

Internal Quality Assurance Cell Government Post Graduate College, Obra, Sonebhadra

Best Practices Adopted in 2023-24

ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR NEWLY ADMITTED UG AND PG STUDENTS

Objectives of the Practice:

College focuses on advancement of education during the teaching-learning process. As fresh students who join a course and program of his/her choice at this college, must be acquainted with the college atmosphere, its vision, mission, available resources, extracurricular activities, and Code of Conduct. Scholars need to be informed about the yearly and semester-based examination pattern adopted by the affiliating university—Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi for its course work, and the internal assessment approach espoused by the college. This practice seeks to make acquainted every student with their peers, the faculty, non-teaching staff and head of this institute of higher studies. It seeks to make them aware of the location and utility of various facilities offered by the institution.

The Context:

The practice of Orientation Program for new students has been initiated by Government Post Graduate College, Obra for the last three years. Moreover, this practice is significant for the newly admitted UG and PG students to feel cozy in the new environment. Students who get admission to the UG courses at this college are mostly from the rural background of Sonebhadra district and they get admission after intermediate or 10+2 from different Boards of Education such as UP Board or CBSE, which have their own examination arrangement. The schooling system is different from the higher education institution in terms of functioning and controls. As far as PG admitted fresh students is concerned, they usually get admitted from the same college, nonetheless, few get admitted from different institutions present within or nearby Sonebhadra district. The practice of Orientation Program for the new students has been initiated by Government Post Graduate College, Obra for the last three years.

2. The Practice:

The main aim of this Orientation program is for fresh students to know the functioning of this college and associated atmosphere appropriately. The admission for a new academic session begins in July after the declaration of 10+2 results and declaration of UG last year's results. Newly admitted students are not very familiar with them, with their peers, the facilities and pattern of class learning. So, the Orientation programs are held at college level in shift to avoid large gatherings on the same day. Students get informed through circulars and college Website, including social media groups. The Orientation program starts with a key address by the principal, who welcomes fresh students on behalf of Government Post Graduate College, Obra. The examination patterns both

internal and external etc. are explained with Power Point presentation (PPT) by examination in charge, Code of Conduct from Chief Proctor, and overture of available resources such as ICT, Computer Center, and Smart Class by a senior faculty member for daily use of students while learning. Students become aware of program outcomes and informed about the various Committees and Cell functioning in college to influence them toward their personality development through co-curricular and extracurricular activities and set a life's goal. Students are communicated about scheduled activities, circulars, timetables etc. through the website and the college's annual academic calendar. Coordinators of different committees and cells talk about their purpose and activities. Moreover, they are well informed about the Anti ragging committee and the internal complaint cell against Sexual Harassment. The NSS, NCC and Rover-Rangers in charge provides information for their enrollment in these units/ teams. Information is provided by the respective incharges for enrolment in NCC or NSS and the benefits from these. The information related to sport is briefed by the secretary of sport. The Librarian in charge delivers particulars all the available resources offline and online (ILMS automation) at the library for general reading.

3. Evidence of Success:

College observes the activities of new students, especially from UG, and helps them accordingly. The students' positive feedback provides evidence of the success of the best practices adopted by this college. Students get familiar with the daily routine of college significantly quicker and simply. The morals of discipline are absorbed by them early and they find themselves right in the Code of Conduct. Ethical values and social service become a part of their life. New students' approach towards classes, to the library and canteen normalizes after a few weeks, and this is an optimistic sign of attainment as well. Students happen to be responsive to various timetables and deadlines, both academic and extracurricular, and nonacademic actively. Students are acquainted with senior students as well and this is helpful to them for studies and community service.

4. Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

The continuous late admission process from the affiliated university hampers the Best Practice of this college. The success of the Orientation program depends on the join-up of maximum number of new students. Nevertheless, the admissions process remains late into the new session, and this happens with the modifications in intake capacity from the Department of Higher Education and the affiliating University. Late candidates constantly miss the Orientation Program and find it difficult to adapt. Though they provided support while attending classes and participating in other important activities. College manages the Orientation Program efficiently without any extra resources or budgetary requirement.

5. Notes (optional)

The orientation program has increased the capability of not only the students; however, it has strengthened the faculty-student relation and enhanced the learning atmosphere of the college as whole.

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