

Best Practice 1

Title :Enlighten Yourself Every Saturday (EYES) Series

Objective of the Practice :

1. To enable students to interact with eminent scholars in various fields ranging from scientists, educationists, social reformers, media and so on.
2. To enable students to expand their horizon in terms of advancing knowledge in varied fields.

The Context :

Students today are faced with rote learning and also burdened with over-emphasis on examination performance. This results in examination-centric teaching-learning processes and leaves them with little scope of knowing advances in science, technology, medicine, media, education and social reforms and social problems and challenges. Thus it makes it imperative that in order to provide opportunities for their all-round development, mere classroom teaching is inadequate. Hence this student-centric practice was introduced and implemented.

The Practice :

Conducting Enlighten Yourself Every Saturday (EYES) Series in which eight sessions were organised with experts from diverse fields and themes such as (a) Which Ideas will dominate the 21st century? (b) A Structural Compulsion to Lie: What Corporotization does to the Media, (c) Crisis of Humanities in the 21st Century', (d) Innovative Ideas and Knowledge, (e) Recent Trend in Constitutional Law, (f) AranyatilPrakashvata', (g) Teachers as Professionals: Reclaiming the Lost Ground and (h) My Journey from Philosophy to Literature. Another one was organised in collaboration with Somaiya College (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FQLct_dBhnw, <http://mu.ac.in/portal/mqin/photogallery/photo-gallery-sixth-lecture-in-the-eyes-series/>)

Best Practice 2

Title :Data Journey Management System (DJMS)

Objectives :

1. To bring about transparency in administrative communication
2. To enhance efficiency in administration

The Context : The administration of University of Mumbai is complex on account of geographical diversity, huge number of affiliated colleges, large masses of students and large number of teaching and non-teaching staff. This sometimes, resulted in loss of information and resultant delays and conflicts. This problem needed to be fixed and one of the ways of doing this was introduction of Data Journey Management System (DJMS).

The Practice :Data Journey Management System (DJMS) includes identifying the movement of written communication within the university and lets one know in which section or with

which administrative authority a particular paper lies and how many days were taken by the section or the administrative authority to process the concerned paper. The practice resulted in improvement of processing of written communication and efficiency.