

DEV SAMAJ COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, CHANDIGARH
BEST PRACTICES 2020-2021

1. TITLE OF THE PRACTICE: ONLINE COVID AWARENESS DRIVES

Objectives of the Practice:

1. To spread Awareness regarding COVID to contain the disease.
2. To teach the students how we can contribute to the society during difficult times.
3. To teach the students how we should behave as responsible citizens during difficult times.

The context:

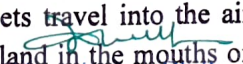
The pandemic led to sudden closure of various educational institutions across the nation. There was total lack of awareness about the pandemic among the students. Thus, throughout the year many activities were conducted to sensitize the students about the pandemic and the way to cope with it.

The practice: Various activities organised under this practice were:

1.Through Videos/Ppt/Slogan Writing/Poster Making (04-04-2020) : Dev Samaj College of education, sector 36B Chandigarh organized a Covid-19 awareness drive through Video Making /Power point Presentation/Slogan Writing/Poster Making on 04-04-2020. Many students participated and the videos were uploaded on MHRD website and were also used in various social media groups to create awareness.

2.Awareness Drive Regarding Covid-19 By Downloading AarogyaSetuapp (18th April 2020): NSS Units of Dev Samaj College of Education, Sector 36-B, Chandigarh created awareness regarding AarogyaSetuAap and motivated the students to download AarogyaSetuapp. Around 200 students successfully downloaded the app to help contain the spread of COVID. So all the students of the college who have downloaded the app have also circulated the same message in their peer groups & known circle so that the message can be reached further to the maximum number of people as well as staff members.

3.Face Mask Making - An Awareness Drive (19th April 2020): COVID-19 spreads mainly from person to person through respiratory droplets. Respiratory droplets travel into the air when you cough, sneeze, talk, shout, or sing. These droplets can then land in the mouths or


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noses of people who are near you or they may breathe these droplets in. Masks are a simple barrier to help prevent your respiratory droplets from reaching others. All the students of Dev Samaj college of Education did their part of following the safety precaution by themselves wearing the face mask as required as well as helped the society by raising the awareness about the same. Students stitched the handmade masks at home & distributed it to the people around them.

4.Mask Donation Drive (22-07-2020): The NSS units of the college also launched a Mask Donation Drive where around 400 masks of good quality cotton cloth which were got prepared by the college were distributed among the employees of different Dev Samaj Institutions who are performing their duties in these difficult times. Some of these masks have been donated to mask bank of N.S.S. Chd. to be distributed to the needy. The college is also encouraging its students to adopt Mask Making as a regular N.S. S. activity where in student must prepare and distribute at least 10 masks every month as our contribution to society in the times of such pandemic. The N.S.S Prog. Officers are always encouraging their students through Student What's App groups to keep on creating awareness related to Do's and Don'ts of Covid in their localities and work with a positive outlook for the betterment of the society.

5.Online training regarding covid-19 for NSS volunteers (21st april 2020):

Online training of NSS program coordinators, officers & volunteers of Covid 19 by RGUHS was done through Cisco WebEx. In the training they made the students aware of the COVID19 facts and figures as well as precautionary steps & measures to be taken the particular scenario. Students also got the training from Diksha app regarding the basics of COVID 19 & as well got certified regarding the courses which included infection, prevention & control, physiological care of the patients as well as COVID awareness & lot more. Therefore the same information of the courses from the Diksha app was circulated by the students among their families & friends, So that the information & awareness about COVID 19 can be reached out to the maximum number people with the help of the igot website & Diksha app.

6.Two-day National Webinar on Life skills in Covid-19: A Sneak Peak (04-05-2020):

Dev Samaj College of Education in association with IGNOU regional centre, Chandigarh organized a 2 Day National Webinar on Life Skills in COVID 19: A SNEAK PEEK on 4th and 5th August, 2020. The event started with welcome by the Principal of the college, Dr. Mrs. Agnese Dhillon and Dr. Anil. K. Dimri, Regional Director, IGNOU, Chandigarh. The inaugural address was delivered by Dr. M. Shanmugam, Director, Regional Services Division, IGNOU, New Delhi. For the first session on Mindset and Happiness, Dr. Neelu Khanna (Counselor and Life Coach) delivered a very interesting talk on what is mindset, how it impacts our life and how to train our mind for emotional well- being and how we can change our State of mind from Sadness to Happiness. In the second session, Ms. Vaneet Sodhi (Transformation Life coach) stressed on how good communication can help in increasing Self Confidence, strong relationship development and Understanding and clarity in human approach. Ms Nisha Malik was the resource person for the next session where she dwelled on techniques of better decision making. The most interesting and interactive was the

