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INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT, KOLHAPUR.

CRITERIA – VII

Institutional Values & Best Practices

ABOUT BEST PRACTICES

Best practices are the innovative, sustainable, and impactful methods adopted by an institution to enhance its educational environment and contribute to societal well-being. As part of NAAC Criteria VII, best practices focus on promoting institutional values such as environmental sustainability, social responsibility, and ethical governance. These practices are designed to foster holistic development by integrating academic goals with societal needs. They often include initiatives like green campus movements, resource optimization, community outreach, and diversity and inclusion programs. By adopting best practices, the institution not only improves its internal processes but also creates a positive impact on the community, contributing to both academic excellence and social development.

Our Institute Follows two best practices:

1. Fostering Compassionate Leadership Through Community Engagement
2. Crafting Sustainability: Making Paper bags together

BEST PRACTICE 1

FOSTERING COMPASSIONATE LEADERSHIP THROUGH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Formerly, this practice was known as Old-Age Home Activity. Now we have changed its scope and way of conduct and now it is called as “Fostering Compassionate Leadership Through Community Engagement”

Fostering compassionate leadership through community engagement is a best practice that the institute has been proudly following for the past seven years. This initiative focuses on the adoption of elderly individuals from the Matoshri Old Age Home in Kolhapur, with the aim of addressing the loneliness and neglect often faced by senior citizens. Every Saturday, students from the institute visit the old age home, bringing fruits and basic necessities for the elderly residents. During their visit, they spend three hours with the senior citizens, conducting entertainment activities and providing companionship. Each student also adopts one elderly person, committing to maintaining this bond for the rest of their lives. This practice has created a more compassionate environment within the institute, where young students are becoming increasingly aware of their responsibilities towards their own grandparents and the elderly in society.

The context behind this initiative lies in the growing issue of neglect towards the elderly in today's busy world. With nuclear families becoming the norm, many senior citizens are left feeling abandoned and isolated. Recognizing this, the institute selected the Matoshri Old Age Home as the focus of its community outreach program. The overwhelming positive feedback from both the students and the senior citizens has contributed to the success and sustainability of this practice. The students' visits have helped bridge the gap between generations, fostering meaningful relationships and offering emotional support to those in need.

This practice aligns with the broader goals of Indian higher education, which emphasizes holistic development and social responsibility. The students are not only learning about societal issues but are actively engaging in solutions to address them. The evidence of the practice's success is seen in the warm reception from the old age home and the increasing number of students who participate each week. The challenges faced, such as limited financial resources, have not hindered the emotional impact and success of the program. It continues to be a valuable experience for both students and senior citizens, promoting empathy, care, and social awareness.

Glimpses of Best Practice 1



Following are details of this best practice

Best Practice 1:

1. **Title of the Practice :-** Fostering Compassionate Leadership Through Community Engagement

(Adoption of Old age persons from Matoshri Vrudhashram and distribution of fruits to them)

2. **Objectives of the Practice:** - The old people are neglected by the family or society in this busy schedule. The Students from our college visit every Saturday to the Matoshri Old Age Ashram with Fruits and basic requirement for the senior citizens. They spend time with them for 3 hours and conduct entertainment activities during the visit every one adopts one senior citizen for the rest of life to share their time and listen to them. This has created good environment in the Institute in which young students are now concerned about their grand parents and they understand their responsibility towards senior citizens.

3. **The Context :-**The Present days are with very busy and time bound for the all in the family so old persons are neglected or not taken care off. By seeing this issue the visit to old age home in Kolhapur is selected as one of the best practice of our Institute and students visits on every Saturday. This practice is followed in the Institute from last seven years by which the close bond between children and senior citizen is build which makes this possible to continue. The reflections from the grand parents are very good and overwhelming for the Institute.

4. **The Practice :-**The Indian Higher education aims at all-round development of the youth and they should be concern about the social issues and problems and should find the best solutions to such problems . This best practice is one of the good solution for solving the problem of loneliness and feeling depressed due to non attention from the family members this makes this practice good to follow and continue in future also.

5. **Evidence of Success :-** The success of the best practice is achieved from the response and feedback received from the management of the old age home at Kolhapur. Many Students take part in the visit of this old age home every Saturday and share their experience with them.

6. **Problems Encountered and Resources Required :-** This Practice was volunteered by the students and staff on the interest of the self. So we did not face any issue or problem. Additionally, resources required were not that expensive, only small amount from each individual with self motivation was contributed. Institute also supported with finance for occasional events. The main contribution from our side is sparing time for those senior citizens and create emotional attachment with them.

The main problem we are facing to provide the financial help to Matoshri Ashram as per their demand. We are not in position to provide that much financial support per month as per the requirement of management of Matoshri Ashram.

7. Notes :-The Issue of the nuclear family is becoming serious in India and old home age people are increased in number . Due to this the senior citizens are having social depression this practice is one of the best way to make them happy and resourceful. Also to make young students aware and find best solution to this issue.

BEST PRACTICE 2

CRAFTING SUSTAINABILITY: MAKING PAPER BAGS TOGETHER

Formerly, it was known as Paper-Bag Making Activity and now is termed as “Crafting Sustainability: Making Paper bags together”.

The Paper Bag Making activity for college students is an initiative started by the institute to provide an environmentally friendly alternative to plastic bags. Recognizing the harmful effects of plastic on society and the environment, the institute developed this best practice to encourage students to create paper bags from old newspapers in the library. The initiative not only promotes the reuse of resources but also includes an awareness drive to educate local shops and malls on the benefits of avoiding plastic bags.

The activity is organized with the help of student volunteers from all classes, who actively participate in designing and preparing paper bags. These paper bags come in sizes of half a kilogram and one kilogram, making them practical for everyday use. This hands-on experience helps students learn valuable skills while contributing to a greener environment by reducing the reliance on plastic. By engaging students in this practice, the institute is making a significant impact on both academic and environmental fronts.

The uniqueness of this initiative lies in its focus on current societal and environmental challenges. Higher education institutions are expected to address such real-world problems, and this practice does so in a cost-effective and timely manner. Over the past four years, the Paper Bag Making activity has been a great success. The number of students involved in the project has steadily increased, and the quantity of paper bags produced has grown as well. These bags are supplied to local malls as part of the institute’s ongoing efforts to create a plastic-free campus and spread awareness about environmental sustainability.

The activity is simple to implement, requiring only old newspapers and some time from the students. It has faced no major obstacles, and both faculty and students have shown strong support for this impactful and socially conscious practice.

Glimpses of Best Practice 2





Following are details of this best practice:

1. Title of the Practice :- Crafting Sustainability: Making Paper bags together

2. Objectives of the Practice: - The use of plastic is harmful to the society. In order to provide substitute to the plastic bags . This Institute initiated the best practice to prepare maximum paper bags from old new papers in the library. Also make awareness drive in the near by shops and malls to avoid plastic bags.

3. The Context :- The Best Practice is implemented from the participation of volunteers of all the classes which gave them good skill to design and prepare paper bags in half kg , one kg which can be used by all . This will save the environmental issues arising from use of plastic bags.

4. The Practice :- Its unique in nature higher education should trace on the current problems of the society and nature and find best solutions in minimum cost and time this practice is one of the successful activity in the Institute .

5. Evidence of Success :- The practice is most successful in last 4 years the students taking part is increasing and number of bags prepared are also increasing in number which are supplied to malls to create awareness of plastic free campus.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required :- The practice is simple to implement and does not require more resources except unused news papers and some time to make the bags . No problem was observed and it showed good response from the faculty and students to prepare the paper bags.

7. Notes :- All the colleges should follow our best practice for the betterment of the students.