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# Student Initiation and Participation in Innovative Practices: Rural College

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#### Abstract:

This paper defines the concept and describes the strategy for application of best practices in an organization. It discusses importance of introducing best practices in college to enable it to improve its processes and activities, optimize resource utilization, and deliver high quality, value added services to its students. Quality has become the defining element of education in the 21° Century in the context of new social realities. Acquisition of quality and excellence is the great challenge faced by all higher education institutions. The purpose of this paper is to describe various innovative practices and class room teaching and learning methods with the social initiation of students.

Keywords: Student participation, Best practices, college activity.

#### Introduction:

Students are the main stakeholders in any higher education system. They are well informed and are also curious to learn and thus could be the driving force behind any ambitious higher education reforms. Student empowerment is an important aspect that ensures the success of any educational farm. It involves creating a healthy atmosphere that enables the students to fully utilize their creative potential. Organizing various programme and activity and impart your students in that activity by motivating them. Developing new innovative programme, as per the needs of the students, Like soft skill of undergraduate programme, research programme and survey of society & industry. This kind of activity helps the students to do actual participation and teacher becomes only guide to their activity.

Although a growing number of studies have shown that college influences the development of outcomes that support and enable students to be engaged citizens in enable students to be engaged citizens in Which aspects of the college experience have these effects (Gurin, 1999; Hurtado 2003). Imparting students in various social activity, they developed complex way of thinking, intellectual engagement and motivation and a range of academic skill, and the democratic outcome, which include

perceptive talking, intellectual engagement, acceptance of difference cast- creed and economic people.

Today our higher education is primarily aimed towards imparting knowledge of various subjects to enable students to get degrees and qualifications. A large number of approaches to students - centered learning have been tired out in recent years. While conventional teaching strategies are strongly dominated by the teacher, student - centered strategies are designed to provide the student with a highly flexible system of learning which is geared to individual learning styles. In the student centric learning, student is actively involved in the process of learning, the teacher and the institution play facilities rather than central roles.

### Teaching learning process and student's involvement:

"In today's knowledge economy, the role of higher education is being redefined. Hilton (2006, as quoted in Resushele 2010) suggested that it may be viewed as a "perfect storm, born from the convergence of numerous disruptive forces and as the dawn of ne day, a sunrise life with opportunities arising from these same disruptive forces". How an institution chooses to respond to the disruption can shape its future direction (Reushle, 2010)

**College satisfaction**: participation and membership in university – sponsored organizations provided college students ample opportunities to have the greater magnitude of students - to – student interactions. Frequency of interactions was supported by the amount of time a student spend in college student organizations which in turn was said to be associated with overall satisfaction of college (Astin, 1993).

Campus Involvement: increased satisfaction with the college experience as a result of organization participation motivates college students to become active participants in the in the student life of their institution. Students have become more aware of resources and learning opportunities available to reach the goals. Student involvement gave more meaning to their college experience and thus has significantly greater levels of interdependence, education plans, and life style plans. (William and Winston Jr., 1985)

## Class room teaching:

Seminars: organization of seminars on various aspect of subject and current threats to country, Economic and heath issues topic. Inter college seminars leads to healthy communication between students. If students are organizing such kind of activity they get the knowledge of event management, team work and sponsorships with societal view.

**Projects:** Teachers gives assignment on local demand by Industries. That leads to strengthen the industrial and college relation. Working with NGO few days, students get an experience of diverse society and their problems.

E-library: Library can organize various Information Literacy programme with the some competition such as Book Review competition, blog design competition, resources site searching and made the collection of websites that useful to students needs. IT helps to develop portal. Optimum use of E-library can happen with this kind of programme.

Wikis: Wikipedia is the web encyclopedia, explore student to search information on Wikipedia on various topics and made them available print sources web sources to add new information in it. This kind of project assignment encourages students in gathering new information to explore to become an author in electronic age.

#### Learning outside the class room:

Organization of lectures of eminent scientist via platform of University: Eminent personality guest lecture to keep abreast with the new technology and new societal change. This kind of activity motivates students to learn new things and communication of information brought through it.

Observing, scientifically significant days like Ozone day, Environmental day etc. : Science departments can organize various scientific days and encourage students to provide more information and made aware the local people about the facts and finding by experiments.

Research Scholars meets: Research scholars meets is an idea of expansion of research thought that can helps them to keep what research is going on and progress of research with difficulties.

## Learning outside the campus:

**ECO club**: Going on a nature trail is a great way to combine gentle exercise with getting close to nature.

- 1. Motivate the students to keep their surroundings green and clean by undertaking plantation of trees
- 2. Promote ethos of conservation of water by minimizing the use of water
- 3. Motivate students to imbibe habits and life style for minimum waste generation, source separation of waste and disposing the waste to the nearest storage point.
- 4. Educate students to create awareness amongst public and sanitary workers, so as to stop the indiscriminate burning of waste which causes respiratory diseases.

- Sensitize the students to minimize the use of plastic bags, not to throw them in public places as they choke drains and sewers, cause water logging and provide breeding ground for mosquitoes.
- 6. Organize tree plantation programmes, awareness programmes such as Quiz, essay, painting competitions, rallys, nukkad natak etc. regarding various environmental issues and educate children about re-use of waste material & preparation of products out of waste

Webinar: The term "Webinar," for Web-based seminar, refers to a workshop or lecture available on the Internet using Web conferencing technology. Take advantage of the benefits of online distance learning, using your computer and broadband Internet access to choose from a wide variety of webinars offering free or low-cost programs to improve workplace skills, earn a certificate or degree or just savor the sheer joy of learning.

Video Lecture by video conferencing by Alumina outside the country: Organize video lecture on video conferencing using web tools. That tools helps to communicate ne ideas, work culture and it's interesting to students to ask questions and get satisfied by query.

Use of Social networking site to distribute notes, Links and experts view: Creating groups on social networking and send new informative links to students that can help them to improve knowledge on web. Creating yahoo, google, groups also helps to circulate information to all students. Students can also send some information and it helps to a innovate on web.

Book review Competition: This activity helps the students to read more other than academic books. It's become easy to share the thoughts and contain of the books among students. It is also helpful for psychological and intellectual development of students.

Donation to poor students: by collecting one day pocket money and help poor students, downtrodden people in society etc. One hour in a day to teach beggars, and help them to be literate.

Participation of Govt. health programme: "health promotion" can be defined as "af., combination of educational and environmental supports for actions and conditions of living conducive to health" (Green and Kreuter, 1999). Health programme have been make people aware of the heath issues and realization of self health and family heath.

Participation of students in decision making of college related to student activity: a simple formula for success: "Powerful Pedagogy + trusting relationships = student

engagement" (Journal of Staff Development, 2008). student representatives from each academic division to provide input and recommendations to the college. Students contribute to college decision-making through interaction with faculty and staff and through active participation in campus clubs and organizations.

Interviewing eminent personality in city or outside city: The interview is a technique to gather information about a person. This kind of activity helps to motivate and communicate with the famous person. What is the life of eminent persons and social contribution, what they are doing and why? Such kind of activity encourages students to mold them in social life, educational life etc. inspiration from them helps to be like them for achieving dreams and objective.

**Conclusion**: Participation and initiation of the student in all activity is essential. Educators need to recognize this so they can adopt strategies that influence student's perceptions positively so the students can be more participative. The right balance of both behaviors in promoting students classroom learning by creating supportive environment. Best practices in college are good platform to participate students in activity.

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