

1. Title of the Practice Promotion of Research

2. Objectives of the Practice what are the objectives/ intended outcomes of this “best practice” and what are the underlying principles or concepts of this practice .

- To keep pace with the relentless wheel of change and update the intellectual calibre of the faculty
- To encourage the faculty to have better post-doctoral research proposal.
- To acquire guideship to produce more research scholars
- To motivate the faculty to apply for the major and minor research projects by providing guidelines and details of funding agencies
- To fulfil the requirements to promote the research departments into research centers
- To collaborate with other institutions and universities.
- To arrange for interface among the institutions, industries and the public to take up research projects relevant for the present day
- To encourage the faculty and the students to organize and present research papers in the national / international seminars / conferences / workshops
- To publish quality research articles in reputed journals, edit study materials for the prescribed syllabus and author books of high originality
- To provide seed money for research activities
- To take steps for publishing a Research Journal

3. The Context what are the contextual features or challenging issues that needed to be addressed in designing and implementing this practice .

Since constant updating of the subject is very essential to try the untrodden paths, the teaching staff of the college is highly conscious of quality enhancement and quality sustenance on par with the progress of technology in keeping with other autonomous institutions.

The College generates knowledge for dissemination and so its main focus is on quality research. It has created a research ambience through strengthening infrastructure facilities, motivating staff members and guiding them to acquire grants from the funding agencies to launch on research undertakings - pursuing Ph.D., taking up minor or major research projects, guiding research scholars and publishing research papers and books.

Challenging issues to be addressed while designing and implementing the practice

- The great demand of the rural based students for the attention of the staff to cope with their studies.
- Requiring sound knowledge of technology development
- Creation of awareness on the need for research to update the knowledge of the students and the staff at international standards
- Creating an interest in research in students through individual or group research projects as part of their syllabus
- Analyzing and addressing the needs of the society through IQAC and submitting reports based on their field research
- Forming linkage with the industries and research centers and collaborating with them for the research projects of staff and students.

4. The Practice Describe the practice and its uniqueness in the context of Indian higher education. What were the constraints/ limitations, if any, faced.

1. Title of the Practice: COVID19 - Quantitative assessment of social and economic impact of Covid-19: A Visit by Faculty Members to the nearby locality.

2. Objectives of the Practice:

- To help the locals understand the hazardous consequences of the epidemic.
- To understand the levels of knowledge, attitudes and practices regarding Covid-19 pandemic and health education campaigns to prevent transmission of Virus.
- To make the locals aware of the government initiatives and the role the locals have to play to safeguard themselves and the family
- To make the locals aware their response to the disease and make them aware of the importance of interactions with each other
- To understand the economic condition of the locals and provide guidance.

3) The Context:

The present epidemic requires involvement of such educational organizations working in the rural surrounding for safeguarding the locals. Therefore, along with the covid warriors, the teaching staff of the college voluntarily campaigned to make the locals aware of the hazardous effects of the epidemic. The College volunteer for the wellbeing of the locals, as it gets the students from the locality. Therefore, right from the establishment the institutional authorities promote the staff to work for the welfare of the nearby society. Since the institution gets support in the form of the admissions of the students from the nearby locality itself. It has created a social ambience through strengthening infrastructure facilities, motivating staff members and guiding them to work for the all-round personality development of the students. Therefore, any such serious matter that results in the social damage, the staff of the college voluntarily works for the society.

4) Challenging issues to be addressed while designing and implementing the practice :

- A) To make locals realize the importance of social distancing, wearing masks etc.
- B) Adopting proper sanitization, so as to keep one safe.

5) Evidence of Success

The threat of a global disease outbreak, such as pandemic Covid-19, is an important public health problem facing the world. The COVID-19 outbreak affects all segments of the population and is particularly detrimental to members of those social groups in the most vulnerable situations, continues to affect populations, including people living in poverty situations, older persons, persons with disabilities, youth, and indigenous peoples. Early evidence indicates that the health and economic impacts of the virus are being borne disproportionately by poor people. For example, homeless people, because they may be unable to safely shelter in place, are highly exposed to the danger of the virus. People without access to running water, refugees, migrants, or displaced persons also stand to suffer disproportionately both from the pandemic and its aftermath – whether due to limited movement, fewer employment opportunities, increased xenophobia etc. The approach of the faculty members as counsellor proved very beneficial as most of the locals followed the instructions. This practice helped us to understand the positive approach that the individuals in nearby locality of college followed to an outbreak given possible behavioural changes and how this modified behaviour affects the spread of the disease. A survey by the faculty members has been taken place to gauge public reaction to social distancing and the periodic lockdown enforced during a severe pandemic. This practice has been proved very effective measuring the economic and social effects of different social distancing and lockdown interventions that are normally adopted by the government in an effort to contain a “virus-like” epidemic. The faculty members have not only collected the data but have attempted to make the people conscious of the hazardous consequences of the pandemic. It is by making them think positively the faculty members have tried their level best to reduce the mental burden of the people living in the vicinity of the college.

6) Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

- * In the beginning the faculty members received a discouraging response as the locals showed negligence towards social distancing and wearing masks.
- * Ensuring the locals aware of the positive effects of all these protective means also resulted to be a tough task
- * Visiting locals during working the pandemic, sometimes, has led to a lot of travelling adjustment.