

AQAR-2019-2020

BEST PRACTICES

Practice 1:

Title of the practice: Online strategies to continue teaching-learning process and interaction with various stakeholders during the Corona pandemic.

Goal: The entire education process came to a standstill not only in India but across the globe during the lockdown period due to the outbreak of Corona virus (COVID-19) pandemic. Women's College, Agartala was not an exception which continued to devise strategies to implement online teaching-learning using the available resources so as to keep in touch with the students and to continue the teaching-learning practice. Virtual platform became an effective measure to carryout interaction with various stakeholders during the Corona pandemic.

Context: COVID-19 which is a highly infectious disease caused by SARS-CoV-2 led to nationwide lockdown which forced a complete shutdown of educational institutions across the country. So it became a bare necessity to adopt virtual mode of interaction.

The Practice:

- i) All the faculty members were either self trained through video tutorials or trained by hands on workshop conducted by IQAC itself so as to take up online teaching –learning process using various virtual platforms in an effective way.
- ii) Initially, existing Whatsapp groups were used as the platform to bring all the students under one umbrella. Later on other virtual platforms such as ZOOM, Cisco Webex, Google Meet, Skype, Upgrad were adopted to continue the interactive teaching learning process time to time. etc.
- iii) Webinars, debate and speech competitions were organized successfully.
- iv) Students even participated in poster competition, essay competition etc. in the online mode.
- v) IQAC has collected feedback from all the stakeholders (students, teachers, alumni, parents) in online mode.
- vi) IQAC-student meet was also conducted in virtual platform.
- vii) Parent –Teacher meeting has also been conducted in the online mode.

Evidence of Success:

- i) The Feedback analysis collected from the students by IQAC reflected that the students were quite satisfied with the newly introduced online classes. Daily attendance reports showed almost 80% students could attend online classes.
- ii) EBSB, Women's College conducted an online essay competition among the students in the month of March 2020.
- iii) EBSB, Women's College conducted an interactive program with the students of Gangadevi Mahila Mahavidyalay, Patliputra University, Patna, Bihar with students of Women's College through a video conference on 29th May 2020.
- iv) EBSB, Women's College conducted an online poster competition on Corona pandemic in the month of May 2020.
- v) EBSB, Women's College conducted an online programme on Mizoram, the paired state 09.06.2020
- vi) EBSB, Women's College conducted a state level online Quiz on International Yoga Day 21st June, 2020.
- vii) College administration conducted all the meetings with Teachers' Council and other internal committee in online mode to tackle the pandemic.
- viii) IQAC has conducted meetings with the core committee members, alumni association, faculty members as and when required during the pandemic period in virtual platform to continue all IQAC activities during the lockdown period.
- ix) IQAC has collected feedback from all the stakeholders (students, teachers, alumni, parents) in online mode from 06.06.2020-30.06.2020 for academic year 2019-2020.
- x) IQAC conducted IQAC-student meet 2019-2020 in groups with students of various departments from 18-20 June 2020 in virtual platform.
- xi) Various departments have conducted Parent-Teacher Meet in association with IQAC, Women's College to get feedback on the ongoing online teaching-learning process.
- xii) An online Programme with live yoga performance was organized by the Dept. of Physical Education, NSS and NCC units of the college on International Yoga Day on 21 June 2020.
- xiii) Online State level speech competition on Gender equity has been organized by Dept. of Sociology 29.06.2020.
- xiv) Hands on training program on "Using Google Meet: an online Platform" for faculty members was organized by IQAC, women's College on 30.06.2020.

Problems encountered and resources required:

- i) Lack of internet connectivity in the remote areas of Tripura and low speed of internet in other places kept almost 20% students out of the reach of online platforms of teaching-learning.
- ii) High speed internet connections are required for smooth conduct of online classes and programs.

Practice 2:

Title of the practice: Organizing seminars/webinars/workshops/awareness programs alongwith active participation of faculty members in online FDP/workshops/webinars to update themselves and to continue the exchange of knowledge.

