

# S. D. Arts & Shah B. R. Commerce College

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## Best Practice – 1

### 1. Title of the Practice – 1

“Discussion Forum” called “Thought Platform”

### 2. Goal:

The goal of this forum is :

To create an academic and literary ambience in the institution.

To develop argumentative faculty in students.

To welcome thought provoking discussion on current topics.

To develop expression power, independent thinking and spirit of team activity among students.

To focus upon all round development of students.

To inculcate qualities of competence, confidence and excellence.

To promote student’s innate abilities and develop in him a sense of responsibility for his fellowmen.

### 3. Context:

The college is situated in the rural area and the students who come to college are having rural background. Most of them are associated with farming and animal husbandry. They do not have any exposure to modern technologies being introduced in the academic world. Even some students having extraordinary academic career are lacking in self expression. So this forum provides an adequate platform not only to the students but also to some local people of Mansa for self expression and discussion. The forum carries out a kind of group discussion in which current topics are discussed. In this way this activity enriches the knowledge of the students and help develop their holistic personality. It is an open activity so any one interested can participate in the discussion. In a way it is a healthy extension activity.

### 4. The practice:

The idea of starting this kind of activity in college first came to Bhavesh Raval who has just passed his MA with Gujarati. He had been a very bright student and had won first prize for three consecutive years in “Poetry-Completion Competition” of Gujarat University

. He, along with his few friends, started a group discussion in the library on Sundays.

Gradually a group of regular participants, including some reputed senior citizens of Mansa,

was formed and they named it “Vichar Manch” (Thought Platform). Now they have prepared a regular schedule of meeting along with a list of experts to be invited at the forum. Renowned literary scholars and academicians are regularly invited for lectures and interaction. Current students alumni and citizens of Mansa as well as the teaching faculty including the principal meet together in the seminar hall or in the audio visual room of the college for this healthy activity twice in a month.

#### **5. Evidence of Success:**

The number of the participants is increasing enthusiastically.  
And ambience of general awareness is being created gradually.  
Students have started expressing themselves in the group discussion.  
A rapport has been built between the local people and the college.  
People of Mansa have started taking interest in the activities of the college.  
Students have started taking participation in elocution, and debate competitions.

#### **6. Problems Encountered and resources required:**

Initially students were rather reluctant to join the group thinking themselves to be incapable of discussing the things.  
Local people joined the group out of curiosity and then became active members.  
Sometimes, discussions digress into politics and government’s policies.  
Scholars were hesitant to come to such a group of a village college.  
A regular publication of the activities of the “Manch’ is required to be done.

### **Best Practice – 2**

#### **Title of the Practice – 2**

#### **Community Service through NSS and CWDC**

#### **Goal:**

**The goal of this activity is**

Community service is one of the chief objectives of our college.

To serve humanity at large and women in particular

The college aims at preparing enlightened citizens of India and women empowerment

To drive away social abuses like child-marriage, superstitions, illiteracy,, girl foeticide and addiction

To prepare a healthy, educated, local rural community

To make girl students aware of their human and legal rights

To help them solve their social and economical problems

To build among them self-confidence and a self-respect

#### **Context**

The college is situated in an educationally backward rural area and majority of the students are associated with farming and animal husbandry. Social upliftment is the ultimate goal

of our college. Our institution has determined upon the community service in a best possible manner. Larger part of student strength of the college is of girls students coming from surrounding rural areas. The society is affected with all customs like child marriage, and no higher education for girls etc. Therefore the activities and programmes organised by N.S.S. unit and CWDC of the college are chiefly focussing upon women empowerment.

### **The Practice**

The NSS unit and CWDC make the girl student aware of their fundamental and legal rights. The NSS camp of 10 days conduct various missions like to cultivate cleanliness, against addictions, against superstitions, awareness of environment, save water, petrol, electricity and environment. The NSS unit of the college, through extension activities, is working in the direction of social upliftment and carries out activities like a) Eradication of superstitions, b) Save Girl child, c) Helping the villagers to get Voter cards, d) Working as volunteers in Polio vaccination drive, e) Tree Plantation, f) Conducting patriotic song competition on National Days g) Blood donation camp, h) Fund collection for the Blind and the deaf i) Celebration of birth anniversary of Swami Vivekanand and World Yoga Day. The CWDC has been actively working in the direction of women empowerment by conducting various activities like awareness of fundamental rights, inviting celebrities and prominent figures to provide inspiration and encouragement to girls students. In order to bring awareness among the girl students of the college, the CWDC organised a two day UGC sponsored National Seminar on “Feminine Talent: Issues and Challenges” on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2011. The seminar was exclusively meant for the discussion and exploration of issues and challenges before the women of 21<sup>st</sup> century. A comprehensive discussion was carried out by the participants from all over India. Many college girls from our colleges and other colleges participated in the seminar.

### **5 Evidence of Success**

–The graph of the early girl marriage has fallen down considerably since people have understood the importance of education and employment for girls.

–More number of girl students are going for higher education. i.e. M.A., M.Com., M. Phil., Ph.D.

\* Many girl students are serving as teacher in nearby schools, as police, as a conductor in state transport Bus, as clerks in GEB, Mamlatdar office, at Sachivalay in Gandhinagar etc.

\* More girls are joining the women wing of N.C.C. of the college and have participated in National Republic Parade, Delhi.

\* In cultural activities the girls of this college have won many prizes at inter collegiate competitions and in youth festival organised by Gujarat University.

\* In NSS unit the number of girls cadets is important. During ten days camp at villages the girl cadets actively participate in community service.

\* Through the activities of NSS some change is perceived in the attitude of the parents living in the surrounding areas. They have become more aware about the career of their children.

They actively participate in parents and alumni's meetings and make suggestions for the further progress of the college.

#### **6. Problems Encountered and resources required:**

Sometimes parents are reluctant to send their daughters in the NSS camp, to be away from home.

\*After college hours, the girls students are supposed to do household work and other work in farming, so it becomes rather difficult to engage them in NSS and CWDC activities.

\*The principal has to contact personally the parents of girl students to convince them for sending their daughters to the activities organized by NSS and CWDC outside college.