

7.2.1 Describe at least two institutional best practices

Best Practice – 1

Title of the practice : Promoting environmental consciousness by providing community services, organizing campaigns and making the institution plastic free zone.

Response :

Objective :

- To raise environmental awareness among the students, teachers and the local community.
- To cultivate environmental friendly attitude within and outside the institution.
- To get the people to get more involved in adopting a sustainable way of living.

The context : When it comes to raising awareness about environmental issues , college is one of the best place . The institution firmly believes in adopting environmental friendly attitude and instil a sense of respect for the environment to the students as well as the surrounding communities by initiating cleanliness campaigns and various other environmental activities.

The practice : The institution regularly organises cleanliness drive, plantation drive in and around the campus with the target to improve the green cover of the campus, to eliminate plastic wastes which are generated from the campus and the surrounding localities. The NSS volunteers actively participate in such activities. The college create awareness on the practices of the three R's: reduce waste, reuse resources and recycle materials.

Evidence of success :

- The campus over the years have witnessed minimal disposal of wastes, specially the plastic materials. This approach will give the people the real world context of why environmental awareness matters and encourage communities to work together to address environmental concerns.
- A healthy and friendlier relationship with environment has started to grow among the surrounding communities is another success story. The benefits of gaining environmental awareness can continue and encourage the broader community to practice doing the same.
- Leading by example by ways of planting more trees and flowers have bigger impact on the surroundings by its beautiful sceneries.

Problems encountered and resource required: The institution is located on the outskirts of the town, there is difficulties for conveyance. There is also difficulties in educating and convincing the locals about the crucial issues relating to environment, for example: Ignorance of the people on the effects of the various types of pollution on human health, climate change, etc.

Best Practice – 2

Title of the practice : Intensive Career Guidance to the students.

Response :

Objective of the practice : Career guidance helps the students to reflect on their ambitions, interests, qualifications and abilities. It helps them to understand the labour market and the education systems, and to relate this to what they know about themselves. The institution aims at producing graduates who will not be a burden to the society but to be an asset of the society. It focus distinctively in preparing the students to be employable in the various sectors of the economy.

The context : Unemployment problem is a growing concern in our society. The institution, understanding the plight of the educated unemployed youth has taken the initiative in directing and preparing the students in choosing the right career for achieving success in life. It helps them to make the choice with an understanding of how to achieve their end goal. It helps identifies the areas the individual needs to acquire knowledge, skills and experience.

The practice : Intensive guidance is given to the students by inviting professionals from different organizations. Seminars and workshops are conducted in the institution in this regard. During every academic sessions experts are invited and counselling is given. The resource persons educate the students to understand themselves first in terms of their interests and abilities and what to expect. Career options are explored, determined the job target, how to prepare for the job search, etc. It helps the students to identify their career goals, set the education milestones and derive the clear pathways to achieve it. The college has a Counselling and career guidance cell to initiate all these.

Evidence of success :

- A good number of students have enrolled their names in undergoing soft skill trainings offered by the state government sponsorship through various reputed organizations.
- Over the years, the institutions has seen many of the alumni being hired in different sectors of economy not only in the state but outside the state and abroad.

Problems encountered and resource required :

- Conducting workshops, seminars and orientation programmes for career guidance often interrupts the proper functioning of normal classes.
- Professional workshops requiring high registration fees makes it difficult for the students from the economically weaker background to attend.