



Bharatiya Bhatke Vimukt Vikas va Sanshodhan Sanstha's
YASHWANTRAO CHAVAN SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
SATARA, MAHARASHTRA
Affiliated to Shivaji University, Kolhapur

BEST PRACTICE 2017-18

BEST PRACTICE #1

1. Title of the practice: Knowledge Sharing by Alumni

2. The context

Alumni are an asset and important stakeholders for any educational institution. Students of YCSSW have always looked up to 'ideal' seniors among the alumni for inspiration and to understand the culture of the institute. Every year about 100 students leave the institute after completing the course and the same number come in. We have a good percentage in terms of employability of our students and many of them are in good positions in government as well as non-government organisations, industries, CSR wings, hospitals and research institutes. We have the practice of inviting and hosting our alumni at the institute to share their experiences with the rollover students. They share stories of their successes and struggles in their lives and careers and give tips to students on how to overcome them. Such interactions have helped students gain immensely from their experience and also get their help when they go into the field.

3. Objectives of the practice

1. To build a strong and professional relationship between alumni and rollover students
2. To bring Social Work knowledge already acquired by alumni with rollover students
3. To understand the challenges and obstacles in the field of Social Work and also to know how to overcome them
4. To appreciate and motivate alumni for their achievements
5. To see how past students have progressed in their lives and careers and take suggestions from them to make changes in the syllabus.

4. The Practice:

From year 2014 YCSSW is regularly arranging meetings and get together for alumni in the college premise. In 2016 they formed a body of 13 members. Many of the alumni are working in different governmental and non - governmental organisations, industries and CSR cells of companies, hospitals and rehabilitation centres as well as they also are active in politics. New students in the college are definitely searching for good guidance for choosing specialisations and they also are in search of opportunities to understand the field realities. So the easy and very effective way to

provide this information is our alumni. We called our alumni from various fields and they shared their experience with the students. Rollover students were asking their doubts to the alumni in regard to opening and struggles in the field. We also arranged programmes of felicitation for alumni in college as to motivate them and appreciate them. Students got proper information from alumni about research proposals, writing CVs, facing interviews, openings in the field, ethics of the profession, behaviour in the field, different approaches working as social worker etc. This was an opportunity for institute to build a strong bonding with the alumni by arranging the guest lectures in the college.

5. Obstacles faced if any and strategies adopted to overcome them:

1. While coordinating the alumni guest lecture it was little difficult to get the availability of the alumni in the working days. But prior schedule of programme made it easy to get them in work days. Some time students and alumni were convinced to be college on holidays too.
2. It was little difficult for institute to get exact phone numbers of alumni as most of them have changed their numbers after leaving college, but facebook and other social media was used for this and we contacted to the alumni to give their time for college.
3. Some alumni are out of district or out of state and countries, and so it was difficult to call them physically in the college but because of social media it is easy to get contact with them and we had conference alumni and students get knowledge from them.
4. Rollover students mostly are asking questions about job opportunities and their salary which is actually a limit to conversation and so we guided students what kind of questions to be asked to the alumni.

6. Impact of the practice: (100 – 120 words)

Alumni act as model for rollover students and because of the lectures they get motivated and encouraged to focus on their studies. They get proper career direction and path which they can lead in their future course of action. They got an idea about different roles and responsibilities which the alumni are carrying in their respective jobs. The students got their doubts clarified in regard to the field work and the different aspects of market. They came to know about the expectations of the employers; they came to know about different skills and qualities required in the field to carry on the jobs effectively. Through such interactions it helped to build the network with different alumni which are helping the rollover students for their training placements and for seeking employment opportunities.

7. Resources required:

1. Availability of dates and schedule for programme
2. Availability of alumni



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BEST PRACTICE #2

1. Title of the practice: CLEAN ENVIRONMENT AND GREEN CAMPUS

2. The context

Yashwantrao Chavan School of Social Work, the only social work college affiliated to Shivaji University, Kolhapur, has always taken a green agenda. On visiting the Campus, one can experience the aesthetic and elegant building, splendid lawns, and lush green environment conducive for teaching-learning process. A Green Campus is a place where environmental friendly practices and education combine to promote sustainable and eco-friendly practices in the campus. YCSSW is an environmental friendly institution. The college is located in a clean and pollution-free environment is spread over 16 acres. The college invests all efforts to maintain beautify lush green gardens all around the campus and for this the college has been awarded by Vanashree Puraskar by Maharashtra State Government.

