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Best Practices successfully implemented by the Institution

Best Practice - 1

“Thought for Today”

1) **Title of the Practice:**

“Thought for Today”

2) **Objectives of the Practice:**

- a) To inculcate moral and cultural values among the students.
- b) To keep the students away from negative influences of media-dominated modern life.
- c) To help them in becoming responsible citizens in the society.
- d) To prepare the students in building and preserving the goodwill of the institution.
- e) To create a sense of belongingness among the students towards the institution.
- f) To create a sense of awareness among the students towards their responsibilities.
- g) To create an atmosphere congenial for teaching and learning in the College campus.
- h) To give an opportunity to the students for expressing their multifaceted hidden talents in the days to come and to create an atmosphere for the same.

3) **The Context:**

It is common that youth are extremely vulnerable to bad habits and negative influences particularly during their college days. Moreover, sometimes, different modern media are likely to influence the students negatively and drag them from achieving their goals in life. It would be extremely difficult to bring them back on the track once they fall prey to negative impacts. If not properly guided, bad habits are likely to become greatest hurdles in achieving their aims in life. The possibility of negative influences of the media and other factors has become a cause of concern not only for the parents but also for the teachers and others. The efforts of the institution, the parents and also of the teachers go in vain if the students fall prey to bad habits and negative forces and bad habits. This guidance is indispensable for the students until they reach the stage of mental maturity and intellectual prudence and think themselves to be responsible citizens in the society. The institution considers courteous, responsibility-conscious and habit-free students as its real assets.

- 4) **The Practice:** “Thought for Today” has been in practice in the college since many years. Every day, good thoughts are written by designated faculties of the institution on the board which is kept at a place distinctively visible to all, particularly the students, in the college. Such thoughts are religious, philosophical, value-oriented and sometimes general in nature. The thoughts are written both in English and Marathi languages. Everyday students read the thoughts particularly in off periods, intervals or even after completion of lecture hours. In this way efforts are made by the college to encourage students to imbibe cultural and moral values which will go a long way in personality development of the students. Many a times, thoughts from religious scriptures, and quotes from scriptures are written. Usually, highly inspirational and thought-provoking matters are written. Daily it has been seen that students standing in front of the board for reading the ‘Thought for Today’. This practice is aimed at properly shaping the future of the students by instilling inspirational and value-based ideas among them.
- 5) **Evidence of Success:** The practice of “Thought for Today” has achieved intended results. The evidence of success of this practice can be summed up as follows.
- a) Not a single incident of student unrest against the institution and teachers has happened since establishment of the College.
 - b) There are cordial relationships between teachers, students and other stakeholders of the College.
 - c) Not a single case of gender-related incident has happened and complaint has been filed so far.
 - d) Overall working atmosphere is highly intimate, friendly and worth imitating in the College.
 - e) Students are courteous, obedient and abide-by rules and regulations of the college and instructions given by the teachers.
 - f) There is an overall atmosphere of mutual respect, cordiality, obedience, initiative working and brotherly and sisterly atmosphere in the College campus.
 - g) Students have been morally inculcated.

6) **Problems Encountered and Resources Required:**

a) **Problems Encountered:**

The institution did not encounter any problem as such in implementing this best practice as it was in the interest of all the stakeholders. In fact, this practice was received by one and all. Many of the students have expressed their gratitude and have implemented such a novel practice in the college. Thoughts to be written are chosen in such a way that they do not hurt any person belonging to any sections of the society. In other words, ‘thoughts’ are usually general and universal in nature.

b) **Resources Required:**

The College did not require any additional resource as such for implementing this practice. As the only resources required were 'chalk and board', this practice did not create any resource related problem on the part of the College. Human resources such as selected teachers and students were utilised. For this purpose, the only material resources utilised were chalk and board. Usually, the College managed to implement this practice with the resources available with it.

- 7) **Notes (Optional):** The College has the satisfaction of having achieved its aim for having introduced this novel practice. It has the full confidence that its students would become responsible citizens in the society in the days to come and would carry the name and fame of the college to the higher levels.



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“PATPANHALE MARATHON”

1. **TITLE OF THE PRACTICE: PATPANHALE MARATHON**
2. **OBJECTIVES OF THE PRACTICE:**
 - a. To promote interest in the sports field among the people, particularly youths of this area.
 - b. In the name of marathon, to arrange get-togetherness and promote belongingness among the sports lovers and also general public.
 - c. To prepare the youth for appointment in the State Police Department and also Armed Forces by generating interest among them in sports and games.
 - d. To prepare and make the students able bodied for undertaking any work and face any eventuality in their life.
3. **THE CONTEXT:** Patpanhale Education Society was established with an intention to provide thrust not only to education but also to sports activities. As is widely known the 'sound mind exists in sound body'. Keeping in mind this concept, Patpanhale Marathon was started in the year 1997 to encourage interest in the sports activities by the Patpanhale Education Society. ***Though all the institution running under the Society were involved in conducting the Marathon, Patpanhale Arts, Commerce and Science College played an instrumental role in conducting the marathon since the year of its starting.*** Here an attempt is made to through light on different aspects of the marathon and the role of Patpanhale Arts, Commerce and Science College since beginning.
4. **THE PRACTICE:** As has been stated earlier, as a part of social obligation and to give boost to sports activities, Patpanhale Education Society started Patpanhale Marathon in the year 1997. Initially, the number of participants and distances to be covered by different participants under different categories was very limited. As the years passed, all the aforesaid factors began to increase. Different persons involved in it include students, teachers, the management, general public etc. From local level marathon it assumed the magnitude of Konkan level marathon. From the initial 10 km distance it surged to 42.195 km distance. Almost all the teachers and students of all the educational institutions running under Patpanhale Education Society actively take part in the Marathon competition. In addition to this, teachers belonging to other nearby educational institutions voluntarily and wholeheartedly participate as riders, arbitrators etc. in this marathon event. Moreover, the participants from the faraway places like Mumbai, Raigad have been participating in the event.
5. **EVIDENCE OF SUCCESS:** The management of Patpanhale Education Society and more particularly Patpanhale Arts, Commerce and Science College feel that the purpose behind starting Patpanhale marathon is really fulfilled.

Following points highlight the evidence of success of this endeavor.

- a. A number of youths, after being inspired by the marathon event every year, have got appointment in Maharashtra Police Department, Defense services etc.
- b. This practice has created a sense of belongingness and a spirit of sports among the students in particular and the general public in general.
- c. All the employees working in all the educational institutions come together and work unitedly for the successful conduct of this sports event.
- d. This event has been creating a sense of cohesiveness between the educational institutions on the one hand and the general society on the other.

6. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AND RESOURCES REQUIRED:

a) Mobilization of Human Resources:

The institution, every takes, lead role in mobilizing the human resources required for successful conduct of the event. Though it is not a problem, the institution successfully puts in its best efforts in this regard.

b) Mobilization of Financial Resources:

Though the mobilization of financial resources is managed by the parent society, the employees of the institution, along with the employees of other institutions, try their level best in mobilizing the funds required for the event from the individuals and organization.



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