

Best Practice-2

1. Title of the Practice: Colloquiums

2. Goal: Healthy exchange of ideas, information and scope for learning through inter-disciplinary presentations once every fortnight is what is being done through the conduct of Colloquiums.

3. The Context: Colloquiums are arranged once every fortnight to enable individuals from different department to express their ideas on a concept. Most of the topics for presentation are chosen to appeal to other members from different departments and the relevance of these topics and the content presented is always beyond the constricts of that particular field of study.

4. The Practice: Teachers from all departments know of the Colloquium dates and approach the HODs presenting their willingness to do a session on a particular topic. The HOD then discusses the proposal presented with the teacher and helps in customising it to the needs of everyone on the campus. There is healthy exchange of ideas, questions and suggestions in the question answer hour. The presentation itself spans 30 to 45 minutes followed by question answer session following which the IQAC takes a feedback of the session and it is analysed.

5. Evidence of Success: Evidence of success of this practice is gauged by the healthy interaction which occurs both during, after and beyond the date of presentation as well. There are professional disagreements too across departmental limits and it augurs well for this knowledge community which sometimes is starved of this aspect. Despite the busy schedules of teachers caught up in council activities and other mentoring and research roles, this specific time of Colloquiums is eagerly awaited by teachers. Discussions ensue in the staff room where teachers interact and the ambience of the college changes dramatically with learning and exchange of thoughts becoming the prime focus.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required: There are occasions where there were strong disagreements among members on particular areas of presentation, but it all changes the following day as professionalism scores heavily over personal differences.

Thus the best practice of organising Colloquiums has been a big plus for all the members of staff and we wish to continue doing this in the future as well.