7.2.1 Best Practices

Title: Parents Meet

Objectives of the Practice

- To develop rapport between students, parents and teachers.
- To understand parents' expectations from the college.
- To inform the parents about various activities conducted in the College and get their feedback.
- To discuss academic progress of the students
- To inform about Skill Development Courses and Opportunities
- To providing information about scholarships and the documents needed.

The Context

Parental involvement in their wards' learning process is important for their future development. The parents' visits create a fruitful rapport between teachers, parents and students. Parents' feedback on the business of the college gives an opportunity for self-evaluation and make improvements in teaching-learning process, organization of activities, facilities, wherever necessary. Also it helps parents understand their wards' performance in academic and extramural activities. In 2022-23, the IQAC organized class-wise parents' meets. Since most of the parents do agrarian work or are labourers and are busy, the meet was an opportunity for them to visit the college, know about college activities, their daughters' performance and opportunities for her to become self-reliant.

The practice

To make the parent meeting a success, parents were personally contacted by the mentors. The letters of invitation were sent to them through their wards. The schedule of the meet of each class was prepared. Since the purpose of the meet was to introduce parents with various aspects of the college, the mentors discussed the programmes, courses, admission process, facilities, fees, scholarships, academic and extra-curricular activities, skill development courses organized which complement the vision and mission of the college. The parents expressed their expectations and opinions about the college. Parents' written feedback was sought.

The college tour was arranged for the parents wherein they visited all departments, labs, gym and other facilities of the college. The principal and the mentors accompanied them. The parents appreciated the facilities available in the campus.

Evidence of Success

- 86% parents were present for the meetings.
- Parents readily agreed with the disciplinary policy of the college regarding usage of mobile phones
- Increase in the students' attendance up to 90% in the class.
- Most of the students got the benefit of the scholarship due to the attention of the parents to make the scholarship documents available.
- Timely filling of examination forms increased.
- Parents expressed satisfaction on college's efforts in the grooming of the students.

Problems Countered and Resources Required

- Most of the families have one mobile phone; hence parents are not easily accessible
- Busy schedule of parents and teachers / mentors