

Academic Year 2019-20

Title of the Best Practice 1: **Community Service**

Objectives of the Best Practice: The broad objectives of the practice are to make students:

- Understand the community in which they work
- Understand themselves in relationship with their community
- Identify the needs and problems of the community and involve them in problem solving process
- Develop among them a sense of social and civic responsibility
- Utilize their knowledge in finding practical solution to individual and community problems
- Follow the footprints of great social reformers
- Gain skills in mobilizing community participation
- Acquire leadership qualities and democratic attitude
- Develop capacity to meet emergencies and natural disasters
- Practice national integration and social harmony

The Context: Out of institutional social responsibility, our college is always keen on the grounds of doing community work in order to pay back to it what it has given to us. Our management has also established the parent institute with the motto of 'Bahujan Hitay, Bahujan Sukhay' which is also our vision statement. It also reflects that the prime intention of our institute is to work for the welfare of the common masses. Education is only one aspect of it. So, while educating the students of common masses, the college also tries to cover as many aspects as are possible of the social service in order to contribute in as many ways as is possible for the welfare of the community in which it is located. Out of this social sense, the college has adapted this practice.

The Practice: Our college mainly works under this practice through our NSS unit whereby the students and teachers of all of the departments actively take part. NSS unit of the College was started in 1974 with about 100 Students. Presently, the NSS unit consists of 250 students and 50 students from Junior college unit. All this team always is engaged in some or the other activity



that relates directly or indirectly to the society. The NSS winter camp was organized at Mauje Jategaon, Tal. Trambakeshwar, Dist. Nashik during 4th January to 10th January 2020. The blood donation camp was organized on August 1, 2019 in which 52 students and faculty members donated blood which was handed over to the blood bank. On the same day, tree plantation programme was also organized by the Nature Club of the department of Botany through which new trees were planted. This initiative contributes to the environmental protection which ultimately benefits the community around. It also imbibes different values among our students who are going to be the pillars of the society after stepping into the practical life after completing their education. Besides these activities, Godavari river cleanliness, Ganesh idol collection in order to avoid water pollution, distributing sweets on the occasion of Deepawali to the people in Adhar Ashram at Panchavati, Nashik, participation in Road Safety Abhiyan and AIDS Awareness rally are the routine programmes conducted by the college every year. The college also bestows Panchavati Ratna Puraskar (award) to the individuals who have dedicated themselves for the betterment of the society. This practice encourages such individuals in the immediate society to keep going their social work which helps us to strengthen our spirit in practice as well as to widen the scope of our practice.

Evidence of Success: Through this practice, during this academic year, the college has been able to:

1. Conduct the cleanliness drive for health and hygiene of society.
2. New trees are planted.
3. 52 students and faculty members donated blood.
4. Contributed to Godavari river cleanliness.
5. Contributed to avoid water pollution.
6. Spread awareness among people about road safety and AIDS.
7. All the stakeholders are exposed to different social values through these activities.

Obstacle faced: Lack of satisfactory level of awareness among people that can help the college initiatives under this practice.

Strategies adopted to overcome the obstacle:

1. The college is trying to create more awareness and our programmes itself, in the presence of the community people, help us to make them more aware about the daily issues of health and hygiene of society, environment, road safety, social values, etc.
2. Awareness programmes in the form of awareness rallies also help to overcome some of the problems faced.




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Title of the Best Practice 2: **National Debate Competition**

Objectives of the Best Practice: The broad objectives of this practice are:

1. To generate among students effective critical and analytical thinking into primary issues of social relevance.
2. To know the opinions of the youth of the country regarding the current important issues.

The Context: As discussion and expression both are crucial in an ideal democracy, it is very important to take care of the freedom of expression of thoughts and ideas of youth which are the valuable pillars of our democracy. Their opinions are of a greater relevance for the country in order to create a healthy social environment. Hence, through this debate, the college appeals the youth in the country that, from this platform, they shall reflect upon their concepts regarding the motion of debate that shall lead towards the bright future of Indian democracy. Out of this very humble expectation, the practice has been initiated.

The Practice: The College organizes a national debate under the title 'Karmaveer Bhausaheb Hiray National Debate Competition' since the academic year 2013-14. The title of the debate is named after the great freedom fighter, educationist and visionary Karmaveer Bhausaheb Hiray, the founder father of our parent institute Mahatma Gandhi Vidyamandir. It is conducted through the mediums of English, Hindi and Marathi language. There is a Karmaveer Bhausaheb Hiray Trophy for the best team along with cash prizes of Rs. 1,19,000/- for individual best performances and language wise best performances. This academic year, it was organized during 10th to 11th March 2020. The topic of debate was "There is a Need or No Need of Citizenship Amendment Act in India". Due to its ever widening scope and the challenging topics of this debate, it has been becoming a centre of attraction from debaters across the country. Providing a platform for the individuals to express their thoughts undauntedly is the sole purpose of this practice. The organizing committee meticulously probe into the relevant issue and passes a motion which is then called for the debate.

Evidence of Success: The College has been successfully running this best practice by organizing the national debate since 2013-14. In every debate, students across the country take part with greater zeal and enthusiasm. Thus, ultimately, the youth from different corners of the country come together and share their opinions on the current topic of importance. This year also, total 167 participants took part in this competition. We received a team from the place like Jamia Milia Islamia University, New Delhi also. Even the other students of the college also get motivated and are made aware about the topic of debate which they reflect while being the member of society.



Obstacle faced: Due to the problem of distance, the teams from other states do not come in number that we expect to be there. However, some of them are still coming every year barring this obstacle. This year, the inhibitions of arrival of COVID-19 pandemic also contributed to this problem.

Strategies adopted to overcome the obstacle:

1. We have developed a strategy to choose a topic of high importance every year so that we can attract the most skilled debaters from others states also.
2. The cash prizes are made attractive. First prize of Rs. 50,000/-, second prize of Rs. 25,000/- and the third prize of Rs. 11,000/- for best individual performances and other Prizes for language wise performances are lucrative enough to catch the attention of students from all places and languages concerned.
3. Free accommodation and food facility is provided for the debaters.




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