



Thiagarajar College of Preceptors

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Best Practices 2016-17

## Best Practice - 1

### 1. Title of the practice

Community Skill Development

### 2. The context that required the initiation of the practice (100 – 120 words)

Learning a new skill will broaden the opportunities, at the same time empower one as an individual. Skill training not only provides skills in an area, but trains students to build and enhance networking, time management, communication skills. In this connection, our institution has started the variety of activities to serve for the community. Awareness programmes like rally, campaign and cleaning the Vaigai river and mahal are arranged for community related services. This will enable the students to realise their responsibility towards the community.

### 3. Objectives of the practice (50 – 60 words)

1. To engage the students in societal activities
2. To bring out the innate capability of the students
3. To help students to become more self-reliant and cooperative
4. To develop cardinal relationships between students and society
5. To make the people aware from various problems in a community.

### 4. The Practice (250 – 300 words)

The college decided to carry out an awareness creating programme involving as many students as possible in the societal activities. The college worked through the student union to plan various activities to increase the awareness on avoiding plastic, save



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water and health issues. The college collaborated with Corporation of Madurai for a walkathon and rally for Dengue awareness campaign. Our College collaborated with Madurai Corporation to clean the Vaigai river. Student volunteers were eagerly participated in all the events.

The following activities have done for this academic year.

- Cleaning the Vaigai river
- Cleaning the Thirumalai Nayakar Palace
- Rally on removing 'Karuvelam' Tree.
- Training on First Aid

### **5. Obstacles faced if any and strategies adopted to overcome them (150 – 200 words)**

Permissions for rallies and awareness campaign from the officials such as police and traffic police were slight difficult to get. It also requires complete cooperation from faculty members, students and public. Even though the college actively organised the awareness programmes very efficiently.

### **6. Impact of the practice (Evidence of Success) (100 – 120 words)**

Success is evident in many ways:

Helping hands always appreciated by others. From this awareness campaign the public appreciated the college and the students for their enormous cooperation of the community related service.

### **7. Resources required**

Human resources – Students Community, Trainable resource person

Material resources such as pluck cards, banners, digital camera, water and other safety measures.



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## Best Practice - 2

### 1. Title of the practice

Research Circle

### 2. The context that required the initiation of the practice (100 – 120 words)

Research circle is a study circle in which one or more researchers participate. The research circle is thus a forum for researchers and practitioners where they can exchange views from their respective perspectives. Research circle work is considered as a kind of action research. The starting point for the study circle was the concept of education, with special emphasis on self-education. This means that the participants themselves interpreted and acquired knowledge without any helping hands. This could for example lead to situations where the participants in the study circle did not use textbooks but went directly to the sources themselves. So, the research circle will create a research attitude towards the faculty members.

### 3. Objectives of the practice (50 – 60 words)

- ✓ To enable the faculty member to start the action research
- ✓ To identify the academic problems
- ✓ To develop the research skills
- ✓ To enhance the research attitude of the faculty
- ✓ To enrich the classroom activities based on the action research.



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### 4. The Practice (250 – 300 words)

Research circle is newly introduced in our college to develop the research skills of the faculty members. Usually faculty members are asked to do independent research or action research in classroom or outside the institutions. Based on their research, one should present the research report in front of the other faculty members. There will be discussion regarding sampling, methodology, tools, statistics and finding of the research. This will create research attitude in everyone. There will be a research circle meeting in the first week of every month.

### 5. Obstacles faced if any and strategies adopted to overcome them (150 – 200 words)

The main obstacles of doing research were, individual barriers like lack of familiarity with research methods, lack of experience in doing research, and lack of familiarity with role of publishing articles in journals, but other barriers like economic, cultural and social factors. Besides, getting permission from school officials is very difficult task. The school or college regular classes should not be affected. The extra effort should be taken by the faculty members.

### 6. Impact of the practice (Evidence of Success) (100 – 120 words)

- Action research was done by faculty nearby school.
- Research report presented by every faculty at the research circle.
- The research article was published in the E-Journal.

### 7. Resources required

Trained faculty members

Research tools

Dedicated time beyond college hours

Support from school teachers and students