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Best Practice –

1. Title of the Practice: SMS alerts and Group E-mail:

The lofty objectives of SMS alerts and Group E-mail are

- To provide necessary, urgent and important notice, circular and information about the college and its various activities to the students.
- The principle underlying the practice is to use ICT for the benefit and welfare of the faculty and students.
- The main idea behind this practice was to provide updated information about the college activities to the faculty and to the students. Informing the students about important dates, internal and semester end examination time table, holiday and performance in internal examinations. Many students were losing their precious academic year due to lack of desired information. Girls' students have to come from far off places to the college to know simple information.
- There were certain challenging issues to be concentrated in designing and Realizing the practice.
 1. Gathering / acquiring mobile numbers of all the students.
 2. Creating grouping e-mail ID's.
 3. Providing for the necessary software and hardware to start the scheme.
 4. Cost and expenditure involved.
 5. Convincing a section of stakeholders about the need and benefits of the scheme.
 6. Creating awareness among students and staff about the significance of the scheme.
- Each and every student of the college are given SMSs about the
 1. Last date for Fees and documents to be submitted.
 2. IA Examination time table.
 3. Internal marks and percentage.
 4. Attendance percentage.
 5. Instant and unscheduled holidays.
 6. Details about various scholarships etc.

- A committee has been formed to operate and implement the scheme which in turn create the necessary logistics and to generate awareness among the different stakeholders about the need, necessity and benefit of the scheme.
- This is a distinctive scheme as far as UG and PG institution is concerned, though this scheme is being implemented in few high schools and PUC colleges.
- This scheme saves a lot of time, cost and energy. This practice can be pursued by other institutions if they have the necessary software and hardware.
- The scheme has been a magnificent success. The students are able to get the information on time. This has resulted in lot of saving in time and money. The results indicate that use of ICT can be of great benefit.
- The practice looks trivial but has resulted in bridging the communication gap between the college and the students.
- Initially the scheme faced a few hurdles like data collection, data entry, processing, monetary aspects but the scheme has been successfully implemented.
- This practice is novel in the sense that the college has majority of the students from rural and remote areas, particularly girl students.

2. Community service through NSS and WEC.

Goal:

The institution is governed by a benevolent management named 'Janata Shikshana Samiti' which has been working on philanthropic principles. Excellence in performance, global understanding, universal values and service to mankind are the building blocks of our educational edifice. The mission statements of the college clearly indicate the goal of this practice is that the college aims at developing in students a sense of responsibility for his fellowmen in place of the glorification of power and success. Since community service is one of the chief objectives of the college, the goal of this practice is to serve humanity at large and women in particular. Through the activities of NSS unit and WEC (Women's Empowerment Cell) the college aims at preparing enlightened citizens of India and women empowerment. The objectives behind these activities are to drive away social abuses like child-marriage, superstitions, illiteracy, girl foeticide, gender disparity, addiction, etc and prepare a healthy, educated, local rural community. To make girl-students aware of their human and legal-rights, to help them solve their social and economical problems, to build among them self- confidence and a sense of self respect and help them carve their careers in different fields are also chief objectives of this practice.

The Context:

The college is situated in an educational hub surrounded by rural area and majority of the students are associated with farming and animal husbandry. Societal upliftment is the ultimate goal of any education and so our college has also determined upon the community services in a best possible manner. Larger part of the student-strength of the college is constituted of girl-students coming from surrounding rural areas. Some of girl-students are first generation learners. Besides coming to college, the girl-students are kept engaged by their parents in animal husbandry and other works of farming. The society is afflicted with all customs like child-marriages, no higher education for girls, etc. and abuses like women foeticide, addiction, superstitions, etc. Therefore the activities and programmes organized by the NSS unit and WEC of the college are essentially focusing upon women empowerment through higher education, making them aware of their fundamental and legal rights, through training and guidance which can make them economically independent. By conducting NSS camps of 10-12 days at the nearby villages, during which the NSS students conduct various missions like to cultivate the sense of cleanliness, against child marriages, against addictions, against superstitions, awareness for environment, gender disparity, etc. the college extends best possible services to the nearby community.

The Practice:

As has been mentioned in the vision statement of our college, our institution is committed to cater excellence in performance, to develop global understanding among the students chiefly coming from rural background, to inculcate universal values of humanity and service to mankind.

To fulfill this vision the college undertakes following measures:

The NSS unit of the college, through extension activities, is working in the direction of societal upliftment. During its camps in villages NSS carries out various missions like: a) Eradication of superstitions b) De-addiction drive c) save girl child, i.e. a mission against female foeticide, d) save water, petrol, electricity, and environment, e) Helping villagers get voter cards, f) working as volunteers in polio vaccination drive g) distribution of fruits to the patients in the district civil Hospital, h) Tree-plantation, i) conducting patriotic song competition on National Days.