teaching works in college in which some prayers, pledges, national anthem etc are formally sung. Any type of information is told by the principal in the prayer assembly itself. Prayer assembly is right time to make everyone aware of college related information, orders and instructions. If the students are awarded for their achievements then the prayer assembly is appropriate for these also. The prayer meeting boosts the morale of the students and teachers. At this time, the teachers and student teachers get inspiration through various items of the prayer assembly. The college starts with the prayer assembly which motivates towards community participation. The teacher students overcome their stage fear. By performing skits, reading news, asking do you know questions, leading physical exercise, giving thought for the day, leading the prayer they develop their personality and learn a lot by getting feedback during the prayer assembly from the teacher educators. They understand the importance of prayer assembly. They became regular for prayer assembly. The principal of the college gives some information and instruction every day before starting the classes. This prayer assembly becomes distinctive because this is an important platform for the teacher students to develop their personality. All the teacher students get chance to come up on the stage in turn. Learning from peer group takes place through this prayer assembly. Generally there is no prayer assembly in colleges but here the prayer assembly is conducted very meaningfully. All the staff members and the student teachers gather together. The senior student teachers give motivation to the junior student teachers. They learn the discipline of life. Questions asked during the prayer assembly are very much helpful for the competition examinations. All congregation get up-to-date knowledge through news reading. Thought for the day gives point for reflection. The skit performed during the assembly gives a clear cut message.

Skills of acting are developed. Thus all these activities are helpful for teacher trainees to become effective teachers.