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7.2 Best Practices

The institution has adopted two best practices- 1. Endowment Prizes for Meritorious Students and Memorial Lecture Series

2. Willsoft- a National Level Technical Fest

Best Practice I:

1. **Title of the practice:** Endowment Prizes for Meritorious Students and Memorial Lecture series

2. **Goals:**

- To encourage the students to excel in academic and co-curricular activities as a part of social agenda. Endowment prizes are given to eligible meritorious students.
- To recall the memories of eminent Economist Prof. T. M. Joshi, Late Hon. V. S. Page pioneer of "**Employment Guarantee Scheme**" as well as to recall the memories of the founder Principal of Willingdon College "Late Hon. G. C. Bhate".

3. **The Context:** Endowment funds are accounts created by Deccan Education Society, Pune in which the principal amount remains unspent. The interest and earnings are used for student's welfare in the form of prizes at various academic levels. For this purpose, college is maintaining goodwill with donors. Donors of this endowment appreciate the existence of an endowment fund as a means to plan for the future and not just surviving in the present. Following are the advantages of the college from Endowment Prizes:

- Enhance way of appreciation of meritorious students as prestige of college.
- Our society receives donations/endowments from eligible person for a period of 20 years.

Our college is organising memorial lectures for more than 30 years. The lecture series is started as a continuous practice to recall the eminent economist Ex-staff member, Prof. T. M. Joshi, Ex-student Late Hon. V. S. Page and Founder Prin. Late G. C. Bhate. Willingdon College has established the "T. M. Joshi Vicharmanch" in 1994, inaugurated by Prof D. A. Dabholkar, Ex-Vice Chancellor of Pune University. The V. S. Page Vicharmanch established in 1990, which was inaugurated by Shri Balasaheb Bharade, Social worker and Speaker of Maharashtra Legislative Assembly. G.C. Bhate was the founder Principal of

Willington College, Sangli. The memorial lecture started from centenary year 2018-19, related to Environment Science, Biodiversity and conservation of energy sources etc.

4. The Practice: College has received donations from Staff, Alumni and others philanthropists towards endowment prizes for meritorious students. The endowment prizes are given every year since 1935. The college has the distinction of being the first institution among the UG colleges to distribute the endowment prize in the area of Shivaji University. The practice is continuously followed as a tradition till today.

Prof. T. M. Joshi Vicharmanch lecture series is arranged by the department of Economics. The lectures of eminent economist were arranged on the current topics like Trade cycles and Government Policies, Agricultural industries- today's need, Current Market Trends, Inclusive Growth- Problems and Perspectives etc. for the students and staff members. The V.S. Page Vicharmanch lecture series is arranged the lectures of eminent personalities of various sectors like farmers/ workers/ market trends etc. From the academic year 2018-19 the G. C. Bhate lecture series is started to create awareness regarding non-conventional energy sources, Environmental issues and sustainable development.

5. Evidence of success:

Large number of needy students has grabbed this opportunity by showing their excellence in the various academic events. More than 20 endowments prizes are given every year. Apart from this the scholarships are also given to the needy students. The hike in the competency level of the students is observed while scrutinizing the prizes. Similarly the lectures of eminent persons/ social workers and scientist helped the staff, students and citizens of Sangli to know about the current trends in science, environmental issues, energy resources, economic policies and developments.

6. Problems encountered and resources required:

- The endowment amount which was kept in the earlier period was very small, so it can't be distributed to the students on large scale.
- Funds for the memorial lecture series are limited.

Best Practice II:-

1. Title of the practice: Willsoft- A National Level Technical Fest

2. Goal: To explore the hidden talents of students through various competitions and to train students for event management by organizing this activity from local to National level.

3. The Context: The main objective of this activity is the overall development of students to face the challenges when they enter in real world after graduation. Students organize this event by raising funds

through sponsorship from the society as well as alumni and they are trained to manage and execute this event for the students from different colleges. The activity includes the various competitions like C programming, paper presentations, treasure hunt, wall poster presentation, technical quiz, spot photography, competitions based on recent trends and video creating for social awareness.

4. The Practice: It was the great initiative taken by the students for the students from the academic year 2009-2010. The college authorities decided to promote this idea and encouraged the students to start it in the same year. Furthermore, the college has received a great response as it was started at district level and now it has been expanded and conducted at National level.

5. Evidence of success: The activity is benefited in many ways for the holistic development of the students. Following are the successful outcomes of this practice. It is useful-

- To develop communication skills while interacting with vendors, participants and fundraisers.
- To increase stage daring and presentation skills.
- To upgrade technical knowledge and its implementation.
- To encourage students to work as a part of a team increasing their team spirit.
- To deal with financial management.
- To handle conflict situations and to develop decision making ability.
- To inculcate Research Temperament.

6. Problems encountered and resources required:

- Sometimes students face difficulties in raising the funds for the activity.
- The event is totally organized and managed by the students under the guidance of faculty members but students may lack in proper communication with the vendors, fund donors etc.