



MES COLLEGE OF ARTS, COMMERCE & SCIENCE

NAAC Accredited with Grade "A"

'Vidyasagara' Prof MPL Sastry Rd, 15th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore -03

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-24

Best Practice 1

Title of the Practice:

Annual College Convocation

Objectives of the Practice:

1. To recognize academic achievements of students (UG and PG) by awarding degrees and endowment prizes.
2. To celebrate institutional legacy of long-standing tradition of academic excellence.
3. To strengthen ties between the college and stakeholders, by bringing together students, faculty, parents, and alumni.
4. To make the event a defining moment in the graduate's life, ensuring it becomes an unforgettable experience.
5. To inspire graduates to persist in "striving for excellence" in their careers and personal development while maintaining the values and knowledge acquired during their time at the institution.

The Context:

1. The affiliating university hands over the degree certificates to the institution, then the institution organizes the convocation to award the degree certificates., endowment prizes and recognize university rank holders.

2. The College Convocation held annually since 1970, and has become a key event that symbolizes the culmination of academic achievement for graduating students.
3. This tradition has grown in significance over the years, offering a platform to formally recognize the hard work, dedication, and accomplishments of students across various academic departments.
4. The annual convocation at the institution serves as a platform for alumni to reconnect, share their experiences of college life and professional journeys.

The Practice:

Since 1970, the institution has celebrated the academic accomplishments of graduating students with the college convocation, a beloved and well established event. The practice demonstrates the institution's dedication to recognizing excellence and giving students a stage to display the outcomes of their hard work and diligence . This is to mark the empowering of students for higher education and the motivation to excel.

The presence of a Chief Guest and a Guest of Honor at the convocation adds an extra layer of prestige to the event. These dignitaries often deliver motivational speeches, inspiring the graduates to pursue their future goals with determination and integrity.

The tradition of reading the *Taittiriya Upanishad* during the convocation symbolizes the essence of philosophical insights and practical wisdom, offering profound guidance on life, self-realization, and the nature of existence.

Giving endowment prizes to students who have performed very well in their courses is one of the main features of the convocation with contributions from philanthropists. students who have secured ranks at the university level and also who have shown extraordinary intellectual ability are awarded certificates and presented with a copy of *Bhagavad gita* .

Various committees are established to make sure the convocation is successfully and efficiently organized including handling the logistics. The convocation is followed religiously, ensuring that each year's ceremony upholds the institution's high standards and creates a memorable experience for all participants. As part of the annual tradition, the convocation for the batch of 2019–2022 (UG) , 2020- 2022(PG) was held on 25th November 2023.

Evidence of Success

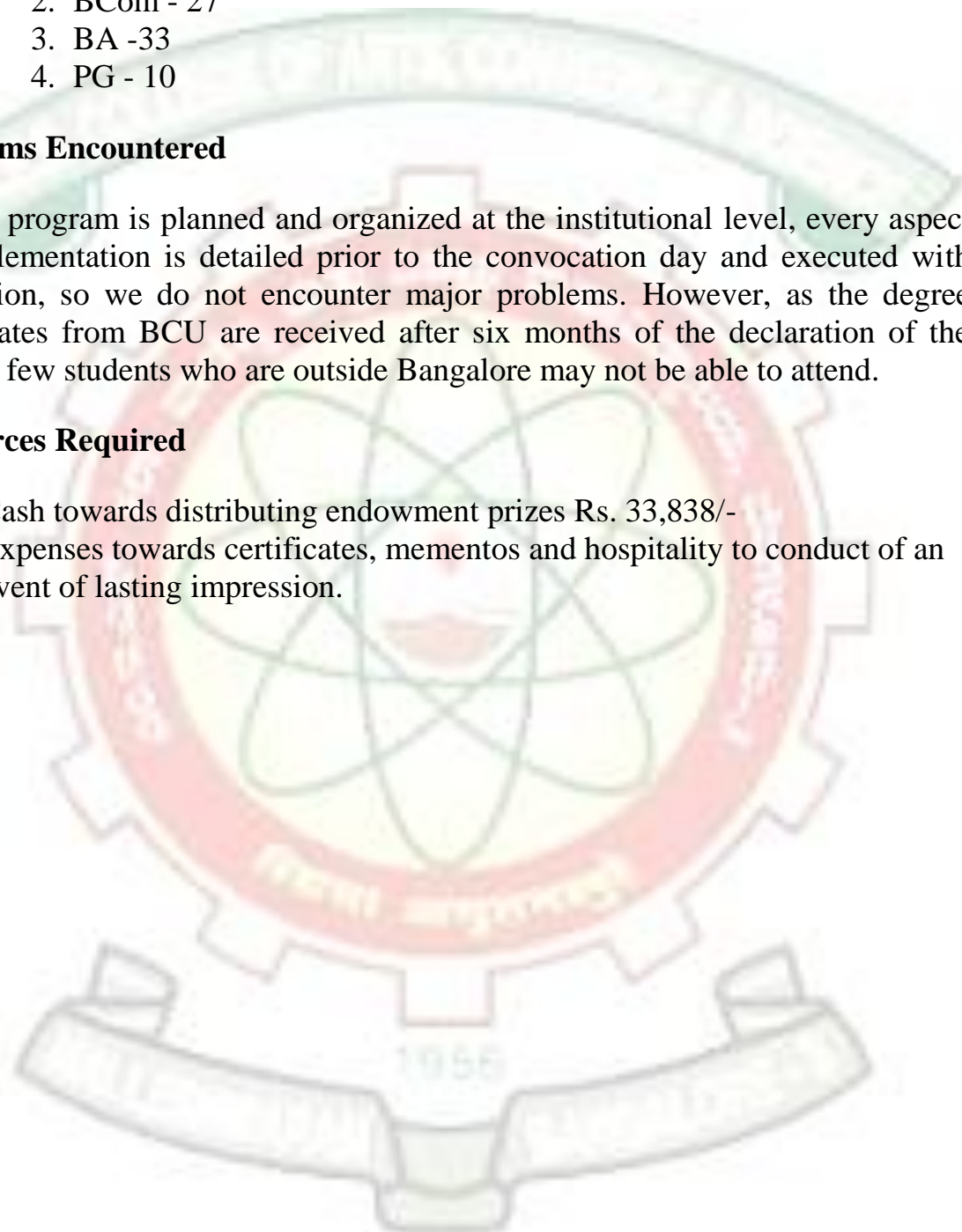
- 95% of students had enrolled for the convocation
- 80% of students received the convocation on 25th November 2023
- List of endowment prizes for each stream
 1. BSc - 35
 2. BCom - 27
 3. BA -33
 4. PG - 10

