



## **BEST PRACTICES OF THE INSTITUTE**

### **PARTICIPATION IN COMPETITIONS CONDUCTED BY NASA (NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STUDENTS OF ARCHITECTURE), INDIA:**

#### **Objective of Practice:**

To provide a platform where students from varied cultural backgrounds would learn and share their knowledge. NASA India includes students of over 240 colleges from across the country, divided geographically into six zones.

All colleges of architecture in India are the members of this association. The Annual NASA Convention is the annual get together of National Association of Students of Architecture. It is a four-day-long event held towards the end of January every year and is attended by around 5,000 students. The Annual NASA sees a variety of competitions in a wide range of fields like drawing, painting, elocution, quizzes and many more. People come from across the country to showcase their talents. Apart from these events NASA has its own set of trophies associated with some association for which the colleges compete.

#### **The Context:**

The architecture students cannot work alone, especially when they are working on a large project, so a talented team is required to accomplish such projects. During pandemic times challenges occurred in communication, co-ordination, commitment, management in online group work. Lack of face to face interaction with the subject, and of site visits made the completion of projects difficult and more time consuming.

#### **The Practice:**

The convention (NASA) has gone on to become an integral part of the of all architecture colleges not only in India but as well as in the SAARC Nation. NASA believes that us architects can come together, learn and create a huge positive impact on the world, and we strive for the same through our activities. Today NASA continues not just providing learning and experience to students from India but across the world.

#### **Evidence Of Success:**

NASA conducted 9 of trophies and events for year 2020-2021 and our SOA participated in 4 trophies to mention

- ANDC ( Annual NASA Design Competition )
- LAURI BAKER TROPHY



- MOHAMAD SAHEER LANDSCAPE TROPHY
- WRITING ARCHITECTURE TROPHY
- DESIGN FOR HER
- LIXIL MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME.

School of Architecture made four entries for ANDC, one in MOHAMAD SAHEER LANDSCAPE TROPHY. The students took active participation in WRITING ARCHITECTURE TROPHY and 80 HRS.DESIGN CHALLENGE. One of our students got short listed in top 25 students who participated in LIXIL mentorship Program (LIXIL mentorship Program is an exclusive, one-on-one relationship between mentor and mentee. The mentees meet their mentors over 8 virtual sessions for a period of 2 months. Lixil creates an opportunity for students to be with the mentors under one platform and aim for a single mission called 'Creative Learning')

### **Problems Encountered And Resources Required**

To achieve the goal and completion of project few hurdles were faced due to pandemic as gathering local documentation became difficult and on field work was not possible. The interaction with subjects and gathering information from them was not up to the mark as face to face meetings were not possible.

### **STUDENT FORUMS ENGENIOUS AND ENVISION:**

#### **Objectives of the Practice:**

To provide a platform for the students to exchange ideas and information on the topics of their interest (from field of technology, motivation , inspiration, and life skills)

To build team work skill among the student members.

To organize interactive sessions with the experts from industry, motivational speakers & life skill gurus technical programs and activities which consists guest lectures, workshops, seminars, exhibitions etc to enhance the knowledge of student members.

#### **The Context :**

Students are facing many challenges in their life apart from their academic routine. Many students now a days are lacking in team work, leadership, decision making and personality skill. These forums are designed to boost and enhance above qualities in students.

#### **The Practice:**

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In these forms interaction between experts and students are conducted. These experts are carefully selected to guide students on technology, motivation, inspiration and life skill. During session student ask many questions related to their problem, technology as well as life skill. These forums are run by students. All the session are planned and conducted by students on their own.

### **Evidence of Success:**

Some students after coordinating and volunteering these forum sessions are grown up with self confidence. Their team work abilities are improved. Some students who are coordinators of these activities are pretty much confident while facing interviews of many organizations during their recruitment process.

### **Resources Required:**

1. Resources from different core and service industries
2. Motivational speakers
3. Councillors, physiologist who can deal with student mental health issue.

### **Best Practices in Sports**

- 1. Title of the practice :** Participation of students in various sports at intercollegiate, State & National levels.
- 2. Objectives of the practice:** To inculcate sportsman spirit, competitive spirit among students
- 3. The context :** Since ours is non aided engineering college, the attendance of students during tournaments was a big issue.
- 4.The Practice :** The students who are participating in various sports tournaments are provided kit & other materials, travelling allowance, dearness allowance for their participation. The students who participate are given a chance to complete their missed academic course by arranging extra practical.
- 5.Evidence of success :** Due to liberal policy sanctioned by our management, the students of our college have excelled in sports at university, state & national level.
- 6.Problems encountered & resources required :** The communication to all teachers whose classes, the students have missed, was a big problem. But it has been overcome by taking out a letter from the Principal, which was then circulated to all concerned teachers.
- 7. Notes :** Since engineering colleges face the similar problems, some concession is needed when students are participating in the sports activities. Such students always complete their academic tasks along with excellence in sports.

### **Best Practices in National Service Scheme (NSS)**

- 1. Title of the practice :** Participation of students in various NSS activities.
- 2. Objectives of the practice:** To inculcate ability of coordination, working for national issues, understanding social problems at local level.



**3. The context :** For self funded Engineering institute it is challenging to take part in NSS activities in spite of heavy academics & related professional skill development programme.

**4. The Practice :** Every academic year affiliated university approves a strong unit of 200 students of our institute. We have tradition of NSS activities since 2011. The students proactively identifies the social problems & work for the solutions for instance flood relief people, Police Mitra, Traffic Awareness, Earth Hour, Cleaning, Fort restoration are some of the promising activities. Certainly ethical values of these students are exhibited in the professional co-curricular activities also. To organize any activity, NSS cell students are frontline worker. A camp in village every year inculcates such values in our students which definitely lead to nation building.

**5. Evidence of success :** Due to liberal policy sanctioned by our management, the students of our college have developed the spirit of accommodation ,quick decision making & have understood their responsibility towards national issues such as cleanliness, education , hygiene etc.

**Our NSS unit has bagged the “Best NSS unit in the Shivaji University area” Also Dr. P. D. Chougule, NSS coordinator has been conferred as the Best NSS co ordinator by Shivaji University. In the current year, also he is appointed as Coordinator for Kolhapur District by Shivaji University.**

**6. Problems encountered & resources required :** very less preparation time & Coeducation of extra lectures & term work assessment.

**7. Note :** Extra marks of NSS credited to students in score of university exam.