Goal:

- i) To meet renowned experts from around the world and listen to their ongoing research activities and findings.
- ii) To interact with experts from different fields and expand our knowledge on different subjects.

Context: Women's College is always involved in hosting and organizing seminars, workshops etc. to foster research environment in the college and also to enhance the knowledge of faculties in their respective field of research which will definitely contribute to the dissemination of the updated knowledge to the student community. Even the Corona pandemic did not deter us in continuing with our regular practice of conducting seminars and workshops although we had to switch over to webinars and workshops using online platforms.

The Practice:

- i) Faculty members used to take active initiative to organize various seminars / webinars / workshops.
- ii) Faculties of different departments attended refresher courses/FDPs/workshops/webinars to get updated themselves.
- iii) During Corona pandemic virtual platforms were used to conduct webinars.

Evidence of success:

- i) A National level Seminar on "Philosophy of Tribal culture and Religion: An emerging Trend" organized by Dept of Philosophy on 1-2 February 2020 sponsored by ICPR.
- ii) One day seminar on "Gandhijir Swapner Bharat" on 3rd October 2019 organized by Dept of History.
- iii) Two days workshop on "Cyber security in the field of ICT" organized by the Dept. of IT on 20-21 January 2020
- iv) An awareness program on " Evolution of the Concept of Old Age Homes" organized by Dept of Education on 22 September 2019
- v) A training program was organized on OPAC of E-granthalaya 4.0. for the staff of Women's College with Mr. Ramakrishna Bhattacharjee, Librarian, Ramthakur College, Agartala as speaker on 12th March, 2020.

- vi) A Health awareness program on Covid-19 organized by IQAC on 13th March 2020 with Dr. Debashis Nath, MD, Medicine as speaker.
- vii) Dept of Environmental Science celebrated Earth day through a webinar entitled “State of air quality during COVID19” on 22.04.2020.
- viii) A webinar on “Biodiversity and Covid-19” organized by Department of Zoology 11.06.2020 with Prof. Basant Agarwala, Chairman, Tripura State Pollution Control Board, Agartala.
- ix) IQAC has organized a webinar on Intellectual Property Rights on 12.06.2020 with Prof. Manabendra Dutta Chowdhury, Assam University, as speaker.
- x) A webinar on “Impact of Covid-19 on Indian Economy” is organized by Department of Economics on 13.06.2020 with Prof. Utpal Kumar De, NEHU, Shillong as speaker.
- xi) A webinar on “Methods of Online Examinations” organized by Department of Human Physiology 17.06.2020 with Prof. Ravindra R. Kanhere, Pro-Vice Chancellor of IGNOU.
- xii) A webinar on “Representation of Pandemic in Popular Culture” organized by Department of English on 26.06.2020 with Prof. Anupama Vohra, University of Jammu.
- xiii) A webinar on “Value based Education” has been organized by Dept. of Education on 29.06.2020 with Smt. Mamata Bhattacharjee, Associate Professor, BBM College, Agartala as speaker.
- xiv) Online invited lectures on Gender equity on 29 June 2020 organized by Dept. of Sociology.
- xv) A webinar on “Importance of Human Values in Sanskrit literature” has been organized by Dept. of Sanskrit on 30.06.2020 with Dr. Prabir Kumar Das, Associate Professor (Rtd.) as speaker.
- xvi) Hands on training program on “Using Google Meet: an online Platform” for faculty members was organized by IQAC, women’s College on 30.06.2020.
- xvii) A large number of faculty members of the college have actively participated in refresher courses/workshops/webinars in the academic year 2019-2020. Seven faculty members completed refresher course, 19 attended various short term courses. During the pandemic period also active participation of the faculty members in the webinars at national and international level was observed.

Problems encountered and resources required:

- i) Constraint of fund required for organizing events
- ii) Need for a robust, high speed internet was felt for smooth conduct of webinars.