Webinar on

Best Practices and Higher Education Institutes (HEIs)

June 16, 2020

Platform used: Google Meet



A Webinar was arranged on June 16, 2020 on "Best Practices in HEIs" for all Degree College and Junior College Faculty members of our college. The resource person was Dr. Shrihari Pingle, IQAC Coordinator, Sangamner College and one of the Founder members of the IQAC Cluster: India

The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in Criterion 7 on Institutional Values and Best Practices looks at the ethics, values, beliefs and the culture that makes up the ethos of the HEI. NAAC expects a report of two Best Practices that any HEI follows every year in its Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) as well as in the Self-Study Report (SSR), while applying for accreditation. The Best Practices have a weightage of 30 out of the 100 for the criterion. Thus, it is important for any HEI to establish practices which reflect its vision, mission and become its unique distinctive feature. With this rationale, the webinar was organised.

Dr. Pingale emphasized that for any educational institute identifying the areas in academics and administration which need strengthening is the key to Best Practices. Once identified, proper planning and implementation of processes and monitoring is essential to get the desired outcome. At all stages recording the activity is vital. He said that any plan must follow the Plan-Do-Check-Act (PDCA) cycle to become result oriented and effective. Any practice that is reproducible and implementable by majority of the departments and benefits a large number of stakeholders can become a Best Practice.

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Mandatory criteria for selecting a Best Practice by an HEI:

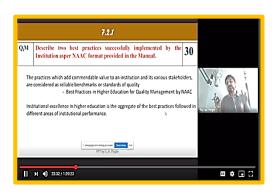
- It should be sustainable
- Has the potential to become a benchmark for the practice
- Commendable value addition to the institution
- Suitability for the beneficiaries
- Is dynamic but compatible with the institute's context and culture
- Promotes the quality of a performance
- Implementable and assurance of commitment
- It can be internalised and institutionalised
- Makes processes simpler. Removes/reduces complexities and advantageous over previous practice
- It should enhance team spirit in the institute

Any Best Practice that gets established and benefits a large number of stakeholders needs to be promoted and disseminated via various platforms such as the college website, promotional brochures, college prospectus, presenting the practice at various relevant conferences/seminars, writing about the practice in the yearly AQAR or incorporating in the College SSR.

The audience appreciated Dr. Pingle's session. The webinar has led to rethinking and reworking our Best Practices.



Dr. Leena Raje, Principal: Welcome Address



Dr. Shrihari Pingle conducting the session

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