

Sochum Report

Work and Earn is a concept where individuals or groups of students engage in small entrepreneurial activities or services to earn money while learning valuable skills. The Sochumers participate in various activities. It not only helps them earn but also promotes self-reliance, time management, and financial literacy. These activities also encourage enthusiasm and initiative among the students, often leading to personal and collective benefits.

Some Sochumers are even able to pay their mess fees, at least for a month, through the “Work and Learn” initiative. Activities such as tutoring and carpentry, like making a flower stand for the warden also contribute to their earnings and skill development. In addition, the boys provide labour services such as chopping firewood.

The common activities under Work and Earn include selling handmade products, offering tutoring services, preparing homemade pickles, and baking cookies.

1. Pickle Preparation and Sales: Students form small groups and discuss how to carry out the work, distributing tasks among themselves. The most common pickles include soya chunks, chicken, and beef pickles. These are sold during college events and within the Sochum itself.
2. Snacks Preparation and Sales: Snacks such as sinju, spicy chana, pakora, fried bread, naamkin, millet rice, popcorn, lemon juice, etc., are prepared and sold within the Sochum as well as on the college campus.
3. Tutoring: Some of the Sochumers were also involved in giving home tuition, charging them a reasonable fee. It helps the individuals to earn pocket money, build leadership skills, and help juniors. Sochumers have also engaged in earning wages during holidays.
4. Crocheting and handworks involve making bags, scarves, bracelets, necklaces, keychains, phone charms, etc., all being crafted by the Sochumers. These items were being sold in the college campus or during events or any weeks that was being held.
5. Apart from the above-mentioned activities, students actively participate in daily vesper services, combined fellowship programs, and social work whenever necessary. They also maintain kitchen gardens, take part in church activities, and carry out tasks assigned by the college. These responsibilities help in building discipline, teamwork, and a sense of community among the students. The Sochumers also actively participate in college activities and contribute to maintaining the cleanliness of the campus.

Conclusion

The above-mentioned activities highlight the active participation of many Sochumers in the Work and Earn programme, which has greatly contributed to their journey towards self-

reliance. This platform not only provides opportunities for immediate financial support but also helps in developing practical skills that are valuable for lifelong growth.

Overall, the Work and Earn programme at Sao Chang College plays a significant role in shaping students' lives by combining learning with real-life experience. It fosters essential qualities such as responsibility, cooperation, and self-confidence. Through these experiences, students become more independent and better prepared to face future challenges, making the programme both meaningful and highly beneficial.





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