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Internal Quality Assurance Cell

Best Practice - 1 (2019-2020)

Successful Implementation of Online Teaching-Learning during the Pandemic

During the pandemic and subsequent nationwide lockdown since March 2020, our college successfully implemented online classes. Principal and Teachers met over virtual platform to discuss the modalities of conducting online classes. In the virtual meet, the need to maximise the use of educational technology for online tutoring was emphasised. It was soon evident that these classes offered flexibility and a variety of academic opportunities to our students. Teachers assisted students with soft copies of learning material. Online learning offered teachers an efficient way to deliver lessons to students. Tools such as PDFs, audios, videos could be used by teachers as part of their lesson plans.

The Pandemic triggered new ways of learning. Digital learning emerged as a necessary resource for students. Students recognised and appreciated the benefits of online classes. It offered scheduling flexibility. Conducting University examination online was also part of the agenda.

Students met Professors on a virtual platform during virtual college/class hours. Synchronous online classes maintained pre scheduled, set class times, as per routine, where Professors instructed students over Google Meet, Zoom or Video Conferencing Service. During online classes students interacted with professors and peers. Teachers conducted online classes even on government holidays to make up for lost time.

Online classes were held as per master routine but often such classes ran asynchronously to provide extra classes to learners. Teachers made maximum use of online resources. Teachers of our college now, have emerged as more efficient educators. Online lectures could be recorded and saved for future reference. Students saved time and money by eliminating a commute on a daily basis. Digital study materials were distributed before and after online classes over emails, whats app. Teachers regularly uploaded study materials on Google classroom. With the ability to study anywhere from any location, students got the environment that best suited them. Since online classes could be taken from home or location of choice, improved student attendance was detected. Students got a solo learning experience

as they were not distracted by large groups in classrooms. Students reported an enjoyable learning experience.

In case of intermittent internet facility, some teachers circulated pre-recorded audio lectures to students. All University Examination could be smoothly conducted online without much technical glitch.

Online classes were held as per the Master Routine <https://vcfw.org/notice/Master-Routine-2019-20.pdf> from 17 March 2020 to December 2020.

Best Practice - II (2019 – 2020)

Establishing Sanitisation and Covid Safety Protocols on Campus

To curb the spread of Covid infection it was absolutely necessary to reinforce the everyday precautions during the pandemic. Though campus was closed, students occasionally had to visit campus to pay admission fees or for collecting marksheets. Social distancing was maintained to slow down the spread of a highly contagious disease and to reduce close contact among students while standing in a queue at the college premises.

Our college adhered to the recommendations set forth by government, implementing every measure needed to keep students safe while on campus. College campus, including classrooms, staff rooms and office was regularly sanitised to ensure a Covid free campus. Social distancing was adhered to and alternate dates for fees/marksheet collection were declared to limit large group of students from coming together.

To curb the contraction of Covid, it was mandatory for students, teachers and staff members to wear masks. No one was allowed entry on campus without a mask.

High-touch surfaces like drinking water facility was disinfected. Soap, water, hand sanitiser were readily available and sanitising dispensing machines were installed. Frequently touched surfaces and objects were cleaned meticulously. Students and staff who felt sick were advised to stay at home. All who entered campus were initially screened with a thermal gun upon arrival.

Not a single Covid case was reported on campus. On the day of non-teaching recruitment, strict Covid safety protocols were implemented. As several candidates reported for virtual interview on campus full body sanitiser machine was installed. Maintenance of safety protocols on campus helped students cope with fears and anxieties surrounding the disease. The safety measures helped to cultivate compassion and increase resilience while building a more safer and more caring community. Major events like Independence Day Celebration, Vidyasagar Bicentenary Celebration, seminars all were held on a virtual platform.

Video Link of college sanitisation: <https://youtu.be/K4xbkcEBScQ>