

## **Best Practices**

1. Title of the Practice: **VALUE BASED EDUCATION / performing arts**

2. The context that required the initiation of the practice (100)

Ever receiving and never ending news of the inhuman behavior of the people, ghastly incidents of three year old babies and eighty year old women being raped, incidents of minting money risking the lives of many people by means of food adulteration; old parents seeking the shelter of Old Age Homes ; value imparted to the valueless money out of ignorance and lack of spiritual knowledge; killing one's own brother or sister for a few bucks; , playing with the lives of innocent of people under the guise of spirituality, ditching one's own friends for power and pelf, craze for parasitic life , fear that the fast diminishing values very soon perish are a few reasons behind initiating this practice.

3 Objectives:

To initiate real values to the young students as their second parents To impart social, moral, integrity, character and spirituality To make them cultivate human values to become real human beings To introduce to them the lives of great people who led significant lives and stood as incarnation of values. To mould the youth into useful, selfless citizens, who are assets to our nation, as it is one of the objectives of our institution.

4 The Practice

To inculcate values in the students, the last hour of every Saturday is demarked for Value Based Education. As per the schedule, a particular department has to arrange a guest lecture or a lecturer of that department has to deliver a lecture on values. All students attend the class. Whoever may be the speaker, he/she has to concentrate on values/ morals, which are diminishing fast. To see that they do not perish and they have to be given a lease of life, these classes are arranged. Usually the speaker selects a burning issue of the contemporary society, probes into it and creates an impression on the listeners never to resort to such inhuman activities. The purport of all these speeches is nothing but giving a human touch to the young human resources so that they will not go astray and become responsible citizens and future leaders. Students are encouraged to interact with the speakers and they are given chance to address too. .But from 2015, there is a change in this program. As a paper, Human Values and Professional Ethics“ is incorporated in the curriculum for 1st year students in the first Semester. Dedicating this hour to „Performing Arts” students are encouraged to show their skills/ talents through various art forms like songs/ dance/ skit/ mime/ speech etc. .As per the schedule, students of BA/B.Com/BSc led by the departments concerned, exhibit their talents. In consultation with the IQAC topics on Gender equity/ sensitivity/ values/ responsibility of humans towards environment etc are selected and the department of Telugu passes on that information to the departments ahead of time. The practice of discussing values is being continued till today.

## 5 Obstacles faced if any and strategies adopted to overcome them (150)

In the initial stages, it seemed that there was no coordination among the students. Just like environmental pollution, the concept of the need to lead life with values is spread among the student population too. Their minds were not like white slates. It took quite some time to wipe off the black marks on their mental screen. Sluggishness, lack of self respect, whiling away time, parasitic life seems to be the hall mark of many. Earning money by any means seem to be the motto of some. Very carefully speeches were delivered on great people without any focus on their caste. Slowly the students, who were reluctant in the beginning, began to show interest in the practice. The passive listeners have become active speakers. Debates on topics related to gender equity, immorality, corruption charges, values like truth/non-violence/ integrity etc are drilled into their minds so that there is some impact of it on them.

## 6 Impact of the practice (100 – 120 words)

Though the impact cannot be measured exactly, some change in them is perceptible. It is an attempt to initiate young people into values. As theirs are impressionable minds, definitely there will be an impact on them. Moreover it is believed that the values inculcated among young generation would remain with them permanently. If the speaker, who deals with the students in this class really believes in human values, and if he plays a major and a decisive role in giving this lesson by precept as well as by example, definitely, they begin to think in terms of values. What they heard, what they spoke come to the fore, whenever they are about to fall into the mire of immorality.

## 7. Resources required:

The human resources, who are moved at the vanquishing values in the present day society, commitment on their part to save the future generation and our nation by imparting values to the future citizens are the requirement

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Title of the practice: **Institution of Optimum User Award**

### 1. The context that required the initiation of the practice:

Lack of library facilities in most of the schools/colleges and the fast growing corporate culture seem to have nullified the significance of libraries. Failure on the part of some students to recognize the existence of libraries, the student support services resulted in neglecting the temple of knowledge. it offers and how central it is to learner- centric learning. It supports the students in their studies. As per the guidelines of UGC and NAAC traditional methods of teaching has to be replaced by student –centered learning in higher educational institutions , and rote learning has to be replaced by creativity.

## 2. Objectives:

Many students do not know the value of the libraries and in fact they seem not to recognize the very existence of the library. Unless they visit library and unless they know that library is student friendly, they fail to understand the significance of the library. To inculcate the habit of acquiring knowledge on one's own by means of reading, to create awareness among such students the need to be creative, which is possible only when they cease to be, mugging machines, it is necessary to see that they visit the library regularly.

## 3. The Practice:

The present generation of students does not seem to believe in hard work and securing a good position on his/ her own. Many students attend classes, they neither play games nor spend time in the library, which are very much needed for the physical and mental well being and they do not seem to understand the significance of globalization. Mere degree is of no use now days. Skills and grip over the subject make them reach their goal. To cultivate the habit of making the students visit the library and making use of its resources, an hour is included in the time table. It did not work well .Unless there is some change in their attitude, they may not like to walk on the right path. So the library committee has decided to institute Optimum User Award, which is nothing but a strategic move. That student will receive the award in the function in connection with the College Day, that too from a VIP. It is prestigious to receive an award from the dais on the College Day amidst the cheers of other students. Slowly some change is perceived in some of the students, who were reluctant to visit the library .Students make it a point to visit the library regularly, at least during interval, sign in the log register and spend some time and go away. This regular habit has made them go to the book shelves and see the books available in the library and the various student support services offered in the library. The friendly personnel of the library, the guidance they offer made the students regular visitors and slowly they developed taste for books, which proved to be an obsession.

## 4. Obstacles faced if any and strategies adopted to overcome them:

In the beginning students used to sit for a few minutes in the library. Some students used to while away their time sitting in the library without doing anything. The library personnel took such students around and explained the various student support services offered to them. They slowly introduced the different sections in the library and the collection of books and so on. The library personnel took care and made them participate in quiz programs and slowly succeeded in developing their interest in reading.

## 5. Impact of the practice:

It took quite some time for the students to come to the library for the purpose it is meant. Motivated by the library personnel, they slowly developed rapport with them and also with the books, which has resulted in their regular visits.. This regular habit has made them go to the book

shelves and see the books available in the library and the various student support services offered in the library. The friendly personnel of the library, the guidance they offer made the students regular visitors and slowly they developed taste for books, which proved to be an obsession. As per the advice of the library committee, staff members began to assign students with some tasks connected with the library like preparing a paper to be presented in student seminar or web – based assignment, which forces them to stay in the library as it is the only place, where they can get internet access free of cost.

#### 6. Resources required:

Patience and will power of the library personnel Institution of the Optimum User's Award has a very positive impact on the students.