Problems Encountered

As this program is planned and organized at the institutional level, every aspect of implementation is detailed prior to the convocation day and executed with perfection, so we do not encounter major problems. However, as the degree certificates from BCU are received after six months of the declaration of the results, few students who are outside Bangalore may not be able to attend.

Resources Required

1. Cash towards distributing endowment prizes Rs. 33,838/-
2. Expenses towards certificates, mementos and hospitality to conduct of an event of lasting impression.





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Best Practice 2

Title of the Practice:

Fostering learning experiences that transcend the prescribed curriculum

Objectives of the Practice:

1. To foster analytical reasoning and problem-solving across all the disciplines.
2. Enable students to explore ideas independently, supported by hands-on training and practical applications.
3. To inspire creativity and research, business strategies, artistic endeavors.
4. To equip students with the ability to tackle real-world challenges while developing essential soft skills.
5. To develop communication skills and confidence in presenting ideas effectively.

The Context:

1. Extending learning beyond textbooks helps students explore diverse interests, encouraging a deeper understanding of subjects covered or not covered in the standard curriculum.

2. Engaging in activities like internships, projects allows students to apply academic knowledge to practical situations, bridging the gap between theory and practice.
3. The opportunities offered by the Consumer Club fosters critical life skills such as problem-solving, communication, leadership, and collaboration, which are essential for personal and professional success.
4. Engaging in diverse educational experiences helps students grow emotionally, socially, and ethically, fostering their development into well-rounded individuals.
5. Providing students with opportunities to explore their passions and interests in the formal curriculum or beyond the formal curriculum can enhance their intrinsic motivation and overall engagement in learning.

The Practice:

Students connected classroom learning with real-world applications through field trips, educational tours, and industrial visits arranged by the departments of Life Science, History, Psychology, and Physics. This generated curiosity, better information, and personal improvement. The Astronomy Club facilitated stargazing activities and conversations that stimulated critical thinking and scientific curiosity about the cosmos.

In order to improve students' application of theoretical concepts and give them practical skills in new technologies, the Department of observed Electronics week. To help students better understand computer networks better, the simulation was practiced through the CISCO simulation tool.

Our college organizes a series of Nobel Insight Lectures on Nobel Prize-winning topics to inspire students and ignite their interest in research opportunities and higher education.

The Consumer Club engaged students in activities that examined market trends and consumer behavior, which helped them develop their leadership and problem-solving abilities. They bring out the monthly newsletter called *Commerce Chronicles*. The faculty and students contribute towards current affairs, stock market highlights, feature about a company, feature about an entrepreneur, events conducted by the club.

The department of English features a magazine called *Meraki*, which showcases poetry, sketches, and other creative works designed to foster written expression, innovative thinking, self-expression, and artistic exploration. In addition to its

diverse offerings, such as lectures, film screenings, and discussions on documentaries and movies, the department aims to promote creativity and personal growth.

Students studying journalism improved their broadcasting and journalism skills by visiting radio stations and filming all the college events, which gave them experience in media production. The psychology department arranged movie screenings to enhance comprehension of psychological subjects through visual storytelling and promoted self-awareness by administering personality tests to first-year students. They also bring out their annual newsletter as a reporting of the events covered by the students during the academic year.

Visual aids in the form of interactive models across departments helped enhance students' comprehension of complex concepts.

In accordance with NEP 2020, mandatory internships for final-semester students provided them with real-world experience, skill development, and career opportunities.

Evidence of Success

1. Surveys and evaluations from students and faculty revealed high satisfaction with the events, highlighting positive feedback on the quality of guest speakers, the relevance of field trip topics, and the effectiveness of media visits.
2. Informal discussions and interactions with students revealed that they felt more connected to the practical applications of their fields, particularly through activities such as radio station visits and field trips.
3. The experiences led to increased student participation, enhanced understanding of subjects, and greater interest in related fields, inspiring some students to pursue further research or careers in these areas.

Problems encountered

1. Time constraints created challenges in adjusting timetables for specific student groups during event planning.
2. Planning events was challenging as it required adjustment of schedules to facilitate participation in across all streams.
3. Balancing event schedules with students' academic commitments proved challenging at times.

Resources Required:

1. Funding was necessary to support field trips, external visits, and associated expenses.
2. Upgraded computers and software were critical for effective learning and event organization.
3. Honorariums were provided to training experts and guest speakers to acknowledge their contributions.
4. Printing costs were incurred for producing the magazines and newsletters and supplying materials for activities.

