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Mentor- Mentee Programmes   Best Practices (2019-20)

Title of the Practice	MENTOR- MENTEE PROGRAMMES
Objectives of the Practice	The college practices regular mentor-mentee programmes, both formally and informally, to focus on areas such as academic progress, career planning and counseling related to the student's identified goals towards advancement in their field of study. The objective is to guide the students in all possible way for their professional and personal growth and development.
The Context	One of the primary objectives of Maharaja Srischandra College is to look into the holistic development and wellbeing of the students who are often first-generation learners from economically backward families. As an inclusive institution we strive towards providing each and every individual equal opportunity in their academic journey. We understand that beyond imparting education, mentoring programmes create a culture of continuous learning and knowledge sharing, aiding in career advancement of the students.
The Practice	Our college strives towards building a strong bond between the teacher mentor and student mentee as they prepare our students to pursue the career of their choice. We help in connecting alumni with students/peers to network within their chosen field. The teachers regularly update the students about scholarship programmes and guide them through the process. The college has successfully helped a number of female students to avail the Kanyashree project which has immensely helped them in their higher studies.
Evidence of Success	A huge number of students are able to pursue higher education because of these practices. Even after their graduation, teachers continue to provide informal assistance and counseling to the students as they prepare for post-graduation courses and sit for competitive examinations. A number of our students have also qualified in foreign universities. Many have cracked government services and these alumni students often come and guide the juniors. Academic mentoring helps increase student persistence while also providing mentors with leadership experience.
Problems Encountered and Resources Required	Since majority of the students are coming from low-income background, they are often under pressure to earn money instead of completing higher education. Thus, counseling for not just the students but also regular interaction with their families becomes imperative. Due to financial constraints and other problems students often do not regularly participate in the mentoring programmes and it becomes difficult to keep track of their whereabouts, especially after their graduation. Resource Required – ● Administrative support ● Financial support

Best Practices -II

Central Library Best Practices (2022-23)

Title of the Practice	Regular Library Extension Activities
Objectives of the Practice	To transform library into social, cultural, and intellectual center. To encourage reading and maximizing the use of resources. To convert non-readers into readers, stimulating the desire for good reading, bringing books and readers together, and making the best use of library resources.
The Context	Library extension activities aim to reach beyond the traditional library walls and engage with the broader user community. These activities include: Promoting reading and literacy by bringing books and readers together. Organizing various programs and events to attract user community participation. Establishing good public relations in the community so that maximum members can actively participate in library extension programmes. Utilizing library resources and expertise to organize socially relevant academic extension programmes.
The Practice	Celebrating International Women's Day & Librarians' Day regularly. Conducting Book Exhibition and Book Fair regularly. Organizing Book Talks. Conducting Conference and Seminars/Webinar. Conducting Value Added Course.

Evidence of Success	Increased Participation - In a specific library extension program, 40 students actively took part, showcasing engagement and interest in the activities. Knowledge Enhancement - The activities aimed at enhancing students' knowledge regarding various topics indicating a positive impact on their understanding and exposure. Cultural Enrichment - By organizing an exhibition on "Powerful women characters in Indian Cinema" to users, the programme aimed to augment positive thoughts about gender equality among the community, contributing to cultural enrichment and personal growth. Resource Utilization - Encouraging students to understand the correct way to utilize library resources signifies a successful outcome in promoting effective resource utilization and learning. Awareness Creation - Creating awareness about the National Digital Library and enhancing listening skills through speeches are additional indicators of success in broadening knowledge and skills among participants.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required	Problems Encountered –
	
	    Insufficient infrastructure and equipment.
	
	    Shortage of trained and experienced library staff.
	
	    Inadequate Library Fund to organize these activities.
	
	    Difficulty in reaching out to non-readers and non-users.
	
	Resources Required –
	
	    More Library space.
	
	    Collaboration with other department of the college.
	
	    Collaboration with other libraries.
	
	    Adequate library budget for this purpose.

Notes (Optional)	Library extension activities play a vital role in academic institution, as they go beyond the traditional role of library as mere repository of knowledge. These activities are designed to engage the user community, promote social consciousness, and foster a culture of lifelong learning.