7.2 Best Practices

Describe at least two institutional best practices

Upload details of two best practices successfully implemented by the institution as per NAAC format in your institution website, provide the link

1. Title of the Practice:

Arrangement of Seminars

2. Objectives of the Practice:

Seminars play a very important role in every student's life. Its importance is immense as it helps students understand concepts, get updated knowledge and learn new perspective on different aspects of life.

3. Context:

Seminars encourage passionate dialogue and active engagement, enhancing student's communication skills and knowledge. Attending seminars is the opportunity for the students to learn from different environment than classroom. This benefits the students to learn very effectively and efficiently.

4. The practice:

Encouraged by the tremendous enthusiasm shown by the students in the 1st Annual Students' Seminar in 2017, the Department of Zoology organized the 2nd Annual Students' Seminar during 06 – 08 December' 2018. The Chief Guest for the event on (06 Dec' 2018) was Dr. Sudip Barat, retired Professor of Zoology, University of North Bengal. This edition of the Annual Seminar was a notable regional event, where there were 5 keynote presentations by distinguished speakers/teachers of Zoology/Biology from the Gour Banga region. Besides, a total of 22 students from our college, as well as nearby Colleges, like Balurghat College and Balurghat Mahila Mahavidyalaya presented their papers. The Chairman for the final day (08 Dec' 2018) was Dr. Ayan Paul, Asst. Professor of Botany, Raiganj University.

Special Classes by Distinguished Visiting Professor Dr. Pratap Mukhopadhyay, retired Scientist (Principal Scientist till 2013) of Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (CIFA-ICAR) was conducted in the Zoology Dept., Raiganj Surendranath Mahavidyalaya during 10-11 January' 2019.

In collaboration with the Nature Club, Raiganj Surendranath Mahavidyalaya, the Dept. of Zoology, Raiganj Surendranath Mahavidyalaya organized a seminar entitled, "Aquaculture as a tool in the treatment of waste water" on 12 January 2019. Dr. Pratap Mukhopadhyay, retired Scientist (Principal Scientist till 2013) of Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (CIFA-ICAR) was the main speaker in the event.

A one-day seminar was organized by the Department of Education of our college on Life Sketch and Contribution of Swami Vivekananda Towards Education on 2nd March, 2019. Alongside the invigorating talk of the resource person, the students presented their short demonstration on the topic. An interactive session was there between the resource person and the students with which the program of the day ended.

A special lecture was organized by the Department of Education of our college on Democracy and National Integration on 10th May,2019. It was a wonderful session concluded with an interactive session between the resource person and the students.

5. Evidence of Success:

Students are increasingly taking interest in this practice. They are regularly attending these seminars despite their packed schedule of usual classes.

6. Problem encountered:

- b) Shortage of infrastructural facilities.
- ii) Shortage of manpower: Some of the departments is having only one fulltime teacher at present which is a constraint.

7. Resources required:

Removal of infrastructural bottlenecks and more manpower will help to strengthen this practice further.

Best practice-2:

1. The title:

Campus Cleaning Program

2. Objectives of the practice:

Cleanliness in an educational institution is very important for the health and safety of the people concerned. Clean educational institution promotes a healthy learning environment for the students. The quality of learning is greatly influenced by our environment. A tidy, clean and organized learning environment can help students focus on their studies and tasks much more easily and make them more active and productive. Maintaining cleanliness in college campus also sets a good example to the students.

3.The context:

The content of the practice is to carry out waste management in a participative manner involving both students and teachers and also the NSS.

- a) to involve the students in cleaning their college campus.
- b) to set up waste bins in sufficient numbers to avoid littering.
- c) to generate consciousness among students about e-waste accumulation and disposal of e-waste from the college campus.
- d) to promote a sense of hygiene among students.

4. The Practice:

Our college has two units of NSS - NSS-1 and NSS-2. NSS volunteers and staffs clean the campus regularly. They remove the unwanted weeds, plastic cups, papers etc. from the college premises. They have kept wastebasket and dustbin in every corner of the college for proper disposal of the waste materials and things. They have planted trees in the garden area and in the college premises for the beautification of the college. They have also kept posters and placards of a clean and green campus in every corner of the college to spread awareness among all. The students of each Department also clean their classrooms one day in every week.

5. Evidence of success:

Groups of students were formed with a leader from each group. Furthermore, a WhatsApp group was formed for easy access of the students. Important messages are regularly uploaded in the group so that students actively involved can be informed at the earliest.

6. Problems encountered & Resources Required:

Funding and infrastructural bottlenecks are the main problems encountered. Availability of funds and removal of infrastructural bottlenecks in addition to increased students' participation will make this practice more successful.

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