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## ***1. Title of the practice: Speaking Tree.***

### ***Goal :-***

Speaking tree is a regular column in the daily, "The Times of India". This concept might be derived from the pages of history where Lord Buddha was enlightened with the eternal truth of "Desires are the root cause of all miseries" while he was meditating under the tree.

The column is featured with a picture of a banyan tree and some philosophical, religious, moral and intellectual issues or aspects are discussed by eminent personalities from different fields of knowledge across the country. These discourses act as a "torch bearer" to the society where people are suffering from ignorance, intellectual bankruptcy, desires and materialistic way of life.

### ***The context:-***

Education, what it used to be called a process of spiritual purification by means of acquiring knowledge and wisdom to replace ignorance and stupidity a couple of decades ago, has lost its meaning, glory and significance now a days.

Now a days, education has been reduced to get a degree certificate filled with marks either by hook or crook devoid of all ethical, moral, human values, social responsibility, vision and forethought. It is considered as a tool to get a lucrative job indeed! Either for social craze or for false prestige without realizing the potentiality of education, the students are victimized both by the parents and the institutions.

It is in this context, a crucial period, where the students are in need of a *torch bearer* who could lead them to reach their goal properly. That *torch bearer* is none other than the teacher. The social responsibility of a teacher in shaping the future of students is remarkable indeed!

It is the duty of the teacher to make the students realise that there are certain other issues that can make their texts worth, meaningful.

It is at this juncture, the idea of giving something valuable beyond the texts, and outside four walls i.e. a friendly discussion on "**A Thought for the Day**" under the shade of a tree in the college campus under the title "**speaking tree**" came into being.

### ***The Practice: -***

Putting an abstract idea into execution needs lots of preparation, mindset and effort. Reading of "a thought for the day" appears in any news papers either in local or in English is not a new one. But discussing it in the presence of friends and faculty members from different angles would give an insight in to it. Such endeavour would certainly give an aesthetic touch to their prescribed curriculum and would stretch the horizon of their learning limitation, and ultimately would contribute for the development of their personality in the right perspective. In addition, this practice would also develop the habit of reading news paper a regular one.

This concept of giving an aesthetic touch to their learning was put to discussion in one of the IQAC meetings and accepted with one mind to start this practice without much delay. During tea break (11am – 11.30 am) every day students would gather with 'a thought' for discussion in the presence of faculty members. Much light would be thrown on the topic by

looking at with a contemporary relevance. Till today this practice has been a continuous and successful one with much enthusiasm to learn various aspects in the sphere of knowledge.

***Evidence of success: -***

The evidence of success of this practice is once again apperered both in their word and deed. The expansion of their comprehending ability could be seen in their approach to the topic and in its presentation. The impact of this practice is that, majority of the students are free from stage fear to express their assertions in the right perspective. The level of confidence in approaching the problem is also increased correspondingly. They have discovered the truth that knowledge is not one's own property but could become the intellectual property of anybody who works for it.

***Problems Encountered and Resources Required:-***

Since this practice does not require any financial requirement, no problems are encountered in the implementation of this practice.

## ***2. Issue of Library books on Deposit Scheme***

***Goal:-***

The greatness of an educational institution is measured by the greatness of library both in its quality, quantity and accessibility. Library is an essential instrument which plays a significant role in moulding both the teachers and the students. A successful classroom requires extensive preparation followed by vast reading by the teachers and a comparative study helps for the expansion of rational thinking among the students. For both these activities, a good library provides a very good backup to equip themselves intellectually to face the challenges successfully in life. Keeping in view this objective, our institution has provided maximum space since its establishment for over 45000 books of all branches of learning with the help of the management, higher education department and UGC.

***Context:-***

The present age is dominated by competition in all walks of life due to advanced technology with its innovative ideas. This change has brought several ways and means to acquire knowledge from nook and corners of the world within a flash of second. In such a situation like this, the library of the institution has undergone a change to make it user-friendly with the adoption of suitable technology and open access system in the process of lending and collecting the books from the borrowers so as to expose itself for the better accessibility to its stakeholders easily.

***Practice:-***

In its traditional mode of operation, only a fixed number of books were to be issued for a fixed time. During this practice, it was observed that maximum number of books remained as show case pieces in the shelves without being used. So, it was decided to bring a change in the mode of its operation by allowing students to borrow as many numbers of books as they require by depositing their ID card till the exam starts. Faculty members are informed to support the students by lending the books from their account. Reference section is kept opened from morning 9am till 5pm so that students could utilise library at any time. Further, the alumni of our college, who are pursuing higher education in the university headquarter has sought our library help to quench their thirst for the extensive reading for the obvious reason that they couldn't find so many books in their university library as they could in our library!

So, that, students could utilise the library to the maximum extent either by borrowing themselves or through the faculty members.

***Evidence of success:-***

The implementation of this practice of lending books in a liberalized way started to bring good feedback. For those who are unable to purchase more number of books for their expensive study are quite happy by this system. As a result. The evidence of success is seen in the result in distinctions and ranks.

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