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BEST PRACTICES 2021-22

BEST PRACTICE I

Title of the practice

PROMOTION OF THE SPIRIT OF ENQUIRY AND CRITICAL THINKING.

Objectives of the Practice

- 1) Encouragement of the spirit of enquiry
- 2) Development of research skill through Field work
- 3) Acquaintance with contemporary social thought process.

The Context

Modern education demands life centricism. Practical experience and experiment not only motivate the students but also helps them to plan about future career in higher Education. So small projects of research will enhance their skill for critical thinking. Apart from enhancing their critical thinking abilities, the research project would also promote team building and help inculcate the spirit of leadership amongst the students. This small research initiative is geared towards preparing the students to face challenges.

The Practice

A project on medicinal plant- Tulsi and Nayantara under the initiative of Botany Department was undertaken. It elicited interests of the students and facilitators. The administration approved the proposal for conducting a student research project every year and sanctioned necessary funds. The first project entitled "The Revolutionary Journey of Medicinal Plants from Ancient Days to the Present" was successfully carried out jointly by the Departments of Botany, Philosophy and Sanskrit in collaboration with IQAC. The students and teachers of these departments carried out literature review, field survey, data collection, posters and presentations with great enthusiasm.

Evidence of Success

Completion of the project culminated in an inter-disciplinary seminar and exhibition, held on September 27, 2019. The programme also included lectures by invited speakers who were experts in their respective fields. The report has been compiled and the book was published on 21st February 2022 in Kolkata Book Fair. This Endeavour has not only helped to

channelize the natural inquisitiveness of young minds towards scientific enquiry but also influenced other departments to prepare research proposals on relevant contemporary issues.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required

The main problem encountered was the inadvertent delay in the publication of the book entitled "The Revolutionary Journey of Medicinal Plants from Ancient Days to the Present" due to the Pandemic induced global lockdown. In this endeavour the students were ably guided and supported by the faculty and staff of this college and the college administration. The college Governing Body approved the proposal for conducting one student research project every year and sanctioned necessary funds.

BEST PRACTICE II

Title of the practice

THE MAKING OF THE SELF TOWARDS SELF-ACTUALIZATION THROUGH SELF EXPRESSION

Objectives of the Practice

The college endeavours to promote overall development of the students through:

1. All round personality development.
2. Development of free self-expression.
3. Encouragement in active participation in extra-curricular activities
4. Soft skill training.
5. Enabling students to organize group activity through mutual interaction.

The Context

Besides routine classroom academic exercises the development of self is encouraged by various departments. This is promoted through various creative activities in which the students participate and explore their qualities like creative writing, performing arts, participation in various social work etc. it helps the students to develop their concept of self-identity and self-respect.

The Practice

A student's magazine "Its' Me" is published from the college. This student-edited magazine promotes literary skills of the students. Short stories, Poetry, Painting, articles on contemporary social issues are authored by the students themselves. Three issues of the magazine have been published till 2018-19 academic sessions. The pandemic-induced lockdown prevented publication of further issues. However, students were encouraged to send their artwork, dance and music presentations and photographs through online media.

Evidence of Success

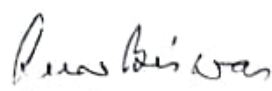
Students prepared a number of short videos of song and dance, poetry recitals and short skits. The students also shared their experiences of the Covid-19 Lockdown through their brushes and lenses via an online exhibition. These were collected and edited into a short video that provides unique glimpses into what the pandemic meant for students living in different parts of Kolkata and the suburbs. These attempts provided an outlet for the talents inherent among the students and promote a natural inclination for self-actualization.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required

The publication of the journal and the promotion of other creative and literary activities of the college and the students were hard hit by the COVID-19 pandemic and global lockdown. Three issues of the magazine have been published till 2018-19 academic sessions.

This magazine is concerned with issues that specifically affect the youth, in their daily lives, in their loves and passions, in their friendships and mental health, and in their connections with and responsibilities to the outside world. The teachers played a key advisory role. All the activities including the publication of "Its' Me" are encouraged and supported by college administration and necessary funds have always been sanctioned by them.




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