

Best Practices :

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1. **Title of the Practice :**

Felicitating Meritorious Students with their Parents

2. **Goal :**

The practice aims at creating healthy academic competition among the college students. The practice also aims at establishing the institution as the institution with social concern. The felicitation of meritorious students with their parents at the hands of renowned dignitaries inspires all the students for better efforts to get success in future. It also helps the college to achieve the status of an institution with social and human touch. The parents feel honoured to attend the function.

3. **The Context :**

Our college belongs to the remote area of Gadchiroli district. Most of the students in the college are the first generation learners of university education. In most cases the parents are not at all concerned with the education of their wards and their academic progress. After the admission of their wards they do not move towards the institution to know about their academic activities. Although we request them through the prospectus to visit the college, they do not bother to do it. We also ask our students to request their parents to attend Teacher-Parent meets organized in the college.

Our institution is governed by variety of well-wishers belonging to different walks of life and representing various castes and religions. The executive members of our institution wanted to honour the parents of the meritorious students as they felt that the parents are a great inspirational force for these victorious students. Basic intention behind this practice was that by honouring the parents we could create the atmosphere of healthy academic competition among our students. Accordingly we decided to start this practice in the college in 2011.

4. The Practice :

We have been organizing the felicitation programmes for the meritorious students since 2001. All the students securing highest marks in each subject are given cash prizes by the concerned teachers. The faculty toppers are also given cash prizes by the teachers as well as the Institution. Recently we decided to honour the parents of the meritorious students by inviting them in this function. We prepare special invitation cards to invite the parents- both, mother and father.

The students of the college are encouraged to fetch their parents for this function in large numbers. The refreshment facility is also prepared for them. The parents are given warm welcome and special treatment in the function. They are invited on the stage with their ward with due respect. All the dignitaries on the stage stand up while the chief guests honour the parents and their ward together. These are the most emotional moments not only for the parents who are honoured but also for those who watch them being honoured in such a grand function. Naturally, it creates a kind of feelings of gratitude among the teachers and students. It also spreads a message that the institution is aware of the role of parents in their ward's success. The humble parents feel highly impressed, and express their views about the practice and institution's contribution in enhancing the quality of education in the area.

We display photos related to this function in the college so that the aspiring students and other parents get inspired to score higher grades in the future examinations. These banners are hung for a year on the walls at prime locations in the college.

5. Evidence of Success :

The practice has achieved immense success in creating atmosphere of healthy academic competition among students in the college. The management applauds the efforts of parents in the function and gives due credit to their efforts. The other parents and students present in the function are encouraged to work hard to secure more marks in further examinations. The poor illiterate parents get the opportunity to share their views with the dignitaries. The meritorious students feel greatly privileged when their parents are honoured by the guests in such a grand function. We get a sense of satisfaction by inviting the parents and applauding their meritorious wards in the presence of renowned dignitaries.

The students of the college start working hard and devote more time to their studies to top in their respective classes. They start interacting with the teachers and ask questions to get their questions solved. The practice has established a kind of close emotional attachment between the institution and the parents of the students learning in the college. This in itself is a reward for the institution.

In 2019-20, 57 meritorious students were felicitated with their parents, including father and mother, in the institution in a grand Felicitation Programme organized on 12th Sept., 2019. Total amount of Rs. 32116/- was distributed as Merit Scholarship to these students.

The most positive and promising impact of this practice can be found in the performance of our students in the University examinations. The number of our students in University merit list has increased remarkably. Mr. Ahebaz Khan Majid Khan Pathan, a student of Commerce faculty stood second in the University merit list and Ku. Sajiya Ibrahim Sheikh of Commerce faculty stood ninth while Mr. Hemant Vishnu Sahare of Arts faculty stood sixth in the merit list of Gondwana University, Gadchiroli.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

The only problem that we face in the implementation of this practice is that the common parents feel shy to appear on the stage in front of the dignitaries. Lack of awareness among the parents about academic progress of their wards is another hurdle. However, honest and deliberate efforts by the teachers and students together are sufficient to overcome these hurdles. Once the parents come to the college they enjoy the function and feel honoured.

