

Best Practices as per NAAC format 19-20

Best Practice 1:

- Title of the Practice: Scholarships for students
 - Objectives:
 - To achieve the vision of the institution of providing education for development.
 - To establish an environment of nexus between the institution and its alumni.
 - To provide the best chance to continue the studies.
 - To create conviction among the students that financial support is within their reach.

Context:

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.

- Thus, we could help the students by providing financial aid in the form of their fees, to continue with their education.
- 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.
- 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 an NGO named 'Niswarth Children Foundation' and the college has an MOU with the same for providing scholarships to the students.
- Another alumnus Poorvi Dalal also came forward to pay the fees of eligible students.

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 many 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.

Evidence of Success:

- This has resulted in uninterrupted education of the students.
- The main outcome is that the students from economically weaker backgrounds have a feeling of security with respect to their education.
- In the year 2019-20, 30 students benefited from the Poorvi Dalal Scholarship. They benefited by the scholarship which paid their fees for the college. In the year 2019-20 a total amount of 30,300 rupees were awarded as scholarship to the students for their college fees.

- f. The Niswarth Children Foundation paid the scholarship of total 5 students for higher studies. Following students 1. Bhumika Solanki 2.Neha Swami 3. Rajul Parmar 4.Neha panvel and 5. Nirav Parmaar were awarded the scholarship by Niswarth foundation to pursue higher education. They were awarded a scholarship of 1124500 Rupees.
- g. 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
 - Objective:
 - To be in unison with the vision and the mission of the college to have holistic development of the students
 - To provide the students with apt exposure to subjects other than their syllabus.
 - To ensure that the students get an opportunity to learn from experts who the students would not have been able to approach by themselves.
 - Organising guest lectures also helps in ensuring personal interaction between the students and the experts, resulting in opportunities for networking as well.
 - Context:
 - 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.
 - The Practice:
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.

- The list of the guest lectures organised during the year 2019-20 is attached herewith.
- Evidence of success:
- The students could tap their area of interest, while listening to the experts.
- 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.
- The NSS students who organised a one-week camp at a nearby village, Ropada, visited the same village to continue their social work.
- Many students felt motivated to prepare and appear for the civil services examinations after interacting with a few guest lecturers.
- 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.
- No difficulty is faced while organising these lectures because it has become an accepted and adopted pattern at our institution.

List of guest lectures by experts conducted during 2019-20

LIST OF Guest LECTURES 2019-20		
Date	Topic	Name of expert/Speaker
21-06-2019	International Yoga Day	Prof. Devarshiben Trivedi
26-06-2019	Anti Drug day	Dr. Himanshu Desi
28-06-2019	Motivational lecture " Dream Believe and Acieve"	Miss. Geeta Poduwal
05-07-2019	Career counselling program	Mr. Jayesh Pandey
09-07-2019	Art of public speaking	Mr. Michael Arrick
29-07-2019	Don't waste food campaign	Mr. pramodbhai Shah
30-07-2019	Importance of Digital marketing	Mr. Rakesh Pancholi
09-09-2019	Gandhi @ 150	Mr. Yashwant Joshi
11-09-2019	Swami Vevekananda's Chicago speech	Mr. Suresh Gadhavi
21-09-2019	Bhagwat Geeta and management	Dr. Shridhar
17-12-2019	Creating self Image	Ms. Rebecca Sudan
18-12-2019	Importance of Fitness	Mr. Rajan Dalal
24-01-2020	Gyanasatra Day 1: Gujarat ni asmita	Mr. P. k. Lahiri
28-01-2020	Gyanasatra Day 2: Jeevan - Ek Utasav	Mr. Bhagyesh Jha
29-01-2020	Gyanasatra Day 3: Importance of Humour in life	Mr. ratilal Borisagar
04-02-2020	Positivity and Human Life	Mr. Ramesh Tanna
20-02-2020	Importance of Mother tongue	Mr. vadibhai Patel