

BEST PRACTICES

This institution was founded by Padmavibhushan Dr. Smt. Durgabai Deshmukh with the sole motto of **'Building Better Lives for Women'**. The management and staff always keep in mind the main motto of the college and strive towards that goal in every academic and administrative activity.

Our college founder is Padmavibhushan Dr. Smt. Durgabai Deshmukh. She was a contemporary to Mahatma Gandhi. She worked along with Mahatma Gandhi in the freedom struggle and added to those activities she has her own agenda – Building Better Lives to Women.

In the year 1969 on the occasion birth centenary of Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. Durgabai Deshmukh took personal interest in constructing Gandhi Shatabi Bhavan in the centre of the academic campus, just beside the college buildings in the campus. A visit to the circular building is always an inspiring activity.

From then onwards, one programme is conducted every month in that meeting hall. Students of the college, who stay in the campus for three years (UG) / two years (PG) have numerous occasions to attend the meetings and actively participate.

Gandhi Bhavan Meetings



Objective

To inculcate Gandhian values of ahimsa (non-violence), truthfulness, and self help among the students

The Methodology

One department of the college conducts meeting every month, ensuring the participating all the staff members and students of various departments.

Well known speakers, who have good command over philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi, are invited to give lectures. Students also participate with prayer songs, talks of 2 or 3 minutes, skits etc.

Problems encountered

In this age of severe academic competition in the education system and the violent society outside the campus, it is highly difficult to motivate the students to attend the meetings, in the beginning.

But, once the students attend 2 or 3 meetings, they are able to identify the positive energy flow of the meetings and are regular to the meetings, whenever they do not have other pressing engagements (examinations etc.)

How the problems are overcome!

Instead of making one person in-charge of conducting the meetings, each department of the college is asked to conduct the meetings on rotation basis. This ensures that the students of that department are influenced/ motivated to attend the meetings. Once the students get to know the importance of the meetings, the positive vibes make them responsive.

Evidence of success

In such a programme of imparting values to students, it is highly difficult to measure the success. However some students share their positive experiences with teachers whom they are closely associated with.

How the practice can be improved

Feedback from students at the end the course should be taken and measures may be taken to improve the programme to attract the students in large numbers.

Certified Voluntary Work (CVW)



Objective

- ❖ To encourage and support community service
- ❖ To inculcate the idea of sympathy and empathy towards socially deprived classes in particular and fellow citizens in general
- ❖ To improve interpersonal and communication skills
- ❖ To make the students adopt to the demanding situations of life
- ❖ To create awareness on literacy programmes

The Genesis

The concept of Certified Voluntary Work (CVW) initially started as part of curriculum under Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) in the academic year 2011-12. The main purpose of this course is to impart service motto among the students, besides getting credits in the academic sphere. The students will get credits and grades according to their levels of participation, semester wise.

Methodology

The work allotment is done semester wise. For each semester a maximum of 40 working hours allotted. Number of credits per semester is 1. So, if the student works for 6 semesters, she will get 6 credits. Grades are given depending on the nature and performance. This grading is a booster dose to the students, to work sincerely and with interest and enthusiasm.

Problems encountered

Parents generally do not accept their daughters to go and work outside the college, irrespective of the interest of students. It is difficult for the students also to work for CVW after college hours, late in the evening.

How the problems are overcome!

Students are advised to work in groups.

Generally one teacher also accompanies each group of students.

Parents are given assurance by the teachers. Lot of care and monitoring is done when the students are on their field work in hospital and old age homes.

Evidence of success

The activity fetches credits to students. The students get a valuable by-product of self-confidence, service motto and an understanding of the society.