

Best Practice 1:

1. Title of the Practice:

Research Publications by students

2. Objectives of the Practice:

The objective of this practice is to inculcate an aptitude for research, critical and analytical thinking and communication skills, which are globally sought after graduate attributes.

3. The Context:

The College runs a total of 11 P.G programs in the faculties of Arts, Science and Commerce and three research centers, one in each faculty. Around 1,000 students are enrolled in Post graduate programs. The final year students are required to undertake Research Project as per the guidelines of affiliating University.

Undertaking a research project leads to radical changes in learning approach for most of the students. They move from the conventional learning methodologies (lectures, practical and tutorial) to an advanced approach of investigative learning. Research problems taken up by students make them read research work with critical and analytical perspective and understand the data collection and analysis and conclusive report writings.

4. The Practice:

The College provides conducive environment for research. Teachers guide the PG students for their research projects. All final year students working on research projects are motivated to write research paper/article and encouraged to present their research work in various conferences/Seminar.

Every year the college organizes State Level/National/International Conferences, which gives an opportunity to students to present their research work in the form of Research paper/poster. In the academic year 2019-20 the college organized an International conference (Commerce department), National conference (Microbiology department) and two state level Seminars (Environmental Science and English). Best papers are awarded prizes for motivation.

Students are encouraged to register for national/international conferences organized by other colleges. Apart from this, students also participated in events like International

Web Conference on Science, Engineering and Technology, State level Seminar on Trends in life Sciences A.M. College Hadapsar Pune, National Conference on Aquatic Ecosystems: Sustainability and Conservation at IISER and 107th Indian Science Congress.

5. Evidence of Success:

During the year 2019-20, 38 Research Papers and 30 Research Posters were presented by M.Com. & M.A. students at the International Conference titled “Global Economic Slowdown: India’s preparedness to meet the emerging Challenges” organized by Department of Commerce.

“National Level Conference titled Phage- A boon in Disguise 2020’ organized by the Department of Microbiology was attended by 46 students, who presented research papers and posters.

Two days State level Conference titled ‘Carbon Audit and Green Economics’ organized by the department of Environmental Sciences was attended by 30 students, who presented posters.

During the competitions for poster/oral presentations held at various conferences/seminars 16 students won the first prize, 2 students won the third prize and 3 students bagged the best oral presentation award.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

The Institute did not encounter any major challenges in the process. Post graduate students are more focused and participate in research activities with enthusiasm. The interaction with resource persons and delegates helped students to understand nuances of research with better perspective.

National and International Conferences organized by the college were sponsored by an education trust and the state level conference was sponsored by BOD, SPPU, Pune. All the conferences received an over whelming response in terms of registrations by participants from all over the country. Resource persons from reputed Institutes visited the college and addressed the participants. Organization of these events also provided the college an opportunity to invite and host eminent personalities, academicians, industrialists and researchers from various fields resulting in fruitful interactions.

Best Practice 2:

1. Title of the Practice:

Intercollegiate Festivals

2. Objectives of the Practice

- To organize competitions inviting students from different colleges to participate in competitions dealing with Co-curricular and Extra Curricular Aspects.
- To give a platform for the students to showcase their talent and give their best in a competition. The intra-collegiate competitions allow the student to represent their college and compete according to the set parameters.

3. The Context

The college has always been organizing co-curricular and extra-curricular activities that have attracted large number of participation from its own students. There has been appreciation from the guests invited as judges and guests as well for the same. Thus some of the departments have raised the bar and made the competitions/fests open to participation from other colleges. The exposure the students receive in terms of talent, fostering healthy competition and getting new ideas is very satisfactory. The students get opportunities to participate in state and national levels if they win the competitions.

4. The Practice

This practice was initiated by the commerce department and its success motivated other departments to also make their festivals also Intercollegiate. The college holds a number of intercollegiate competitions every year. Management fiesta, B.B.A. Intercollegiate festival, Arts fest, Management Fiesta, Science Festival, Computer Application Fiesta.

In addition many departments organize intercollegiate debates and elocution competitions.

5. Evidence of Success

During the year 2019-20, a number of students from other colleges came to the college and participated in the various fiestas and festivals organized. There was an exchange of ideas, concepts and views on various topics. There is a fresh perspective that students coming from various faculties and colleges bring with them. This gives the students excellent exposure and goes a long way in making their learning experience more holistic.

An intercollegiate competition motivates students to put in their best. The large number of participants resulted in better quality of performances and higher standard of models and exhibits.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

Physical resources:

- The college conducts large number of activities therefore, the bigger events have to be scheduled according to the availability of the shared infrastructure. This constrains the organization schedules.
- Bigger intercollegiate events sometimes clash with schedules of other institutions thus hampering participation of students from other colleges and vice-versa.

Finance:

- Budgetary provisions are to a large extent met with by the management. In addition the students raise funds by getting sponsors for the events.
- Alumni association contributes to these events.

7.3 Institutional Distinctiveness

The College focuses toward the education and development of the socially, financially and culturally weaker sections of society and Muslims in particular.

The college operates on a first come first served admission policy. This policy has been adopted to accommodate the first generation learners that constitute a large portion of the undergraduate students. Further the college is surrounded by a poor and middle class habitation. This policy ensures that the students living in the vicinity of the college are accommodated.

As most students come from the socially and financially weaker sections of the society, and from vernacular medium of education, it becomes imperative to offer English language, personality development, confidence building activities and bridge courses, to ensure their growth and development. Thus organizing a variety of activities is one of the best practices of the college. The college also rewards the efforts of the students by distributing a large number of prizes for the various activities, thus building the confidence of the students.

Further the college informs students about the availability of various scholarship schemes. The teachers have a poor fund to which each teacher contributes and the same is utilized to sponsor the education of some needy students. The management too sponsors the fees of needy students. The college runs three parallel earn and learn schemes, to accommodate the large number of students that apply for the same.

As the students are first generation learners, the college has to involve the parents in their growth, progress and achievement. Student toppers are felicitated at the annual prize distribution function together with the parents. The parents are counselled to allow the student to complete her education and then get her married. Regular parents' teachers meetings are organized to inform the parent about the progress of the student.

In the words of our President "If you want to bridge the gap between the rich and poor, then empower the poor with knowledge of technology; technology today is a great equalizer".

The entire college campus is wi-fi enabled. All students are provided with free wi-fi on their mobile phones or tablets. The focus of education is technology based and all efforts are on to provide the students with state of the art information technology infrastructure and skill sets.