

Best Practices 2018-19

Best Practice – 1

1. Title of the Best Practice

Open Educational Resources (OERs): Awareness and Use

2. Objectives of the Practice

- a) To create awareness about the OERs among the academic community.
- b) To train students in searching and use of OERs for their study and research.
- c) To increase the use of OERs by the library users.

3. The Context

This year the college had introduced in other institutions. The “Open Educational Resources (OER) are teaching, learning or research materials that are in the public domain or released with intellectual property licenses that facilitate the free use, adaptation and distribution of resources.” The technology has become an integral part of every walk of life and it has a great impact on Higher Education also. The technology based learning tools are gaining prominence and the MHRD, Govt. of India has taken initiative to support these kinds of projects under the National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT). The result of NMEICT is the availability of high quality educational material for the teachers and learners in various disciplines. The Projects like SHAKSHAT, National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning, National Digital Library of India, Consortium for Educational Communication, Vidya-Mitra, E-pgpathshala, etc. are providing online e-contents for various courses at different levels in multiple disciplines including law and social sciences.

The success of these types of projects is in the hand of intermediaries who provide opportunity, training and necessary help to the end users to access the Open Educational Resources for their benefits.

4 The Practice

A drive was started with the Institutional Membership of National Digital Library of India. Our college library took lead and started a campaign in association of sister institutions in Azam

Campus, Pune. To achieve the task of registration and activation of accounts of students and staff their e-mail IDs were taken from the existing databases. After the continuous efforts during academic year 2018-2019 approximately 9500 Members from 19 institutions activated their accounts. Many of the e-mail IDs were not active and they could not get activation ID and password. Training sessions were also conducted to make users familiar with searching strategies.

As a result of this drive to create awareness and to increase usage of OERs, all the librarians in Azam Campus decided to adopt and continue it as a regular practice of the library for future.

5 Evidence of Success

The NDL Membership drive was successful, the target users activated their account. The most important thing libraries got a new activity which is useful and free for learner. The Govt. initiatives and intermediaries efforts made it possible for marginalized students to access these quality e-contents. Consortium for Educational Communication, Vidya-Mitra, E-pgpathshala and resources provide access to quality textual as well as audio-visual e-contents.

6 Problems Encountered and Resources Required

The main advantage of OERs is that the students can access through their Smartphone. Students coming from rural areas need additional training and help to take benefits of these resources as some of them are not computer literate.

7 Notes (Optional)

The Open Educational Resources are quality contents and prepared by the top institutions of India according to the requirements of various courses. To create awareness and increase the usage of OER is the mandate of Government policy and libraries should adopt this practice as the role of libraries is changing in open access environment. This practice is adoptable not only for law colleges but others also.

Best Practice – 2

1. Title of the Practice:

Utilization of Facilities available in our Campus during Seven Days N.S.S. Camp organized by MCE Society's AKK New Law Academy, Pune

2. Objectives of the Practice:

1 To provide social service to the community.

3. The Context: During 7 Days Special Camp of NSS Unit, We organize 3 different Camps for the advantage of Local Community in the village.

- 1) Free Dental Check up of villagers.
- 2) Physiotherapy camps
- 3) Prevent water drop leakage by providing Free water taps.
- 4) **The Practice:** Under N.S. S. programme we conduct Dental check-up and Physiotherapy Camp for the benefit of villagers in association with MCE Society's MA Rangoonwala Dental College and Physiotherapy College and NGOs actively participated in providing Medical Assistance and protection of Environment through Cleanliness, Tree plantation and Water Conservation programmes in the village.
- 5) **Evidence of Success:** The concern village Gram panchayat (Local Body) appreciated the NSS volunteers, Teachers, Doctors for effectively implementing the management of all camps organized and also arranged Cleanliness drives at villages and issued Certificate of Appreciation.
- 6) **Problems Encountered and Resources Required:** In most of the villages local political groups at times cause hindrance in conducting N.S.S.Camp for their personal motives to take the credit in organizing such camps.