



Best Practices

Title of the Practice No.1:

Student's Research Conference

2. Objectives of the Practice

1. To inculcate research culture among students
2. To make them learn and understand research methods and practices
3. To encourage them to think about issues related to their discipline, society, industry, region and the nation
4. To encourage them to come out with solutions for problems related to their discipline, society, industry, region and the nation
5. To give them a platform to showcase and publish their research

3. The context

Today's ever increasing competition demands a culture of innovation and research. What can differentiate a really developing economy from others is their focus on research initiatives. Infact all the developed and developing economies show similar inclination. They are focusing a lot on research based activities. They are encouraging the citizens to develop a research oriented culture and so is the case with India. Research orientation has also become the key factor behind the success of the companies thereby boosting the economy. KES Shroff College understands the need to inculcate this attitude in the students and hence pays a lot of focus on research oriented activities. The Research Centre of KES Shroff college organizes students' research conference for students every year since its inception in the academic year 2013-2014. Response is increasing year by year and in 2019-20, total 356 students participated

4.The Practice

The Student Research Conference is organized every year on 4th September. Every year, the college provides a well thought theme and it is communicated to the students well in advance through brochures and notices. College also receives responses from various colleges.

The students of KES Shroff college are guided by Research experts and teachers by conducting workshops to write quality research papers. Institution has also appointed an external research expert Dr. Mohommadali Farooqui as a Research Mentor for the College Research Paper Clinic to guide the students and staff for research paper writing.

College encourages participants by providing Best Paper Award with cash prizes and certificates to the winners across all the categories.

Details of students' research conference and students' participation in the academic year 2019-2020 is as follows:

Topic: Role of IT, Media, Finance, Commerce and Humanities In Sustainable Development

No. of students participated including paper presenters: 356

No. of papers presented: 229

Best Paper award for different categories are:

Commerce:

Siddhi Komat- KES Shroff College of Arts and Commerce

Finance:

Shruti Dashpute- Ghanshyamdas Saraf College of Arts & Commerce

I.T:

Sakshi Parker- Thakur College of Science and Commerce

Media:

Paras Joshi- KES Shroff College of Arts and Commerce

Humanities:

Mayur Solanki- KES Shroff College of Arts and Commerce

5. Evidence of Success

Students enthusiastically participate in the research conferences and it immensely benefits them. It develops in them innovative attitude and critical thinking. The students understand how to write a research paper and also gain exposure to various statistical tools used in research analysis. The students not only participate in the college conference but also participate in national and international research conferences. While conducting the research, they interact with many concerned people and it boosts their confidence and upgrades their knowledge in the respective research area. They also develop better communication skills and presentation skills. They also suggest solutions to various social and industrial challenges. Students are also found visiting the Research Mentor appointed by the institution that proves their increased inclination towards research.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

It is difficult to involve first year students in research paper writing activity. The students come from a vernacular background which proves as a hindrance in writing and presenting research papers.

The institution is dedicatedly working on this issue that is faced with every batch. The principal as well as the teachers encourage and mentor the students for research. Institution has also established a research cell and Research Expert Dr. Farooqui guides the students and upgrades the research quality and culture in the college. It has shown positive results as many students utilize these resources and improve research skills.

Title of the Practice No.2:

Vidyotejak- A scheme for economically deprived and also for meritorious students

2. Objectives of the Practice

1. To extend helping hands to the economically weaker students.
2. To reduce the dropout rate among college students due to financial constraints.
3. To acknowledge the meritorious students.

3. The context

Kandivali Education Society Management is incredibly supportive to the students for the development of their career. By keeping this in mind they have started the ‘vidyotejak scheme’, to help economically weak students and acknowledge the meritorious students. This is an initiative to fulfill the goal of inclusive education.

Every year KES management spends around 2% of its annual revenue for the scheme. All the students who need the financial help will avail this facility. The scheme has really been helpful since years to many students who could not afford higher education. The scheme is always looked upon and appreciated by all stakeholders. Providing all possible support to the students’ education is not only a help or charity but is also a powerful tool of investing in education.

3.The Practice

This scheme has two facets-extending financial help to the needy students and acknowledging the meritorious students.

Vidhyotejak-Financial help Scheme

i. Eligibility

- a) The financial help scheme is applicable to the in-house students (passed HSC from KES' schools or studied for 2 years in KES' Junior College)
- b) The family income of all members put together, should be less than Rs. 3,00,000 per annum.
- c) The students should have scored more than 50% marks in the previous academic year.

ii. Procedure:

- a) A notice is circulated across all the under-graduate and post- graduate classes to fill an application form.
- b) The following documents are required to be submitted:
 - i) Duly filled application form
 - ii) Marks sheets
 - iii) Proofs of family income

iii. Selection:

Forms received for this scheme are scrutinized by the vidyotejak committee of KES and the shortlisted candidates are provided with half of the tuition fees as financial help.

iv. Disbursement:

The management directly pays the amount sanctioned to the eligible students, into the college bank account. In case the student has paid full fee, he/she is reimbursed the said amount.

Vidyotejak – Scholarship Scheme

i. Eligibility:

- a) The merit scholarships are subject to students having obtained aggregate marks exceeding 60%.
- b) A student is eligible for scholarship only if his/her class/division has strength of more than 25.

ii. Procedure:

The details of rank holders are sought by the Vidyotejak Committee.

iii. Selection:

The students are selected on the basis of merit.

iv. Disbursement:

The management organizes a special programme for the felicitation of the rank holders and their parents. The students are presented cash prizes as a reward for their achievement.

Details of Vidyotejak financial help scheme for the academic year 2019-2020

1. The class and the no of beneficiaries are as follows:

- B.Com:49
- BA: 3
- Self Finance: 125
- PG: 3

Total no. of beneficiaries- 180

2. The class and the amount contributed is as follows:

- B. Com: 2,05,300
- BA : 18,000
- Self Finance: 13,53,700
- PG : 36,000

Total Amount: 16,13,000

Details of the Vidyotejak Scholarship scheme for the academic year 2019-20

1. The class and the no of beneficiaries are as follows:

- B. Com: 6
- BA: 3
- Self Finance: 26
- PG: 3

Total no. of beneficiaries- 38

2. The class and the amount contributed is as follows:

- B. Com: 37,500
- BA : 15000
- Self Finance: 1,17,500
- PG : 10,000

Total Amount: 1,80,000

5. Evidence of Success:

180+38 = 218 students availed the facility of Vidyotejak scheme in the academic year 2019-20 and 17,93,000 had been spent on this scheme.

5. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

No problems were faced while implementing the scheme.