

Criterion – VII

7. Innovations and Best Practices

7.1 Innovations introduced during this academic year which have created a positive impact on the Functioning of the institution. Give details. (Minimum 3 points)

The Department of English and Economics turned out to be a full-fledged Research Department by introducing M.Phil as regular course and Ph.d in English as Part-Time course.

Smart Classrooms with LCD Projectors are installed in the Research Departments to update and upgrade young research scholars.

A new Laboratory (renovated lab in the Arts Block) with the latest equipment for P.G Chemistry students is inaugurated. Students are motivated to carry their practical work with zeal and commitment.

7.2 Provide the Action Taken Report (ATR) based on the plan of action decided upon at the Beginning of the year

The Research Scholars in all the Departments are persuaded to get practical training to explore, to do projects, experiments and research work with passion and enthusiasm.

The ample experience and exposure that Staff and Students receive in the college moulds them to excel in their career. Hence both Faculties and Students are motivated to Present Papers and publish articles in National, International Conferences, Workshops and Symposium.

Career Development Programmes are initiated in each Department.

7.3 Give two Best Practices of the institution (*please see the format in the NAAC Self-study Manuals*)

1. To inculcate the **Spirit of Patriotism**, respect for national traditions, ethics and values. The UG, PG and M.Phil. Students in History, Defence and Tamil Departments visited Archives, Historical places every year. The students are taken to Vellore Museum on 10TH July in order to pay tribute to the martyrs of Vellore Sepoy Mutiny which was held on 10th July 1806.

2. Sports is one of the predominant socio-cultured learning experience for each and every student in the college. Especially girls or women who play sports will have more positive body image and experience higher state of psychological well-being. Hence female students in the college are motivated to participate in various sports and games competitions conducted in and around the college premises so that girls and women achieve higher level of confidence and self-esteem and lower levels of depression. In the Inter- collegiate (women) Kabaddi Tournament, Voorhees college team entered finals and obtained second place. Three students are selected for inter – division and are University Blues and brought laurels to the college.

3. **Plastic Free Campaign** has minimised the usage of disposable plastic goods in and around the campus.

**Provide the details in annexure (annexure need to be numbered as i, ii,iii)*

7.4 Contribution to environmental awareness / protection

The Green Ambience of the college campus and De Bore Hostel campus is largely due to the tree plantation. It is the major concern of the college to maintain the serenity and beauty of the college and also to provide a congenial atmosphere. Personal experience of sowing seeds, watering plant, preparing organic manure, removing weeds are carried out by the Eco-Club members and their students.

The Remarkable mission of the Eco-Club is to create an Eco-friendly atmosphere. Giving training in nature conservation and Eco-Development, Providing awareness about de-forestation, global warming, preparing vermin compost pits, planting, sapling, visiting the natural Eco system like water bodies and forest in the nearby areas are par closed every year. Conducting and organizing competitions, and rallies to evince the environmental protection are the major activities of the Eco club and NSS Unit of our college.

7.5 Whether environmental audit was conducted? Yes No

Green Audit of the campus is carried out by the Staff periodically by supervising the maintenance of the trees.

7.6 Any other relevant information the institution wishes to add. (for example, SWOT Analysis)

- As Anaemia is the world's second leading cause of disability and one the most serious, global public health Problem. Reducing the burden of anaemia will make a major contribution to achieve several goals. Hence a Medical Awareness Programme regarding Anaemia is organized for the benefits of women staff and students in the college.
- Citizen Consumer Club organized an Awareness Campaign where more than 300 students participated in the rally.
- The Department of Mathematics organised various competitions to enhance the numerical ability and skills in students through Portrait competition where mathematicians' portraits are pictured.
- The Master of Social work Department Organizes "A Project Proposal Writing" lecture which is an eye opener to all the young social work trainees to serve for the needy community in a large scale which is essential for each and every efficient consultant.
- Quantitative aptitude test is conducted to motivate students to take up competitive exams like UPSC, TNPSC & Banking exams.
- Blood donation camp is conducted where 105 students along with staff donated blood to CMC blood bank and received applause for their noble cause.
- On account of **World Suicide Prevention Day** the Master of Social Work Department and NSS students along with Udavum Ullangal of Vellore and Doctors from Meenakshi Medical college Hospital, Kanchipuram organizes an awareness rally to create a mass awareness among the general Public of Vellore regarding Suicide Prevention.

8. Plans of Dept. for next year

- The Eco-Club of the college decided to conduct Green Audit in the forthcoming years.
- The Post Graduate and Research Departments decided to display the attendance percentage details of students every month on the notice board of each department hoping that it would improve the attendance percentage of the students in the forthcoming year.
- Planned to buy ICT tools.
- The Department of Botany decided to conduct State level Seminar on the topic "Medicinal Uses of Plants".

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