As far as resources for the implementation of the practice are concerned, teachers enthusiastically and spontaneously contribute for this promising activity. The management voluntarily declares its amount for the rewards. The executive body of the management decides the amount of rewards and other necessary things to honour the parents.

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1. **Title of the Practice :**

Organization of University Level Activities every Year

2. **Goal :**

The practice aims at providing wide platform for the students who have interest in various extracurricular activities, stage arts in particular. This activity avails opportunities to such students to show their skills on the stage. The activity also provides an opportunity to the college students to get acknowledged with various art forms. The students from all the colleges under Gondwana University are invited to participate in these competitions. Various artists from Zadipatti Rangabhoomi are also invited as Chief Guests on this occasion. They address the students and encourage them to develop stage skills so that they would easily get employment.

3. **The Context**

Desaiganj is the centre of Zadipatti Drama and has lot of scope for the artists. There are more than fifty drama companies in the town. They perform dramas in Gadchiroli, Chandrapur, Bhandara and Gondia districts from Diwali to Holi. These companies need singers, dancers, artists, music players, script writers, etc. every year. Also, various traditional folk arts are performed in and around Desaiganj. Unfortunately, the artists of these arts didn't get opportunities to project them and the result was that many of them were on the verge of extinction. We felt it our moral responsibility to rejuvenate and bring these folk arts of the region in limelight. There is lot of scope to bring these arts to the front. The college students can build their future as professional artists if they have interest any of these dramatic and folk arts. To grab this opportunity and prepare such artists, our college started organizing various types of stage competitions for the students in Gondwana University.

4. **The Practice**

Organizing university level cultural competition every year has now become the regular best practice of our college. The activity began in 2009-10 and has been continued without break. The Cultural department plans this activity in the beginning of every session. A request letter is sent to the University authorities to upload the letter on its website asking

various colleges to participate in the activity. The entries are accepted through mail, WhatsApp and mobile phones. The prizes for these competitions are sponsored by various social workers, industrialists, well-wishers of the institution, cloth merchants and teachers voluntarily. The college honours and felicitates the winners with attractive trophies and certificates. Beside the first three prizes, consolation prizes are also sponsored. Certificates of participation are given to all the participants. The juries for different competitions are invited from various professional bodies to make fair judgments. The result is that no dispute occurred till today. The prizes are distributed just after the competition. Remarks and opinions of the participants are taken in the prize distribution programme. They are asked to express their views on the overall organization and give suggestions, if necessary, so that necessary amendments are made in the successive organizations.

5. Evidence of Success

The practice began in 2010 and was continued after that with continuously increasing and promising participation of different colleges under Gondwana University. More than 20 participants participate in these activities every year. The Cultural department of the college has the responsibility to plan and organize such an activity every year. These activities are organized under the guidance of top management and with the support and cooperation from the faculty. Many issues and various burning topics have been covered in these activities till now. The students from various colleges in Gadchiroli and Chandrapur districts respond enthusiastically and present their ideas in elocution and debate competitions, and present their arts in stage programmes such as group dance and solo dance competitions. In 2019-20, Solo Lawni Dance competition was organized. 21 participants from various colleges of Chandrapur and Gadchiroli districts participated in the competition. Winners were felicitated with cash prizes and mementos after the competition.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

Initially, we faced problems in the establishment of proper and authentic communication with the far-off colleges as there was no facility in the University to upload call letters on its website. We also had some difficulties in organizing these activities systematically as the college did not have permanent stage. We had to struggle hard to find

the juries to judge the contestants fairly at initial level. Likewise, we faced problems in finding sponsors for the competitions at the early stage.

However, the spontaneous efforts on the part of our teachers and spontaneous support from the top management made it easy for us to continue with the practice. In the course of time we got learned juries and willing sponsors who extended their support in the organization of these activities. All these positive things have helped us overcome these hurdles, and have made the practice a great success.

7. Notes (Optional)

The organization of University Level Activity every Year in the college has become very healthy practice that give us feeling of joy. It has created a kind of excitement among faculty and our students. Many suggestions come regarding the type of activity every year. It is like a yearly festival which is celebrated by all of us with zeal and lot of curiosity. It has become such a healthy practice that it is discussed in almost all the colleges.
