

BEST PRACTICE-I Student and Faculty Enrichment Programmes

GOALS

To help both the Teachers and the students broaden their skills, as well as their understanding of their field of interest.

To allow Teachers and students to attain new knowledge on the latest developments in their own disciplines as well as on contemporary issues.

To develop their interaction skills, rational faculty and public speaking abilities and prepare them for all round development.

To offer both students and teachers the opportunities of being benefitted from alternative mode of having discussions on academic issues in the absence of the conventional face to face mode.

CONTEXT

Due to the sudden outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, the institution has been compelled to shift from holding conventional mode of discussions on academic issues through seminars, conference, workshops, special lectures to virtual platform for the same purpose. National & International level Offline and Online seminars on academic related issues i.e., to supplement traditional curriculum-based teaching were conducted to ensure uninterrupted all-round learning & enrichment of students and teachers. Furthermore, the unexpected extension of lockdown had not only brought forth a sudden shift in the entire Teaching-Learning process, it has simultaneously deprived students from enjoying their college life and being physically present in the college campus. Consequently, to motivate students, to make them feel an integral part of the college, several activities in addition to academic have also been organized.

THE PRACTICE

International, National & State level webinars on Academic issues, Awareness Programmes related to COVID-19 pandemic, Mental wellbeing, Environmental issues, Gender Sensitization and imparting & strengthening moral values where eminent experts from across the globe and country shared their expertise were organized for all the stakeholders of the college. Joint & collaborative webinars, online Essay writing competitions were conducted involving Bangladesh Open University, Dhaka, Bajkul College, Basanti Devi College, NSS & NCC UNITS. Special care was taken to keep the students physically active during this lockdown period. In this regard International Yoga Day was celebrated virtually on 21st June 2020, where Mr. Sukumar Pradhan, Principal, Yoga School of Contai & Yoga Instructor, Athilagari, conducted 45 minutes session imparting valuable lessons on the importance of yoga and exercise during this pandemic situation. To give the students an experience of relishing their college days, to understand their experience of this present situation, to provide them an opportunity to show their aptitudes & to nourish their talents, numerous cultural, academic and extension activities were organized in the form of Online Poster Making competitions where students were given a prescribed format and a deadline according to which they were asked to click a clear picture of their essays or drawings and send them online in the given e-mail id. All the webinars were conducted through reliable web platforms, primarily through Google Meet Platform, Zoom which were live streamed on the Belda college YouTube channel and then later posted on the Belda college official Facebook page especially for those who were unable to be present, to increase their probability of accessing and participating in such activities. Records of all the activities are kept in both online and offline mode.

EVIDENCE OF SUCCESS

Total 23 (twenty-three) webinars were organized in the online mode and 9 (Nine) Seminars/ Special lectures were organized in offline mode.

More than 2500 students from the college participated in the webinars and seminars

Students and Teachers became more accustomed with this new mode of interactive platform.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED

The major problems encountered were poor internet connectivity and ICT infrastructural constraints faced by many students and teachers residing in the remote areas.

BEST PRACTICE-II

Updated College Website & Social Media Network

GOALS

In order to keep the communication system clear, reachable and student friendly during this sudden extended lockdown period.

To transform the college notice board into e-notice board, which can be easily accessed by all the stakeholders of the college.

To provide timely, engaging, and updated current information regarding college related activities like admission process, examination notification, University form fill up, Academic calendar, Seminars/Webinars to all the stakeholders of the college and community.

To provide additional support to the college website through the college official Facebook page, twitter page and YouTube channel

CONTEXT

During the Pre COVID-19 period where the conventional offline mode was applicable, students would get information from the college notice board. However, with the sudden and extended period of lockdown such provision was disrupted. Consequently, in order to keep the communication system clear, reachable and specifically student-friendly during this sudden extended lockdown period, special care was taken to keep the college website and other official social networking sites like Facebook page, YouTube channel, twitter page updated with all the information, Notice regarding college, department and University activities.

THE PRACTICE

It was made sure that all the students and other valuable stakeholders are kept informed regarding all the upcoming activities, Programmes, examination and admission related information. Additionally, to support the college website, an official college Facebook page, twitter page and YouTube channel have been opened to disseminate all vital information to the stakeholders, especially the students. College programmes, webinars are live streamed in these social media platforms to extend support to students and increase their chance of accessibility to & participation in various college activities, so that no students are left out from this new remote learning system. The entire process of updating the college website and official college social networking sites is done by a dedicated team comprising of teaching faculty and office staffs.

EVIDENCE OF SUCCESS

Majority of stakeholders of the college has been reached through e-notice boards of the updated college website and other dedicated official social networking sites.

Students especially responded to the dedicated official social networking sites of the college by subscribing to the channel, following the college related page.

Very few students visit college campus to seek information at present lockdown situation.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED Lack of a good Internet connection strength and recurring incidents of power cut in college area cause some delay to update certain information through the e-notice board. Lack of sufficient transport facilities due to pandemic situation caused hindrance in the collection of data by the social media cell from college office for timely uploading.