

BEST PRACTICES

Title of the Practice: Hislop Flower Show

Motto : Go Green

Goal : This 15 year old practice endeavours to meet the following goals

- Engendering green entrepreneurship skills
- Revenue generation through an in-house, self-sustaining unit
- Sensitizing students on environmental matters
- Taking curriculum to the realm of aesthetics

Context:

While looking for an applied aspect for a basic subject the team botany conceptualised the idea of a Flower Show of plants and flowers cultivated and maintained within the campus. Nagpur, being a tropical region, growing plants at this magnitude has always been a challenge. Overcoming the odds to put up a public show of over 20000 plants over a period of 2 days is what makes this show an overwhelmingly visited annual event.

Practice:

Preparations for the show are initiated every year from the month of June. A rigorous action plan and a meticulous adherence to the cropping schedule, makes it possible to bring out this show every year in the first week of December. The vermicompost produced by the department, which is also a part of the sale, has been fortified by addition of a bio-pesticide thus making it a very efficient and effective plant growth enhancer. The plants under cultivation include. Chrysanthemums; seasonal viz, Marigold, Petunia, Dianthus, Celosia, Zinnia, Begonia and Calendula. A gradual progression during this passage has been the introduction of a course on Floriculture. The basic aim towards this was to train students and equip them with skills along with general training in the core subject. A Certificate Course on basic agricultural skills is imparted annually.

Evidence of Success:

The Department continues to develop the show in order to attract more and more visitors to what has become a key event in the City Calendar with a wide coverage in the print media over. 'Papillion' a sit and draw competition for young school students is also an integral part of this show. Around hundred students from different city schools participate enthusiastically and add a beautiful dimension to the show. The flower show is a source of revenue generation for the department. An amount of 2.74 Lakhs was generated by sale of plants.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

- Water and Space constraints for maintenance of flower show crop.
- Time management without compromising on the curricular commitments.
- Combating ever changing abiotic factors.

Title of the Practice: HISLOP COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (HISCAAN)

Motto : 'We Can and We Do'

The Hislop College Alumni Association, (HISCAAN), is dedicated to bring its alumnus under a single umbrella. It aims at seamlessly connecting all alumni group of Hislop College. Such congregation forms the pillar for propagating a feeling of camaraderie with a purpose.

Goal :

- Contribution for providing financial aid to the needy.
- Infuse funds for sustainable development of college resources.
- Exploration to identify prospective financial donors.
- Provide students with industrial exposure.

Context:

The students of Hislop college hail from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds. Many of them are from the weaker section of society and find it difficult to continue their education. The Alumni Association powered by the members of the college faculty is dedicated to providing financial assistance to such deserving students. This enables them to get a foothold in the field of higher education and employment. All industries today require particular skill sets. Alumni Association is actively involved in co-ordinating with the local industrial and commercial set ups with an aim to provide experiential learning to the students subsequent to completion of their studies

Practice

Student education support programme named HOPE was launched in 2013. Initially this project of financial assistance included contributions of the faculty members and could sponsor only 15 less fortunate students. The selection procedure has two levels; in the first the students are selected by a team of teachers after verification of their details. This is followed by personal interviews by a panel of senior faculty members. The basis of selection is not only the economic background but also the vision and zeal of the student to grow towards a brighter future. This scheme has grown appreciably since its inception in 2012-13. For the session 2018-19, 90 students benefitted from the scheme with an amount of Rs.405000/- disbursed amongst them.

Evidence of Success

The corpus generated over the years through active contributions of various donors has built up to a level of around 29 Lakhs in the financial year 2018-19. This has boosted the confidence of the association which is looking forward to continue this practice in the years to come.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

Due to very high number of applicants, the selection of deserving candidates requires to be made on a pragmatic basis. Accordingly, the selection process becomes not just elaborate & rigorous but also time consuming.