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7.2.1 Describe two Best practices successfully implemented by the Institution

1. Rural Internship

a. Title of the practice

Rural internship

b. Objectives of the Practice

The objective of rural internship is that students go to a NGO at a rural level and work there for about 3 weeks to get an understanding about the grassroots level problems existing in our country and help in solving them. Another important objective is that students understand the importance of the facilities and freedoms which they might not notice otherwise and use it for their overall holistic character development.

c. The Context

The third semester is perceived to be one of the toughest semesters in our college. At the end of it, we get a rural internship opportunity and go on a trip with your friends. Since you aren't paid in this internship but the main aim is to develop your character, students prefer choosing a domain and a place where they would actually enjoy working rather than just looking at the name of the NGO. Rural internship is the first time most students give back to the community, which turns out to be an enriching experience for all.

d. The Practice

As part of the academic program all UG students have to undergo three weeks' rural internship program with a registered NGO. The students are supposed to work in the area of activities of the NGO in their workplace.

e. Evidence of Success

The biggest evidence of success is that even during the tough 3rd semester, students plan for the RI by filling out different forms and booking tickets, etc. in anticipation of an enriching and exciting experience as told by their seniors. Every batch is very keen on getting an RI experience, so much so that even the batch of 2023 (for whom RI was canceled due to the Covid pandemic and removed from the academic requirement) request to go for an RI at the end of other semesters or at any other time possible. This kind of enthusiasm for community service is generally not seen and is the biggest success.

f. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

One of the major problems is the search for NGOs. Every year sending about 350 students to different NGOs is a very difficult task. Needing to find NGOs and signing MOUs with them every year based on the opportunities available is quite difficult. Many times the students also find NGOs themselves and then based on the kind of opportunities, the institute approves them and sends a team of students there for the RI.

2. Student Body Government

a. Title of the practice

Student Body Government

b. Objectives of the Practice

Serves as the main forum for discussions of student opinions, concerns, plans and activities. It also oversees, and keeps a check on, the functioning of the committees and clubs. Another crucial objective of the SBG is to democratically pass budgets proposed by various committees and student clubs, after due consultation of the SBG Core Team. Resolve conflicts among committees and clubs, through an open and frank discussion in the Student Body Government meeting. Overall the SBG ensures proper functioning of the student body and its activities. The SBG ensures justice and equality in all aspects of student life and enhances the overall development of all students.

c. The Context

The Student Body Government DAIICT is a self-governing and democratic organisation for monitoring and regulating student activities. The student members of the following eight Committees together with the members of different clubs form the Student Body Government.

1. Academic Committee
2. Annual Festival Committee
3. Cafeteria Management Committee
4. Cultural Committee
5. Hostel Management Committee
6. ICT Committee
7. Sports Committee
8. Student Placement Committee

Annual elections of the Student Body Government are organized by the Election Commission, a set of students, responsible for organizing and conducting general elections of DA-IICT Student Body Government who reports to the Dean (Students). The elections are open to all students irrespective of their background, gender and views.

d. The Practice

Students' Body Government (SBG) is an institution of the students, by the students and for the students. The term of SBG is one year and the executive members are elected by all students. The core group members are elected by the elected executive members.

e. Evidence of Success

The result of the SBG is that students learn not just event management/ sponsorship/ technical things which are in the domain of certain committees, but also due to a lot of interaction with the faculty, vendors and administration, get to know a hand of planning, administrating and working together.

This can be seen by the fact that every year 3 fests, all with different pre-fest events, 18+ cultural events, other technical, cultural and sports events are planned throughout the year on a limited budget and without clashing with each other.

f. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

The major problem involved is groupism among students. During general elections most students vote on the basis of friendship rather than looking at candidates' capabilities. Due to this, many times people who do not wish to work come to the committee who do not wish to work, but just to get a certificate.

Another problem faced is that due to a lot of bureaucracy involved in most processes, impromptu events cannot be planned. A minimum of 1-day buffer needs to be kept so that no hiccups are faced while organizing an event.