



Best Practice

1. Title of the practice:

Sahakarmaharshi Swargiya Dadapatil Rajale Smruti Vyakhyanmala

2. The context that required the initiation of the practice:-

The founder-president of the college Swargiya Dadapatil Rajale was a leftist thinker and freedom fighter, who believed thoughts play significant role in social change. During his lifetime, he regularly shared his views and experiences with youths. In his memory, college started lecture series 'Sahakarmaharshi Swargiya Dadapatil Rajale Smruti Vyakhyanmala' since August, 2006 with eminent speakers from all over state delivering lectures on various socio-economic and developmental issues and role of younger generation in developmental process.

3. Objectives of the practice:-

We are living in a fast-paced world in which students look for easy stuff to read rather than comprehensive reading. To motivate them lecture series by eminent Marathi thinkers is instrument of choice for social change and personality development of college youths. One week lecture series programme encourages youngsters to new ideas and ideals and their role in developmental process. Variety of topics on environment, economics, technology, health, agriculture, water conservation etc. are discussed. This lecture series provides an opportunity to the students to listen to the thoughts and experiences of the great thinkers from the state.

4. The Practice

The college organizes five day (18th -22nd August) 'Sahakarmaharshi Swargiya Dadapatil Rajale Smruti Vyakhyanmala' every year. During these five days, the college invites eminent speakers from different walks of life to share their thoughts not only with students but also people of the vicinity. On the first day of the lecture series, inauguration function begins with lightening the sacred lamp and paying tribute to the founder-president Late Dadapatil Rajale at the auspicious hands of the dignitaries. The Principal of the college welcomes all guests and audience, stating purpose of organizing the event. The chief guest or speaker announces the opening of the event and delivers two hours lecture on topic of his work or research. Likewise, the series goes on for the next four days. The concluding day is the birth

anniversary of Late Dadapatil Rajale. On this day, people from all over the district come to pay tribute to him. One of the remarkable aspects of the day is the felicitation ceremony of the meritorious students who secured top ranks at the Board and University Examinations and teachers awarded with M. Phil. and Ph. D. by Swargiya Chandrabhagabai Dadapatil Rajale Sarv sevabhavi Sanstha, Adinathnagar. The Lecture series concludes with singing 'Pasaydan'.

5. Obstacles faced if any and strategies adopted to overcome them

The lecture series is organized in the month of August which happens to be an eventful phase of the rainy season. Events of the series take place in the pandal erected in front of the main building of the college. Out of the five days, the rains disturb the activity on one or the other day. As the saying goes 'The show must go on', the college shifts the event into the seminar hall and continues the programme.

6. Impact of the practice:-

The lecture series has great impact on the students, teachers and all the stakeholders. Listening to the great speakers from all walks of life initiates the process of empowering the young people. It is seen that students, in particular, learn how to raise personal aspirations. There is great deal of improvement in interpersonal skills of the staff members.

7. Resources required-

The most important resource required is the human resource – students, teachers, staff, speakers and audience. The financial resource from the management or the institute is a vital aspect of carrying out the events success. Infrastructural resources on the college campus is also a great need for successful conduct of the practice.

8. About the Institution:-

Shri Dadapatil Rajale Educational Institute's Dadapatil Rajale Arts and Science College is one of the prominent institutions working in rural area of Pathardi taluka in Ahmednagar district. It was established in 1991 with predetermined goal of providing higher education to the students from rural background. Education for all is the motto of the institution. Therefore no student is deprived of education due to social or economic barrier. The college aims to enroll every eligible youngster in the surrounding area for higher education. It also provides extensive collegiate and co-curricular experiences to make the overall development of the students' personality.

Dadapatil Rajale Arts and Science College is spread over 26 acres of land which is located on the Ahmednagar-Shevgaon state highway. The College is 45 km from Ahmednagar and 20 km from Shevgaon. The campus provides pollution free and very creative environment, where students can focus on their studies without any interruption.