

Mahajana Education Society (R)
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Best Practice - 1

1. Title of the practice:

Volunteers of Mahajana Corps (VoMC) Student Volunteers for a Better Tomorrow.

2. Objectives of the practice:

VoMC’s objectives are driven by a desire to support a cause they are passionate about, and to create tangible change by addressing social, economic or environmental issues through their advocacy efforts and actions.

3. Context:

VoMC was introduced in the year 2014 to facilitate a larger number of students’ participation in society related activities. Designated units like NCC, NSS have a limited student intake and some of the activities of NCC demands physical fitness. As a result, students who desire to engage themselves in community services are deprived of an opportunity to do so. Therefore, VoMC as a student outfit was established to help them realise their desire to serve the society. VoMC fosters active community engagement with the local population. They try to bridge the gap and promote social cohesion. Initiatives such as community clean-ups, educational workshops equip students with a diverse set of skills and experiences that go far beyond the classroom. They develop leadership qualities, people management skills, communication, and problem-solving skills essential for personal and professional growth.

4. Practice:

The practice of volunteering embodies the principles of community engagement and social responsibility with the sense of altruism. Through their dedication and service, volunteers make invaluable contributions to society, foster positive change, and inspire others to join hands.

The selection of volunteers for volunteering involves submission of application form detailing their skills, experience and availability. Volunteer selection committee will review all applications and shortlist candidates based on their alignment with organisation’s values. All the applicants are called for a meeting and are asked to introduce themselves speaking about their interest. Students volunteering for college events, events outside the college are selected based on their interests by the VoMC convenor or group leader. In a semester, approximately 15 to 20 meetings are held to select volunteers and to brief its importance and the kind of service they are expected to render.

VoMC enables a student volunteer to take initiative in organising various events such as International Yoga Day, volunteering for various national and international days, government projects, national and state level seminars, literary fest, and management fest helps them to provide opportunities

for networking, connecting with peers, professionals, and potential mentors. The volunteers have extended their generous service to the community such as volunteering in a marathon event organised by Radiant Sports where 80 volunteers rendered their service in various departments like stage management, programme scheduling and made the event successful. VoMC students have also been successful in organising “MAHAM”- 2020 and 2023 National level Management Fest from planning, coordination to execution. Volunteers were involved in various aspects of the event, including logistics, marketing, finance, and hospitality. Volunteers also worked at Krushimela from 27th, 28th and 29th January 2023 organised in collaboration with Vijayavani and Digvijayanews and made the event successful. Volunteers were felicitated by Mr. Sathya Narayan, Head, Advertising Department, Vijayavani for their valuable service. Student volunteers of PG wing rendered their service at Mysuru start-up pavilion, biggest Expo held in the Mysuru city. The three days summit was organized by SJCE-STEP C11, Karnataka Digital Economy Mission and other partners to encourage young entrepreneurs.

5. Evidence of Success:

Volunteering enables the students to discover their strengths, values and passions while gaining a deeper understanding of their place in the world. This process of self-discovery often leads to the development of a strong sense of purpose and direction, and shaping their future endeavours. It also helps students to foster adaptability and rapid learning in organising and managing various events in the college. Their ability to face different challenges and shoulder responsibilities ensure they seamlessly integrate into a wide range of volunteering initiatives. Volunteering offers ample opportunities for a student to cultivate essential skills and qualities such as leadership, communication, empathy and adaptability.

VoMC students have gained tangible and intangible benefits, often evidenced by academic performance, personal growth, and community impact.

The following alumni who were active in VoMC are successful either as a professional or managing their own enterprises :

- Ravi Shankar from B.A - Working at Deloitte as an investigator, Forensic and Dispute Service
- Bhanu Prakash H. P from B.Sc. - Event management company CREWZ ONE
- Gagan from BBA - Event management company BEATBOX
- Raghav from BBA- Event company LR Event Management
- Ashwin from BCA- Research Centre and Software Building WIN RESEARCH Centre

6. Problems encountered and resources required:

Resources required none. However, a student needs to balance between academics and shouldering social responsibility.

Best Practice - 2

1. Title of the Best Practice:

Tech Talk

2. Objectives of the Practice:

‘Tech Talk’ by the Departments of Computer Science and Computer Application gives the faculty members an opportunity to share knowledge and exchange ideas in the area of Computer Science. Many a time some concepts need lot of brain storming sessions for a better understanding despite the load of information available through many digital channels. In this context, Tech Talk practice is of immense help as it provides an opportunity for one-to-one interaction. Faculty members in the department get an opportunity to share their knowledge and ideas during the talk. Every faculty member is provided 10 minutes to share their knowledge about a technology related topic followed by discussions.

3. The Context:

Academic speaking skills give a lot of exposure to the faculty members, the structure for what they want to say, as well as rationale and focus - all of which are extremely useful for effective communication not only in every walk of life but also professionally. Right channel to communicate and share ideas is crucial, but the wish to share and acquire new knowledge is certainly recognized as the most important factor in the best practice.

4. The Practice:

Every month, 2 to 3 days, the faculty members meet up in the department for the purpose of TECH TALK.

5. Evidence of Success:

The faculty members have gained a lot of exposure on latest technologies from peers in the department and often faculty share the same with the students which in-turn helps the students gain knowledge in the emerging areas of Computer Science. The students have also picked up few topics for their projects.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

At times, the faculty members are engaged in curriculum preparation, content delivery and assessment responsibilities and find it tough to gather at a particular time for the tech talk.

7. Resources – None.