

Best Practices I

Discipline wise bridge course

Objectives

To help in the smooth transition of new students admitted to the college.

Context

High school system is totally different from higher education and, the various school boards also mean varying learning styles. The college desires to give some kind of common experience to prepare students for new environment.

The practice

Following a general orientation program and the English bridge course, the students are given discipline wise bridge course. Here students are introduced to the faculty, the syllabus, academic plans and so on. This alleviates any student anxiety.

Evidence of success

The students learn discipline specific terminology, and also become familiar with technology assisted learning. The college environment is also sufficiently introduced. Library and Lab facilities are familiarized.

Problems encountered

The varying academic backgrounds and socio-economic segments of society mean students with varying skill levels. Identifying these and helping bridge them is demanding task and at times proves a challenging task.

Best Practices II

Shuttle free day

Objectives

To raise an awareness and scientifically proved that it is possible to impact the environment.

The context

Everyday living in a modern society greatly affects the environment. The carbon footprint of the community is huge. A HEI is blessed with the opportunity to train young minds who will positively contribute to the environment in the future.

The practice

Once a year shuttle free day is observed. Nearby church ground serves as parking space for the college vehicle from their rally is taken out to the college. After college there is another rally back to the church grounds. This in turn serves as a consciousness raising efforts

Evidence of Success

Air quality is measured to determine the effectiveness of the practice

Problems encountered

People with mobility challenges due to age, ailments and disability have to be taken into consideration and relaxation has to be provided. Arranging for the parking space in the community is not also an easy task.