

Shri Siddheshwar Mahavidyalaya, Majalgaon

Best practices: College was established in 1996. Right from establishment, college tried its best to introduce many best practices, which are helpful to students, society and environment. Following are the two best practices that college implemented successfully during 2020-21.

- 1) Teacher-parent scheme
- 2) Environment protection

Title of the practice: 1) Teacher-Parent Scheme

Objective of the practice: 1) To provide academic counseling to students as well as their parents. 2) To keep the contact with parents and students for various issues. 3) Helping the students as possible as far for their good future. 4) To organize the parent meeting.

Context: Teacher-parent scheme was introduced by institution to address the various issues belonging to students and parents. As the college is present in rural area, there is less interest in education among the people of this region. So right from admission process, it is necessary to remain in touch with students and their parents. After admission in different streams there is issue of student's attendance. Staff members have to increase the attendance of students in college.

Many students are from economically weaker sections and college always helps to such students, during their admission fee, exam fee etc. Particularly girls are having poor attendance and lack of confidence while coming to college. In this to tackle these difficulties, the idea of teacher-parent scheme was coined by the institution.

Practice: Dr. Sunil Patil is the head of the Teacher-Parent scheme. For a group of fifteen students there is one teacher as a guardian. Teacher plays the role of guardian for students. Teacher helps the students every time to improve their performance in curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. Annually there is meeting with parents for discussing different issues like student's performance, any shortcomings etc.

Evidence of success: Due to this scheme, there is improvement in students Attendance as well as in their results. Institute also proved good performance in sports also. So many students are successful in getting admission to P.G. courses in reputed colleges and university departments.

Problems encountered and resources required: The Teacher-Parent scheme has some difficulties in implementation. In case of some parents, lot of efforts is necessary to persuade the minds of students and their parents. Number of students have their residence in remote and rural areas. Therefore there is a problem of transportation. Students are unable to reach college in time due to untimely and poor transportation facility.

Title of practice: 2) Environment Protection

Objectives: 1) To inculcate the importance of environment in students and staff Members. 2) To plant more saplings to conserve the biological diversity.

Context: The environment is getting polluted across the world, which is harmful to the existence of humans, animals and plants. Developmental activities such as construction, transportation and manufacturing not only deplete the natural resources but also produces large amount of wastes that leads to the pollution of air, water and soil and oceans. Due to pollution, global warming and acid rain are arising issues. Untreated or improperly treated wastes are the major cause of pollution of rivers. Environmental degradation causing health issues in humans as well as animals. Crop yield has been affected due pollution in water and air. If precautions are not taken then living kingdom will be in danger in future. In this context, our college is aiming to create awareness in society by means of students and staff.

Practice: In our college, world environment day, world water day, world ozone day is observed every year. On these days the importance of preservation of nature is explained among students and staff. Different activities are organized in and out of campus like plantation, cleaning of river-bed, ecofriendly activities etc. Concept of green Diwali is explained before the students because in Diwali festival, there is so much air pollution of poisonous gases. In college, CFL & LED lamps and tubes are used for saving electricity. Solar lamps have been established on the ground. College has rain water harvesting system for preservation of water.

Evidence of success: The practice has shown wonderful results in which students and staff is motivated. They are expressing their interest in plantation as well as in various programmes related to environment. They are creating awareness among the people in the

society towards environment protection, saving of water, electricity, fuel etc.

Problems encountered and resources required: We are successful in sensitizing the students and staff to a large extent but majority of the people in the society just listen the advice and suggestions about the environment protection and do not practice in their daily life. So many people use two wheelers, four wheelers for the casual work, where they can avoid the use of the vehicles. People should use the vehicles where it is absolutely necessary. Due to this not only air pollution is reduced but also fuel is saved. People cut the trees for their trivial purposes but do not plant new trees. There is no proper recycling of garbage, waste papers etc. in their homes. These are the challenges from society and to overcome this, college is to focus to solve the problems as far as possible.