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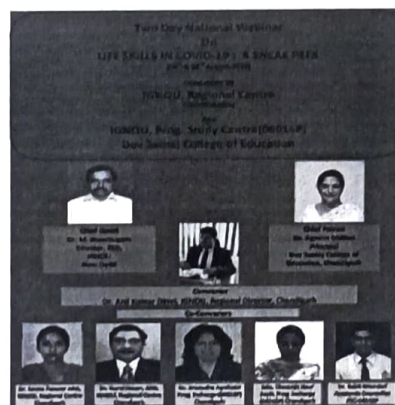
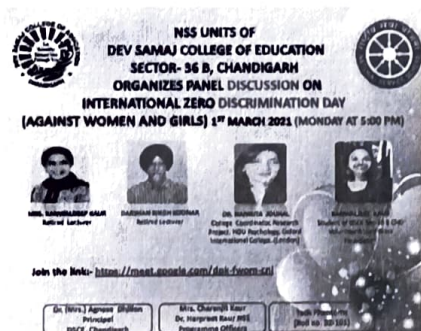
fourth session by Ms. AshiPrashar, Entertainment Coach and Performing Arts Teacher who spellbound the audience with her techniques of learning to follow the heart, how to succeed in chosen field and how to use our passions to lead a fulfilling life. Overall it was a very interesting Webinar.

Evidence of Success:

The above activities have created awareness among students and staff about the pandemic and ensured their safety. Besides the above mentioned activities, encouragement is given to the staff and students to get vaccination to prevent covid and data is collected through google forms from time to time. A considerate attitude is adopted for anyone showing the symptoms.

Problems encountered and resources required:

Initially, there was reluctance about vaccination and online teaching, which due to awareness gradually diminished.



2. TITLE OF THE PRACTICE: LECTURE SERIES ON GENDER SENSITISATION

Objectives of the Practice:

1. To sensitize students towards gender issues.
2. To create awareness regarding gender issues.

The context:

In our conservative Indian society, there is a great need to sensitize society in general and students in particular about gender issues.

The practice: Various activities organised under this practice were:

1. National online workshop on gender sensitization (26/07/2020):

Women Empowerment Cell and Anti-Sexual Harassment Cell of Dev Samaj College of Education, Sector-36-B, Chandigarh organised a National Online Workshop on Gender Sensitization during COVID-19 on 16th July, 2020 from 11 AM-1 PM. Pam Rajput, Professor Emeritus, Deptt. Of Political Science, Founder Director Centre for Women Studies, PU, Chd

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and Dr. Ameer Sultana, Asstt. Professor, Centre for Women Studies, P.U. Chd. were the resource persons of the event. They emphasized on the need to change one's behavior towards other genders and to understand the social and cultural constructions of gender that shapes the experiences of women and men in society. The organizers of the workshop, Dr. Anuradha Agnihotri, Dr. Neeru Malik, Mrs. Manjeet Kaur and Dr. Shefali Cheema brought the workshop to fruition with their hard efforts. All the participants of the workshop were given e-certificates after the workshop.

2. Panel Discussion on International Zero Discrimination Day (01.03.2021):

Dev Samaj Educational Institutions started with Bhagwan Dev Atma's vision of Women awakening and empowerment. Carrying forward the legacy, Dev Samaj College of Education, organized Panel Discussion on International Zero Discrimination Day against Women and Girl child on 1st March, 2021 with galaxy of Panelists, Mr D.S. Koonar, (Retd. Y.P.S. Lect.), Mrs. Kanwaldeep Kaur (Retd. Lecturer), Dr. Namrita Jouhal Alumni from London, Ms. Kanwaljeet Kaur (Present student DSCE) and Volunteer Round class Foundation. The topic for discussion is 'How can we bring Attitudinal change in society for zero discrimination against women? Challenging the discrimination faced by women and girls, the NSS units of Dev Samaj College of Education organized a Panel Discussion on International Zero Discrimination Day

