

BEST PRACTICES



SRI VENKATESWARA COLLEGE *Best Practices 2018-2019*

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1. INNOVATIVE CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT PRACTICES

Context:

Sri Venkateswara College offers undergraduate education under the CBCS system. The curriculum is designed in such a way that will benefit the students in whatever field they would choose to enter - higher education within the country and abroad. However in pursuit of its vision, 'Excellence and Service' it sought to provide all the students the opportunity to inculcate extra inputs by way of additional courses within the domain of their choice of core papers or from any stream according to their interest. This implied that there were subject oriented courses or even skill development courses for all students to choose from. It was in this context, through intensive dialogue amongst the faculty members; it was decided to offer the students the option of pursuing Certificate Courses that were designed specially to fit into each semester.

Goal:

The objective in introducing Certificate Courses was to provide all students an opportunity to move across streams and take up courses of their interest or specialized courses in their chosen core subjects. Specifically, it aims to develop a broader overview in other areas of their interest and help them to grow (w) holistically.

Practices:

The Certificate courses were a means to provide the students an opportunity to gain that extra edge in pursuit of their future goals and aspirations. Many departments have introduced Certificate Courses. Each Certificate comprises of the theoretical background and laboratory exercises wherever applicable. All the courses are optional. Add on Courses offered are – **Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), Indian Music & Culture, AyurBiology, Entrepreneurship and Climate Change.**

Evidence of Success:

Despite time being a major constraint, during the last academic year (consisting of two semesters) students from several courses completed the certificate course of their choice. All students opting for these courses are charged a minimum fee based on the nature of the course. This is utilized to remunerate the resource person, speakers from industry & academia and for any expenses incurred in running the course.

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2. INTERNATIONALIZATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Context:

Internationalization of higher education is an amalgamation of a number of international dimensions. . Providing local students with some kind of international consciousness and knowledge is considered important for employment as well as citizenship in a globalizing economy. Educating students from abroad helps by bringing international students to local classrooms. Bringing students from abroad to the country will help future cooperation.

Goal:

Sri Venkateswara College believes in establishing academic partnerships, forming cultural and sports linkages, research collaborations and these have always been considered to be the prime drivers and determinants to internationalization.

Practices:

There has been joint agreement of cooperation between Sri Venkateswara College and Martin Luther University Halle Wittenberg, Germany in Feb 2019. Also the college has entered into partnership for faculty and student exchange with Nordic Centre in India (NCI), a consortium of leading universities and research institutions in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. Sri Venkateswara College (SVC) has an agreement with NCI that enables Nordic undergraduate member university students to study and spend a full semester in Delhi. The aim of the program is to make it possible for students to pursue sound academic knowledge of India as well as gain experiences of the academic culture and living in India. Students are expected to follow a fulltime academic program of 3 DU courses equivalent to 30 ECTS. The fall semester runs from mid-July till early December, and the Spring semester from early January till early May. The exchange started in 2018-2019.

Evidence of Success:

Students from both partner Institutions have shown interest in academic and cultural exchange. The number of undergraduate students applying to foreign universities for higher education has increased. Students have applied to MLU and other Universities. Students from Nordic Universities have spent a semester at Sri Venkateswara College. The College takes pride in development of Spoken Hindi Language Course for the visiting students in Summer 2019. Several leading foreign University delegation have visited the College – Lincoln University (August 2018) , Harvard Business School (April 2018), Martin Luther University Halle Wittenberg (Sept 2018)