3. Objectives of the practice

- To create awareness regarding environmental policy amongst the students and the management.
- To make campus eco friendly
- To make campus clean and green
- To make campus plastic free
- To sensitize the students and staff regarding Environmental Issues
- To protect and nurture the Flora and Fauna on the campus

4. THE PRACTICE

PEDESTRIAN FRIENDLY PATHWAYS

Vehicle parking space is provided out of the college campus. As the campus is vehicle free with some exceptions, students and staff experience comfort walking through the pedestrian friendly pathways. The internal roads are lined with trees and they are properly maintained .

BAN ON USE OF PLASTIC

Single-use plastic items such as plastic bottles, bags, spoons, straws and cups are banned completely and awareness is created among staff and students through orientation and display boards in the premises.

LANDSCAPING WITH TREES AND PLANTS

Landscaping of the college is worth seeing and reflects aesthetic sense. The institute has a canopy of trees and plants to make the environment pollution free to safeguard the health of all the inmates. The lawns and the trees provide shade and beautiful ambience. Utmost care is taken to develop and maintain green landscaping by trained gardeners and supervisor.

NO VEHICLE DAY

To avoid the air pollution the vehicles are not allowed in the campus but they are parked in the parking area. Our college has a separate parking area to avoid pollution. The Second Wednesday of every month is declared as no vehicle/ bicycle day in our college. No staff member or students is allowed with vehicle on these two days and the staff and student strictly follow these guidelines. It is environment friendly and prevents pollution.

RAIN WATER HARVESTING:

Rain water harvesting system has been installed in the college building right from its inception. The water from rooftops is collected through down pipes and discharged in the ground as well as in recharge pits near bore well through pipe lines in the campus. The system ensures percolation of the rainwater into soil.

PLANTATION PROGRAMME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

We regularly undertake plantation programme every year. The plantation program includes plantation of various types of medicinal variety, wild plant species in large numbers. This program promotes eco-friendly environment, by stepping up the oxygen levels on the campus

NO SMOKING, NO TOBACCO IN CAMPUS AREA

Tobacco and tobacco products are strictly prohibited in the college premises and consuming Tobacco and tobacco products is a punishable offence. The instructions regarding this have already been given to the students and the staff members. The boards are displayed at various places in the college.

DISPLAY BOARDS ON COLLEGE CAMPUS

Various boards for the awareness on the environment control, and tobacco free campus, conservation of energy, tree plantation and environmental policy of college have been displayed for all the stakeholders.

MINIMUM USE OF PHOTOCOPY/PRINTING

We take the already one sided Photocopy papers in use to avoid the maximum use of papers.

OBSTACELS FACED

Preservation and healthy growth of plants require a lot of human resource planning. Due to lack of enough human resources, it becomes really difficult to maintain it. But with the help of the students we try to maintain the trees in the campus. Due to power cuts we are forced to use gensets which are polluting to the environment. The institution aims at increasing the number of plants every year. But the plantation drive and nurturing of the plants need a lot of funds. The institution has managed to receive plants from government nursery. Protecting plants and trees from monkeys is one of the major problems encountered during this practice.

IMPACT OF THE PRACTICE

The students are aware about the preservation of trees. The students, after understanding the importance of trees create awareness among their parents and family and community. The students got familiar with the nature and various plants that are there in the campus. Water conservation methods employed are helping maintaining gardens and campus green and eco-friendly. The green

campus developed by college not only provide shed to the people, but also adds to the beauty of the campus.

RESOURCES REQUIRED

Indigenous plant, Organic manure, Human Resources (trained personnel for maintaining the garden), Instruments (spade, fork, shovel, rake, trowel) organic pesticides, vermin-compost, drip irrigation etc.
