



## H. A. College of Commerce



### Best Practices as per NAAC Format: 2018-19

#### Best Practice 1:

- Title of the Practice: Scholarships for students
- A) Objectives:
  - B) To achieve the vision of the institution of providing education.
  - C) To establish an environment of nexus between the institution and its alumni
  - D) To provide the best chance to continue the studies
  - E) To create conviction among the students that financial support is within their reach.
- F) Context:
  - G) Upon observing that certain students dropped out from third or fourth semester of the college, the reason being lack of finances, the institutions principal decided to establish contact with alumni of the college to provide financial aid to students while undertaking the education as well as for further studies upon graduation.
  - H) Thus, we could help the students by providing financial aid in the form of their fees, to continue with their education.
  - I) The fees of the grant-in-aid colleges are as it is very less, yet certain students coming from rural areas and families where no one had studied at any university, faced challenges with their finances.
  - J) At H. A. College we have an existing scholarship programme for studies abroad, sponsored by our alumnus, Mr. Chirag Patel, a NRI in USA. He also has a NGO named 'Niswarth Children Foundation' and the college has an MOU with the same for providing scholarships to the students.
    - a. Another alumnus Poorvi Dalal also came forward to pay the fees of eligible students.
- K) The Practice:
  - a. Primarily it is brought to the notice of all the students that such financial aid exists.
  - b. The students with very weak economic background are urged to apply for the same.
  - c. The college receives such a large number of applications that it becomes challenging for the concerned committee to shortlist applicants for the scholarships.
  - d. Among the received applications, the students are scanned on the basis of their performances in the previous semester.

- e. A final list is prepared, and it is communicated to the selected students, that their fees will be borne by the concerned donor.

L) Evidence of Success:

- a. This has resulted in uninterrupted education of the students.
- b. The main outcome is that the students from economically weaker backgrounds have a feeling of security with respect to their education.
- c. In the year 2018-19, 14 students benefited from the Poorvi Dalal Scholarship and the Niswarth Children Foundation paid the scholarship of total 8 students for higher studies.
- d. Following students—Hetal Sarvaiya, Mitesh Gajjar, and Varsha Balani could successfully complete their post graduate studies and have been placed in various jobs.
- e. Another outcome of this scholarship programme has been helpful to establish the strong attitude of giving back to its alma matter, among the alumni.

**Best Practice 2:**

- Title of the Practice: Organising Expert Guest Lectures

A) Objective:

- a. To be in unison with the vision and the mission of the college to have holistic development of the students
- b. To provide the students with apt exposure to subjects other than their syllabus.
- c. To ensure that the students get an opportunity to learn from experts who the students would not have been able to approach by themselves.
- d. Organising guest lectures also helps in ensuring personal interaction between the students and the experts, resulting in opportunities for networking as well. B)

Context:

a. Ours being a commerce college, all the subjects related to commerce are taught in the syllabus but subjects like environmental awareness, spiritualism, self-defence, gender sensitization, social work, and importance of various languages, are not part of the main curriculum. Thus, to ensure that students receive a well-rounded education, and information regarding these important subjects, it becomes the college's duty to organise guest lectures conducted by experts on these abovementioned relevant topics. C) The Practice:

- a. The college has established different societies, for e.g. the H. A. Gandhian Society; the Cultural Committee "Antarnad"; NSS, which is a vibrant and active association of the college; the women's development cell; the placement cell; the study circle; and NCC.
- b. Various expert lectures are organised under the auspices of these bodies. These lectures are open for not only the members of the society, but the rest of the student body as well.

- c. In addition to these, it is ensured that there is an awareness programme organised relating to widely discussed issues like cancer, AIDS, and old age for sensitising the students.
- d. The list of the programmes conducted during 2018-19 is attached herewith. D)  
Evidence of success:
  - a. The students could tap their area of interest, while listening to the experts.
  - b. As a result of one such lecture, students came forward to voluntarily work for social outreach programmes and the college was able to organise a visit to the municipality run school in the vicinity of the college.
  - c. The NSS students who organised a one-week camp at a nearby village, Ropada, visited the same village to continue their social work.
  - d. A large number of students felt motivated to prepare and appear for the civil services examinations after interacting with a few guest lecturers.
  - e. The fact that these lectures organised by these societies are open for all is conducive to interest generation among the entire student body, and not only the members of these societies.
  - f. No difficulty is faced while organising these lectures because it had become an accepted and adopted pattern at our institution.

List of guest lectures by experts conducted during 2018- 19

1. Importance of Yoga By: Dr. Vikram Upadhyay 21/06/18
2. Awareness on drug abuse By Ms. Panna Mommaiya, DCP Ahmedabad 26/06/18
3. Workshop on Cracking Competitive Exams By: Mr. Ashish Thakkar 11/07'18
4. Traffic awareness program By: Mr.Sudhir Desai DSP Traffic, Ahmedabad 26/07/2018
5. Career guidance seminar By : Mr. Apurva Sheth Director ( MIEIT) 20/08/2018
6. Opportunities in Aviation industry: Mr. MIHIR BHATT 24/10/2018
7. SHABDOTSAV KAVI SAMMELAN : 18/12/2018
8. Higher education in the US By: SUE HENDERSON, President NJCU US 05/01/2019
9. Gandhiji and Modern society By: Dr. BILL WESTERMAN Faculty NJCU, US On 11/01 2019
10. URBAN BLUE SPACES AND PUBLIC HEALTH By: MS. ANNA BRUCKNER, Germany 14/02/2019
11. MATRUBHASHA DUWAS By: Prin. Star Payal IYER 21/02/2019