7.2. BEST PRACTICE 1

Academic Year 2022-23

Name of the College: M.E.S. Vasant Joshi College of Arts and Commerce, Zuarinagar, Goa

1. Title of the Practice

Extension and Community Outreach Programme

2. Objectives of the Practice

To strive towards upholding the community's needs as an integral stakeholder and foster community resilience and nation-building.

3. The Context

Implementation required the integration of existing community engagement initiatives by NSS and NCC, different departments and, associations & cells into a strategically planned policy initiative to address core community issues.

4. The Practice

Initiatives:

- Health and wellbeing: Health Camp, Blood Donation Drive, and Yoga.
- Environmental sustainability and awareness: Tree Plantation, Cleanliness, Recycling Awareness/ drives.
- Economic & Social empowerment: Joy of Giving, Financial Literacy, and Children's Day.
- Gender equality: Digital Saksharta Abhiyan.
- Community resilience building: Lectures, Adoption of Village.
- Digital wellbeing: Digital Saksharta Abhiyan

5. Evidence of Success

Reports of activities mentioning the number of participants and geo-tagged photos. Number of extension activities under 3.4.3: 31 (Total participants: 1232. On average 40 students)

Number of additional activities by faculty and staff: 6 (Total participants: 68. Average of 11.33).

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

The following problems were encountered:

- Time constraints for students and faculty.
- Follow-up strategies were required.

The following resources were required:

Financial support for transportation and refreshments.

7. Notes (Optional)

The institution envisions continuing this strategic approach towards Extension and Community Outreach. Our policy-driven framework ensures effective implementation and helps ascertain and achieve multiple institutional and social objectives.

Any other information regarding Institutional Values and Best Practices which the institution would like to include.

The practice is a strategic approach to enhance civic and moral responsibilities within students while catering to the community's needs and pursuing Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 3, 5, 10, 11, and 13).

We have identified areas that need our attention (like a feedback mechanism to signal short-term progress and robust evaluation methods to assess our long-term outcomes).

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