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## Criterion 7.2.1 – Best Practices

Year: 2020-2021

### Best Practice 1

Title: “Prakashnam - Light of knowledge”

**Objectives:** The objectives of the initiative are

- To develop a research culture among staff and students.
- To inculcate the habit of writing among students and staff

With the above objectives, a best practice was implemented by the institution titled Prakashnam.

**Context:** Since many students are first generation learners, it becomes mandatory to inculcate writing habits in students. This has been a big challenge, but still teachers were able to encourage them to come up with small articles or write-ups from newspaper or magazine. what basically started with student’s wall magazine for each stream gradually developed into publishing of books every year at the institute irrespective of the specialization.

**Practice:** Initially it started in the name of “Biz news” for B.Com students, “Fashion Buzz” for B.Sc FAD Students and “Techno News” for BCA Students. Slowly students found it interesting and started volunteering to present more and more. This was a small initiative which has been taken by the IQAC to inculcate writing skills among the students in the form of wall magazine. It has created a healthy competition among the students of inter disciplinary course. After this, annual Magazine Drusthi was published including articles from the students from all streams.

Teachers had observed that only meritorious students were coming up with articles and academically weak students were lagging behind. Hence college organized good number of soft skill program, communication skill workshops and few of the students were also given short-term certificate course to develop the communication and writing skills. Again, in spite of all these efforts, students had an inferiority complex to come up with the original articles. Hence newspaper wall magazine was introduced, where they could collect the important news content from the newspaper and make it as collage that was published in the notice

board. Apart from this, college also encourages the publication of e-newsletters department wise namely Comtech, Faccio news and Wrap-up. Students enjoy in writing, printing, reading and sharing with others. College continued publication of conference souvenir, ISBN book and college has come up with various human values and professional ethics code of conduct for various stake holders like parents- Anubandha, students – Parichay, committee book and Prospectus, alumni- Mitra, teachers – HR Policies and Anveshane.

**Problems encountered and resources required:**

- Problems encountered in rectification of grammatical errors.
- Problem of motivating the students to write articles.
- Time adjustment of students and staff for discussion on articles which is generally after college hours. New idea generation for writing articles is also a great challenge.

**Evidence of success:** Publication of Wall magazine, Notice board magazine, e-newsletter, annual magazine, souvenir, ISBN books and various hand books to stake holders.

**Best Practice 2**

**Title: “Help Us To Help Others – Student’s Financial Aid”**

**Objectives:**

- To support the students in paying admission and examination fees or any expenses during their examination
- To ensure minimum dropout of students owing to financial problems.
- To help the economically weaker section of students.

**Context:**

The College has open door policy in admissions as per the vision and mission of the trust. It caters to financially and economically weaker sections of the society and ensures Affordability of education to all. Many students who get admitted to general course offered by the institution either belong to below average income group or BPL families. Only few percentages of students come from average income group. This made the Trust to think of affordable fees and scholarships for deserving students apart from fee concession. In spite of these management efforts, student’s dropouts were increasing due to family financial position. “Help Us To Help Others – Students’ Financial Aid” has been initiated in the year 2016-17 by the faculty of the institution giving a ray of hope to ensure continuity of students’ education. Slowly the financial support i.e. the amount of contribution was also extended by parents, visitors, alumnus and students



**Practice:** Initially the contributors were one or two – either the Principal or few interested faculty members. Since the amount was very less, there was a concern about the success of the said scheme. But with the dedicated efforts of the faculty members, many parents, visitors, alumnus and financially strong students felt motivated and started to support the practice. Initially, financial aid was given to those students who approached the Principal or faculty with their helplessness to continue the admission or write the examination. Later, the practice has been formalized by inviting student's details through the Head of the Department which helped in identifying the needy students and financing them at right time. The institution has also formalized the process by maintaining a register of Contribution and a register of Disbursements containing details of amount of contribution received during the year, Name of the student, amount given and total number of students benefitted during the year.

**Problems encountered and resources required:**

- Fixing of amount to be distributed to individual students is a challenge considering the differences in financial status and admission fees
- Selection of student beneficiary is a challenge
- Collection of fund is difficult as the contribution is totally voluntary.

**Evidence of success:**

The year, in which this scheme was initiated, help was extended for 21 students with Rs. 43167. During 2017-18, again 21 students got benefitted with the amount of Rs. 28278. During 2018-19, the collection amounted to Rs 45550 and 31 students were supported financially. In spite of Covid 19 Pandemic, the initiative was continued even for 2019-20 which witnessed a collection of Rs. 12375 which was utilized to support 7 students and for 2020-21, 9 students were extended support to pay their admission fees and exam fees to the extent of Rs 24930. The financial aid can be given to continue admissions and make payment of examination fees.



  
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