3. A Lecture on All Gender Sensitisation (02-05-2021):

Being a part of a conservative society for a long time, most of us are not aware of existence of a third gender in the society. With Govt. giving third gender a social acceptance and its due rights, it is important for all of us to be sensitized and develop acceptance for the same. Chd. Admn. has recently formed a committee on Transgender and has given direction to spread awareness regarding all the genders. So in line with those directives, N.S.S. Units of Dev Samaj College of education, Chandigarh is organized a Sensitization session for the same by an International speaker on 2nd May, 2021. Let's all rise above the lines of gender, caste, creed and religion and live our lives as good citizens of a democratic country.

4. Interactive lecture on gender sensitization (06-05-2021):

NSS units of Dev Samaj College of Education, sector-36 B, Chandigarh organized an interactive lecture on 'Gender sensitization' (an initiative by IQAC) on 6th of May 2021 under the patronage of Madam Principal Dr. Agnese Dhillon. Ms. Parneet Sekhon, HR manager, Subhee learning Pvt.ltd. was the resource person. The webinar was organized with an aim to address the prevailing notions of gender issues in the society and ways to resolve the same. Then the resource person began with the session by asking some questions from the audience about what they perceive about the concerned topic and why it's essential to be discussed, to which she got various satisfactory responses from the students. She highlighted the core concepts of the topic through PowerPoint presentation in which she explained the basic difference between sex and gender and introduced some new terms, which are generally not known and not commonly heard, here in India specifically like trans male, trans female, non binary genders like agender, bigender, gender fluid etc. She also explained that why do we need such an awareness as recent discourses focus upon the need to sensitize gender issues and campuses, being education the catalyst for change. At the end she gave

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some suggestions to boost gender equality such as compulsory courses in syllabus. breaking stereotypes of gender roles, forming gender sensitization cells and committees in campuses to accommodate to the issues prevailing among all the genders. Then she gave rest to her words by saying-“the very idea to have an open mind about these issues by authorities and students together will enable fulfillment of these means to sensitize issues.” The webinar was conducted through Google meet in which over 60 participants took part.

5. Interactive lecture on 'gender sensitization' by Dr. JyotiSoni (17.5.2021):

NSS units of Dev Samaj College of Education, sector-36 B, Chandigarh organised an interactive lecture on 'Gender sensitization' (an initiative by IQAC) on 17th of May 2021 under the patronage of Madam Principal Dr.AgneseDhillon. Mrs. JyotiSoni, Principal – Shivalik Institute of Education and Research ,was the esteemed resource person. The webinar was organised with an aim to address the prevailing notions of gender issues in the society and ways to resolve the same. It began with a warm welcome of the resource person, by the NSS coordinator Dr. Harpreet Kaur. Then the resource person began with the session by asking some questions from the audience about what they perceive about the concerned topic and why it's essential to be discussed, to which she got various satisfactory responses from the students. she highlighted the core concepts of the topic through PowerPoint presentation in which she explained the meaning of Gender sensitization, and different notions and assumptions related to it. She interacted with the audience through out by asking questions, riddles etc. she pressed upon the topic by showing various videos and advertisements related to it . She also elucidated about gender stereotypes and discussed gender bias in media as the core reason behind gender stereotypes and inequality. At the end, she shared some quotes and her own view points along with some examples of her own family to sensitize about gender roles. The webinar was conducted through Google meet in which over 80 participants took part. Mrs Charanjit Kaur, NSS, PO thanked the eminent and versatile resource person for devoting her precious time and delivering an informative session and also thanked the faculty members of the college and the students for the success of the event.

Evidence of Success:

The gender sensitization sessions were very successful and popular among the students indicated by their good strength. They posed queries and interacted well with the audience at the end of every session.

Problems encountered and resources required:

Since these sessions were held online, the usual issues and concerns related to any online event were experienced by the organizers such as low bandwidth, slow internet, disruption due to technological lapses, etc.



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