

Internal Quality Assurance Cell Government Post Graduate College, Obra, Sonebhadra

Institutional Best Practices

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1. ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR NEWLY ADMITTED UG AND PG STUDENTS

2. Objectives of the Practice:

College focuses on advancement of education during the teaching-learning process. As fresh students who join a course and program of his/her choice at this college, must be acquainted with the college atmosphere, its vision, mission, available resources, extracurricular activities, and Code of Conduct. Scholars need to be informed about the yearly and semester-based examination pattern adopted by the affiliating university–Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi for its course work, and the internal assessment approach espoused by the college. This practice seeks to make acquainted every student with their peers, the faculty, non-teaching staff and head of this institute of higher studies. It seeks to make them aware of the location and utility of various facilities offered by the institution.

3. The Context:

The practice of Orientation Program for new students has been initiated by Government Post Graduate College, Obra for the last three years. Moreover, this practice is significant for the newly admitted UG and PG students to feel cozy in the new environment. Students who get admission to the UG courses at this college are mostly from the rural background of Sonebhadra district and they get admission after intermediate or 10+2 from different Boards of Education such as UP Board or CBSE, which have their own examination arrangement. The schooling system is different from the higher education institution in terms of functioning and controls. As far as PG admitted fresh students is concerned, they usually get admitted from the same college, nonetheless, few get admitted from different institutions present within or nearby Sonebhadra district. The practice of Orientation Program for the new students has been initiated by Government Post Graduate College, Obra for the last three years.

4. The Practice:

The main aim of this Orientation program is for fresh students to know the functioning of this college and associated atmosphere appropriately. The admission for a new academic session begins in July after the declaration of 10+2 results and declaration of UG last year's results. Newly admitted students are not very familiar with them, with their peers, the facilities and pattern of class learning. So, the Orientation programs are held at college level in shift to avoid large gatherings on the same day. Students get informed through circulars and college Website, including social media groups. The Orientation program starts with a key address by the principal, who welcomes fresh students on behalf of Government Post Graduate College, Obra. The examination patterns both internal and external etc. are explained with Power Point presentation (PPT) by examination in charge, Code of Conduct from Chief Proctor, and overture of available resources such as ICT, Computer Center, and Smart Class by a senior faculty member for daily use of students while learning. Students become aware of program outcomes and informed about the various Committees and Cell functioning in college to influence them toward their personality development through co-curricular and extracurricular activities and set a life's goal. Students are communicated about scheduled activities, circulars, timetables etc. through the website and the college's annual academic calendar. Coordinators of different committees and cells talk about their purpose and activities. Moreover, they are well informed about the Anti ragging committee and the internal complaint cell against Sexual Harassment. The NSS, NCC and Rover-Rangers in charge provides information for their enrollment in these units/ teams. Information is provided by the respective in-charges for enrolment in NCC or NSS and the benefits from these. The information related to sport is briefed by the secretary of sport. The Librarian in charge delivers particulars all the available resources offline and online (ILMS automation) at the library for general reading.

5. Evidence of Success:

College observes the activities of new students, especially from UG, and helps them accordingly. The students' positive feedback provides evidence of the success of the best practices adopted by this college. Students get familiar with the daily routine of college significantly quicker and simply. The morals of discipline are absorbed by them early and they find themselves right in the Code of Conduct. Ethical values and social service become a part of their life. New students' approach towards classes, to the library and canteen normalizes after a few weeks, and this is an optimistic sign of attainment as well. Students happen to be responsive to various timetables and deadlines, both academic and extracurricular, and nonacademic actively. Students are acquainted with senior students as well and this is helpful to them for studies and community service.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

The continuous late admission process from the affiliated university hampers the Best Practice of this college. The success of the Orientation program depends on the join-up of maximum number of new students. Nevertheless, the admissions process remains late into the new session, and this happens with the modifications in intake capacity from the Department of Higher Education and the affiliating University. Late candidates constantly miss the Orientation Program and find it difficult to adapt. Though they provided support while attending classes and participating in other important activities. College manages the Orientation Program efficiently without any extra resources or budgetary requirement.

7. Notes (optional)

The orientation program has increased the capability of not only the students; however, it has strengthened the faculty-student relation and enhanced the learning atmosphere of the college as whole.

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1. 'BE A VOTER' CAMPAIGN

2. Objective of the Practice:

The main objective of the campaign to encourage and spread message among young citizens to become a voter in eighteen years of age. In democracy, every vote has its value. The voter has the legal claim to choose the best candidate through voting process in parliamentary, legislative, and local body elections. 'Be a Voter' campaign is the drive managed and observed by election commission of India (ECI), where Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) efficiently accomplish its mission as the flagship program of the ECI for voter education, diffusion of voter awareness. It is well known that India usually faces low voter turnout, the reason is not interested in voting. The campaign spread the awareness to vote and choose better representatives, and if anyone is not a voter, he/she may not get a chance to strengthen the democracy, which is necessary for a country like India.

3. The Context

The campaign to become a voter is mostly associated with to feel the importance of 'one vote'. The voter has the option to change the government if, government is not satisfactorily working in the favour of 'people'. In democracy, the representatives could not be a permanent ruler. They may face the ire of voters. It is the moral duty responsibility of citizen to get enrolled as a voter and control democracy.

The NSS unit of this college persuade the awareness drive through rally, street play and poster for 'be a voter' and save democracy.

4. The Practice

The volunteer of National Service Scheme (NSS) every year in November, December organize 'Be A Voter' program and work within the community for new voter registration. NSS distributes the Form 6 and suggest getting enrolled online and become a voter, if someone completed the eligible age or going to be eighteen before 25th January. College also collects the Form 6 with supporting documents and submit it to the nearest collection centre for further action and EPIC generation. Volunteers suggest to the young eligible person to registered themselves as voter via online application, which is more easy and correction less.

5. Evidence of Success

From one and half decade and since 2009, college is working with SVEEP and helped ECI for such a nationalistic work. The voter registration at college has been increased incessantly. The Undergraduates those joined after Intermediate (10+2), attain the age sooner for an eligible voter. He or She have the decent chance to get registered himself/ herself a new voter. After being registered as a voter, he/ she may choose representative and strengthen democracy as active youth of this country. College has submitted thousands of forms to the collection and assisted the ECI in new voter campaign. In the year 2022-23, more than three hundred forms were collected by the college and submitted to the tehsil for enrol in the voter roll list.

6. Problem Encountered and Resource Required

The campaign is not much easy as seems, those who are not the students at this college, they do not want share their information with NSS volunteers during campaign and collection of Form 6. However, NSS volunteers constantly worked hard to convey the ECI message for fresh registration. There is no such resource required for 'Be A Voter' campaign, it is the duty of NSS units to serve the country without profit. The dedication matters the most, and college supports the NSS volunteers in their duty.

7. Notes (Optional)

The SVEEP may insist ECI that online mode of application should be increased rather than offline, and digital locker might be solution for online enrolment as a new voter.

At present, maximum household is having internet connected smartphone, and this could be a helpful situation for ECI to manage the campaign. The NSS volunteer would assist in this regard as well.

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