

DR. S.R.K. Government Arts College, Yanam
BEST PRACTICES (2016-17)

BEST PRACTICE-1

I) Improving Teaching – Learning Processes

Objectives

- To adopt Student-centric Teaching Methods by encouraging all the Faculty Members to use ICT in Classroom Teaching.
- To ensure Timely Completion of Syllabus and to improve the Pass Percentage of Students.

The Context

- The Completion of Syllabus Teaching in some instances is being hurried through especially towards the End of a Semester whereby, Information on some Occasions is getting dumped on to the Students all at once.
Therefore, any Sluggish Coverage of the Syllabus during the Initial Phase of a Semester followed by such hurried coverage during the Ending Phase of the Semester should be avoided; thus giving enough time to Students to comprehend all the Topics equally well and to enable them to assimilate the Concepts and Facts appropriately.
- For the purpose of Timely Completion of the Syllabus, Greater Involvement and Participation of Students and with a view to Molding them into Self-Confident Individuals in tune with the Present Generations of Tech Savvy Students available for the Job Market, the Faculty Members are making Efforts to Adopt the Latest Pedagogical Tools which include ICT along with the Conventional Talk and Chalk Teaching Methods.

The Practice

- A Faculty Development Programme of Eight (8) Days Duration was Organized by the College IQAC on the Topic of **E – Content Development and E – Learning Systems**. Necessary Training was Imparted, to all the Faculty Members of this Institution and also to the Faculty of other nearby Colleges, by a Team of Experts sent from the E-Governance Society, Puducherry.
- Participants were well Motivated to use ICT in all their Regular Teaching and Learning Activities without affecting their Conventional and Well Established Methods of Imparting Collegiate Education. As a part of this Programme, the visiting Team of

Experts also trained the Faculties in the Usage and Application of Power Point Presentations, Animations, Interactive Videos and various available Higher Education related Websites.

- The Faculty Members in the English Language Department are using Android based Apps whereby the Students having Smart Phones are Encouraged to use them during the Regular Classes.

The Evidence of Success

- Every Subject Department in the College is Provided with a Laptop, a Projector, an LCD Screen and Wi-Fi Facility for Effective use and Application of the available ICT Tools.
- The College Seminar Hall is Equipped with a Smart TV, an LCD Screen, a Desktop PC and a Projector for Conducting Seminars, Workshops, etc..
- The Department of Mathematics has the additional provision of a Smart Board.
- As a Consequence of the Installation of the above mentioned Infrastructure within the Institution, the Faculty Members were able to put to good use some ICT Tools during their Regular Teaching Hours and were able to give a Satisfactory and Timely Ending (both for themselves and Students) to the Task of Completion of the Allotted Syllabus; and this Feeling was Observed to be Reflected in the Vastly Improved Students' Attendance during the Regular Lectures as well as in the form of Improvement in their Performances in different kinds of Assessments and Examinations held at various Levels.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required

- Development of Animation Based Power Point Presentations Especially in respect of Science Disciplines is becoming difficult due to the Non-availability of Technical Expertise within the Institution.
- Simultaneously, the Demand for ICT Resources is steadily increasing whereas; the Paucity of Funds with the College Administration is turning out to be the biggest Impediment being faced in this regard. This is certain to dampen the Spirit of the Faculties as they are very keen to adopt this Technology both extensively and intensively.
- Appropriate Proposals have also been submitted to the Government for Establishing Smart **Classrooms** for all the Programmes Offered by this Institution.
- More Number of Training Programmes need to be Conducted for the benefit of Faculty Members for the purpose of Exposing and Equipping them with the Full Knowledge and Understanding of the use of ICT in this Process.

Best Practice-2

National Service Scheme (NSS)

Objective:

The NSS is part of our academic, social and personal life as it is the third dimension of education. It allows the students to actively contribute their services for the cause of community and the nation, thus helping them develop their personality. Service and attain the traits of a leader of the nation. As such, the NSS is the right platform, where the student- youth of the nation may get to involve with real life social activities, and thereby become responsible citizen of India.

The Context:

The NSS unit had started its activities in the beginning of the Academic session with the full support of our NSS volunteers under the leadership of programme officer. After looking into the students' community as a whole, we found that many are interested to involve themselves with some activities that eventually make them happy during their stay in the College and studentship. But in many cases, they do not get any platform to do this, but NSS unit of this align the motto of the NSS "NOT ME BUT YOU" and the spirit of the students to do, learn and involve with activities.

The Practice:

- Generating awareness about BLOOD DONATION and participating in BLOOD DONATION CAMPS.
- Conducting awareness programmes on Hygiene & prevention of various diseases like Cancer, AIDS, Malaria, Filariasis & Typhoid.
- Conducting awareness programmes on Child Marriages , not to be panic during disasters like Earthquake,floods etc.,
- The Unit also implemented the regular activities and adopted and prepared new activities like special camps in rural areas to develop education among rural poor youth.

Evidence of Success:

It has been observed that the Education itself has practical importance in human society. To enjoy a life to-day no man can ignore practical exposure. Even one cannot imagine living a life without practical Education. Theoretical knowledge is imperfect to create interest in knowing how the things we believe have been created, how they reach our mind, under what process it is transferred to our real life and the like. The field study help us in all these respects and mere class-room education, conventional examination cannot give oneself perfect knowledge of society as a humanity perspectives. After field study one can learn for becoming self-reliant instead of queuing for job in Govt. Departments etc. Field study creates promoter, pioneer,

entrepreneur and these may again make an addition to the national economy too. In this respect NSS activity i.e. regular as well as special is a practical knowledge among the students community through field study that brings new idea for new creativity and innovation and ultimately the higher standard of living which is a measure of developed economy. The ex- NSS volunteers of our College remain in touch with the NSS unit of the College.

Problems encountered and resource required:

- One of the major problems of the NSS is that the goals and objectives of the NSS are numerous and College as well as people have high expectations of the NSS volunteers.
- The NSS volunteers are supposed to understand the community around, identify its needs and find solutions for them, acquire skills for mobilising community participation, acquire leadership qualities and democratic attitude and come forward to tackle the situations created by emergencies or natural disasters. Thus there is a whole list of tasks which are supposed to be done by the NSS volunteers and their mission is truly daunting.
- At the same time, NSS volunteers do not have all resources at their disposal. They themselves are young boys and girls at colleges and until they get their degrees they have at their disposal a time of three years or so. During this relatively short period of time and within the framework of rules and regulations they have to try hard to realise the numerous goals and objective set before them.
- Further from the viewpoint of the organisers, volunteers or NSS officials at the College level, there is another very serious problem is that of finance.

Principal Dr.T.Selvam, Dr.S.R.K.Govt.Arts College, Yanam addressing the NSS Volunteers during the inaugural function of NSS Special Camp, 22nd – 28th January, 2016



NSS Volunteers clearing bushes at Primary Health Center, Farampeta – an adopted village of NSS unit of Dr.S.R.K.Govt.Arts College, Yanam during Special Camp 22nd - 28th January, 2016.



NSS Volunteers busy at their cleaning work at College Campus Dr.S.R.K.Govt.Arts College, Yanam during Special Camp on 22nd - 28th January, 2016



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Village Elders sharing their ideas in connection with Special Camp at the time of valedictory function

