



## Best Practices

### *Best Practice - One*

#### 1. Title of the Practice

The 'Knowledge Centre' (Gyan Kendra)

#### 2. Goal

21<sup>st</sup> century is the century of knowledge and information. The youths, especially the students need access to the vast treasure of knowledge thrown open through the medium of Web/Internet. The aim is to make internet accessibility for maximum students.

#### 3. The Context

With the gradual change in the process of filling up the Enrolment Form, Examination Form, etc. on line, BHU has gradually shifted to an on-line mode. The college, catering to the needs of diverse sections of the society, especially the underprivileged sections has to come forward to provide such facilities to them in the college campus only.

The ICT – enabled learning requires students of UG Final year & PG to make Power Point Presentation. Students not having their own Laptop/PCs were at a disadvantaged position. So, it was the need or rather urgency to provide them this facility in the college itself to create an atmosphere of equal opportunity for all students.

#### 4. The Practice

The computers in the Knowledge Centre are more than 50 in number, with 3 printers, have been installed to provide the facility of typing and printing to students as well as faculty.

The Library has 2 WI-MAX connections having 2 mbps speed internet facility with Wi-Fi and downloading facilities. Considering the location of the college, the feasibility of optical fibre based connectivity was a challenge. Hence, the college opted for BSNL's WI-MAX service, which was good and affordable.

The requirement of the on-line filling of Enrolment and Examination forms is facilitated in the Knowledge Centre. Qualified staffs are there to guide the students in case of any technical difficulty. Our qualified Librarian is also always available for guidance and help.

Knowledge Centre conducts regular contact programs, Skill Development programs for students at all levels – UG/PG/Research students & faculty members. The centre

conducts Computer literacy program for new students enabling them to know about MS-WORD, PPT and surfing of Internet.

Knowledge Centre has a LCD TV installed for such presentations.

E-Books, N-List journals through INFLIB NET are easily accessible here. It is a great resource centre for students and teachers. The facilities and the activities associated with Knowledge Centre make it a good example of 'Best Practices' of our college.

#### **5. Evidence of Success**

It is a pleasure to see girl students in large numbers surfing the internet for academic purposes. The register of Knowledge Centre itself shows that hundreds of students have benefitted from this service, since this facility was introduced after the renovation of the library from the funds received from UGC under the expansion of OBC reservation policy. This all gives a fillip to women education.

#### **6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required**

The constraint is the breakdown of BSNL services sometimes. Due to space and resource constrain, the facility is restricted to 50 users at a time. The uploading of scanned signature and photo in the forms needed a scanner which, the Knowledge Centre has decided to install at the informal request of the students.

### ***Best Practice - Two***

#### **1. Title of the Practice**

##### **MORNING ASSEMBLY**

#### **2. Goal**

The aim is to begin the daily process of learning through a spiritual awakening via morning prayers, a continuation of ancient Indian tradition.

The spiritual ambience on the banks of holy *Ganges* is really rejuvenating and provides the required vigor for a great day ahead and certainly makes learning a great experience.

The College established by Annie Besant, referred to as Maa Vasanta (ek; olUr½ in Sanskrit emphasized on ancient Indian tradition to be followed along with 'modern' knowledge.

#### **3. The Context**

The College recently completed its 100 glorious years of existence. The alumni of the college, old and young all have vivid memory of the morning assembly starting with a prayer and cherish it even today. The continuation of this practice in the present times witnessing tremendous socio-economic changes have been a great challenge but the college has continued with this practice.

#### **4. The Practice**

The Morning Assembly begins with a 'Bhajan' which is followed by the college prayer in Sanskrit which is sung by all. The college publishes its own prayer book named 'Geetayana', which contains a number of spiritual songs, in Sanskrit and Hindi both

The prayer goes

ज्ञानानन्दमयं देवं निर्मलस्फटिकाकृतिम् च  
आधारं सर्वभूतानां हयग्रीवमुपास्महे च

The Assembly is addressed by the Principal on several occasions regarding college affairs. It is followed by the announcement regarding academic or co-curricular activities, as and when required. 'Vasantsangha' is the cultural forum of the college for various co-curricular activities like Debate, Elocution, Quiz, Essay Writing, Talent Show, etc.

Finally, the Assembly also has a brief current events program announcing the major national, international, sports, economy and entertainment news & Thought for the Day. This brief event of 20-25 minutes includes spiritual, academic and co-curricular aspects. The Morning Assembly serves as a great means of dissemination of information among teachers and students.

It also serves as a part of the curriculum of our B.Ed. students who are actively engaged in the conduct of the Assembly as part of their CCA (Co-curricular activity). The B.Ed. has 4 groups and each group is invited in a sequence to arrange the morning assembly.

Our teachers (some of them alumni), Music Department (teachers & students), B.Ed. teachers and students play an important role in arranging the morning assembly, which begins at 10:00 A.M

#### 5. Evidence of Success

The success of this practice is evident from the fact that it has continued for almost one hundred years without any break and is a hallmark of our institution – perhaps one among the few colleges having such practices in our country. This practice has been able to serve the purpose which it intends to.

#### 6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

No great resources are required to successfully implement this practice. These are few problems encountered in continuous implementation of this practice:

- i. A few teachers and students are not that much enthusiastic about attending the Morning Assembly.
- ii. With the introduction of the Semester system involving Internal Assessment, etc. the academic burden on students and teachers have increased. Hence, the Assembly is now held twice a week – Monday (the first working day) and Saturday (the last working day).

#### 7. Notes A very healthy, inspiring practice appreciated by the majority of the stakeholders of higher education.