

## **Canara College, Mangaluru**

### **7.2.1 Best Practices**

#### **Best Practice - I**

##### **1. Title of the Practice : Vernacular Language Associations**

##### **2. Objectives**

- To familiarize the students with the history and heritage of vernacular languages
- To improve communication skills of the students in local languages
- To improve general understanding of the literary works in vernacular languages
- To stress the need for developing the vernacular languages in order to enrich those languages and save them from dying out

##### **3. The context:**

- Most higher educational institutions today concentrate on developing communication skills of the students in one language only, that is English. Some institutions may favour Hindi.
- This practice of concentrating on English only can be demoralising for the students who are good in communicating in other vernacular languages.
- Therefore these associations help in identifying such students whose skills can be further honed. Also it brings forward those interested students who wish to develop their communication and organising skills also

##### **4. The Practice:**

- Along with the adaptation of good teaching learning process, which enhances the knowledge of the students, college has vernacular language student associations like Tulu sangha, Konkani Bhasha Vidyarthi Mandal.
- The students apart from learning to communicate in English and in the national language Hindi, can improve their communication skills in other languages as these associations encourage them to develop formal communication skills in vernacular language so as to contribute towards widespread development of these languages
- The students are encouraged to participate in the different activities planned under these associations to develop themselves.
- The students get first hand experience in organising programmes, interact with resource persons and enhance learning experience.

##### **5. Evidence of Success:**

- Several programmes have been organised by each individual associations to increase the awareness of the students in relation to these languages like Konkani Manyata Divas which celebrates the inclusion of Konkani language in the eighth schedule of the Indian Constitution, Hindi divas and so on.

- Noted writers and authors are invited and students get to interact with them which help them to understand, appreciate and learn more about the concerned languages.
- Important national days are also celebrated albeit in the vernacular languages.
- Students have benefitted from these associations in terms of gaining knowledge as well as improving communication skills. These associations have been able to quell the wrong notion that good communication skills mean communicating in English.

**6. Problems encountered and resources required:**

- Not enough awareness among students as to the functions and benefits of these associations.
- Limited resources in terms of budget allotments.

## **Best Practice – II**

**1. Title of the Practice: Documentation committee**

**2. Objectives:**

- To ensure proper documentation of all the programmes undertaken in the college.
- To facilitate smooth functioning of website committee and IQAC.
- To facilitate the adopting of uniform format for documentation by the departments and associations.
- To review the reports generated by the departments and associations.
- To review the information to be printed in the college magazine.

**3. The context:**

- Documentation of the programmes conducted by the departments and the different associations in a uniform way assumes importance in view of the need to authenticate the said programmes' objectives and outcomes.
- The students also get an experience in report writing which helps in improving their language and writing skills

**4. The practice:**

- The documentation committee functions in three layers. The concerned coordinators of the different associations encourage some students to attempt writing reports for the concerned programmes which are then submitted to the HOD. These reports get forwarded to the documentation committee.
- The documentation committee reviews the reports and suggests corrections if any. The perfected reports are then uploaded to the website.

**5. Evidence of success:**

- Writing skills of the students as well as the staff is improved.
- Uniform format for compiling the activities of all the departments as well as the associations has been developed keeping in mind the core values of NAAC.

**6. Problems encountered and resources required:**

- Initial lack of comprehension due to gap in communication brought about hiccups in its initial stage of implementation though they were assured to be smoothened out at later stages.