

## 7.2 Best Practices

### I) E- learning initiative

- 1. Title of the practice:** E –learning initiative of the institute in collaboration with alumni
- 2. Objective of the practice:** To provide hands on training to students that could help in enhancing accounting and practical knowledge
- 3. The Context:** This was an initiative in tune with the UGC sponsored accounting course.
- 4. The Practice:** Each student was provided 20 hours hands on training in excel by Comtech Government recognized institute which offers computer training.
- 5. Evidence of success:** Students benefitted in terms of computer literacy besides the course was offered at concessional rate (subsidized) compared to such courses offered by other training Institutes. The certificates issued, improves employability of the students.
- 6. Problems encountered and resources required:** Students were not having personal computer systems.  
Computer systems with updated software's and internet facility are required
- 7. Notes:** Programme will be continued.

### II) Rain Water Harvesting

- 1. Title of the practice:** Rain Water Harvesting
- 2. Objective of the practice:** To help maintain the water table on the campus and create awareness amongst students about importance of rain water harvesting.
- 3. The Context:** Goa receives rainfall from June-October. A small reservoir could aid in building the ground water table and prevent waste of water (gushing/flowing water) without getting saved.
- 4. The Practice:** The water is channelized into a pit and this helps to build the water table.
- 5. Evidence of success:** The students understood the importance of conserving water by building of rain water harvesting pit.
- 6. Problems encountered and resources required:** The pit for rainwater harvesting needs to maintained on professional lines.
- 7. Notes:** N.A.

### III) Cloth bag making initiative

- 1. Title of the practice:** “Cloth bag making initiative” by NSS unit
- 2. Objective of the practice:** To sensitize the students and the general public about the need to save the environment by reduced use of plastic.
- 3. The Context:** When selling goods/local produce a large number of shop keepers/vendors dispense free plastic bags to the customers for ease of carrying goods. Use of cloth bags could help save environment.
- 4. The Practice:** Fabric from used garments was utilised for stitching cloth bags. The alumni helped in collection of fabric. The washing and sewing machines for this initiative were donated by well wishers respectively. The fabric was washed. Students were imparted hands-on training in stitching the bags. Students sold bags at concessional rates.
- 5. Evidence of success:** Students imbibed the virtue of environment protection and also created the necessary awareness at home and in their vicinity.
- 6. Problems encountered and resources required:** Students need to invest their time beyond the lecture schedule.
- 7. Notes:** N.A.

### IV) Blood donation on campus

- 1. Title of the practice:** Blood donation by students and staff.
- 2. Objective of the practice:** To save human lives by displaying altruistic behaviour.
- 3. The Context:** The demand for blood is constant. Blood is essential to help patients survive surgeries, traumatic injuries, cancer treatment etc.
- 4. The Practice:** The NSS unit encourages students, staff to donate blood and perform a generous act. It collaborates with Goa Medical College (Goa Medical College)/ hospital with regard to the date and the facilities GMC would expect for this activity. Males and females voluntarily donate blood.
- 5. Evidence of success:** Donation of human blood is an experience that provides great satisfaction and a sense of pride that one can make a difference to someone's life
- 6. Problems encountered and resources required:** Need to encourage more students and staff to donate blood voluntarily by removing the fear, myths associated with blood donation.
- 7. Notes :** Plan to continue this practice in the future.

### V) Daan Utsav/Joy of Giving Week

- 1. Title of the practice:** Daan Utsav/Joy of Giving Week.
- 2. Objective of the practice:** To contribute (monetary) to a social cause
- 3. The Context:** To be a part of the nation wide celebration associated with giving towards a social cause
- 4. The Practice:** The institution identifies a NGO known for its service to humanity.

Voluntary donation of Rs. 10/- or more through “My Rs. 10/- Campaign” is made by staff, students and visitors, visiting the institution between 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> October. The funds raised through this initiative are donated to the NGO against receipt.

**5. Evidence of success:** The students and staff helped to raise Rs.17000 /- towards caring for the blind.

**6. Problems encountered and resources required:** Identifying NGOs and collaborating with them involves time.

**7. Notes:** Plan to continue this initiative in the future.

#### VI) Know Your Economy (KYE) Test

**1. Title of the practice:** Know Your Economy (KYE) Test

**2. Objective of the practice:** To create awareness among the students issues related to the economy

**3. The Context:** Issues related to the economy play an important role in Commerce education.

**4. The Practice:** An annual Economics Awareness Kindling Test for students pursuing B.Com. programme is conducted by Economics Department in collaboration with Chennai based Economics institution Scientific Research Association for Economics and Finance (SRAEF). SRAEF posts the study material by charging Rupees fifty, sponsors certificates, the topper receives cash prize of Rupees 500

**5. Evidence of success:** Students who appear for this test develop confidence and this helps them to answer entrance exams/competitive exams.

**6. Problems encountered and resources required:** Greater participation of students

**7. Notes** – N.A.