

## BEST PRACTICE - I

1. Title of the Practice: **UNNATI** : Environment for enhanced teaching-learning and encouraging research

2. Goal :

- To follow the mission statement of the institution to achieve its vision.
- To provide infrastructure and supportive environment to blend Teaching and Research for both students and faculty members.
- To provide opportunities to the faculty members to update their knowledge related to their subjects.
- To create research and learning opportunities for faculty members for self-growth and improved teaching.

3. The Context :

- The institution is self-financed and not eligible for funds from UGC and other agencies, therefore mobilizing funds and providing infrastructure for better teaching-learning and research is a challenge.
- The institution depends on management for the required funds.

4. The Practice :

- Certificate Courses organised for better employability and reducing industry-academia gap:
  - Different departments of the institutions have initiated many certificate courses to prepare students for the industry.
  - The courses offered are related to modern marketing concepts, media related skills, new arenas in finance and information technology.
- Developing understanding for Entrepreneurship among students:
  - The institution has started The Incubation Centre for developing the entrepreneurial attitude among students.
  - Activities like competition on business ideas, interaction with entrepreneurs and identifying business ideas are organised for the students
- Encouraging Research among students and teachers through Research Cell:
  - The research cell of the institution provides guidance to the students and teachers to take up research activities.
  - The institution felicitates the research attitude of the students.
  - Institution organized Multidisciplinary International Conference. 25 teachers and 2 students participated in the conference from the institution
  - The Institution organized national webinar on Thesis writing and research funding.
- Opportunities for faculty development:
  - The institution provides support for participating in training programs and workshops.
  - The institution organizes faculty development programs for the teachers to update their knowledge and for better usage of technology.

- Faculty have participated in national, international and college level workshops and FDP programs to enhance knowledge and develop new skills for effective teaching
- Providing resources to encourage research and for self-development:
  - The institution provide seed money for research.
  - The institution provides leave for attending the workshops and training programs.
  - The institution has started its PhD centre and five of its faculty member are registered under it.

#### 5. Evidence of Success:

- Commencement of PhD Centre in the Institution with registration of five scholars in it.
- Students have participated in inter-collegiate research paper presentation events.
- More number of certificate courses have been introduced based on industry requirement.

#### 6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

- Space constraint for organising events.
- Availability of industry experts with academic orientation.

#### BEST PRACTICE - II

1. Title of the Practice: UTTHAN: Sensitizing Students towards Society and Environment
2. Goal:
  - To develop sensitive attitude towards the problems faced by the disadvantages section of the society.
  - To help students identify and contribute in solving the problems faced by the surrounding communities.
  - To create awareness about the environmental problems and contribute in reducing or replenish it.
  - To encourage students to help the state authorities to handle crisis situations.
  - To help institution achieve its vision – Personality Development for Nation Building.
3. The Context:
  - The institution needs to reduce the gap between the social issues students learn as a part of their academics and real challenges of the society.
  - Students need to be encouraged to participate in the process of contributing towards the betterment of the society.
  - Students have to educate about the impact of environmental issues today in the future.
4. The Practice:
  - Activities to sensitize students towards disadvantages section of the society:
    - Celebration of festivals and interaction with children in orphanages and with senior citizens
    - Distribution of sanitary napkins to school girls

- Road levelling, check dam building at under developed areas around the city.
  - Clothes distribution in rural area and house-keeping staff of the institution.
  - Blood donation camp
  - Educating students for Disaster Management.
    - Contributing towards the neighbouring location:
  - As a contribution towards Swachha Bharat Abhiyan, students have undertaken the cleaning job of Vikhroli Railway station.
  - Students participate in cleaning of Powai Lake and Girgaon Chopati Beach.
  - Students prepared and distributed paper bags to nearby shop keepers.
  - Students participated in rally and organised street play for awareness of Plastic Ban
  - Equity Initiatives for Equality of female students:
    - Female students participated in Self-defence workshop.
    - Medical guidance to the female students by experts.
    - Awareness sessions on legal advice for female students
      - Environmental Initiatives:
  - Tree plantation within the campus to reduce carbon footprint.  
Guava sapling distribution initiative
  - Workshop of making eco-friendly Ganesha.
  - Seed Flag distribution for encouraging tree plantation and reducing flag discard
  - Setting up of e-bins to collect e-waste to facilitate its recycle and reuse.
  - Awareness sessions and notices by the nature club
  - Posters to save water, energy, paper and wastage of food
5. Evidence of Success:
- Khushiyan Foundation awarded Best College in Social Service for Beach Clean Up activity
  - Chatra Bharti Sanghathan awarded Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Best NSS unit award for Social work
  - NSS wing received certification for blood donation drive
  - More students are participating in extension programs like DLLE and NSS.
  - More number of activities were conducted by the institution this year.
6. Problems Encountered:
- Initiatives requiring heavy funds cannot be undertaken as there is no contribution from any agency or industry.
  - The success of the activities in terms of sensitization of students cannot be gauged accurately.
  - Students need to be motivated to participate with more involvement.