



## D.V.S. College of Arts & Science, Shimoga

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### BEST PRACTICE 1:

## 1. Current Awareness Service through Library What's app and Telegram Groups

### 2. OBJECTIVES:

- To provide a digital platform for utilisation of library resources
- To encourage the usage of electronic resources.
- To give users with up-to-date information/knowledge.
- To extend the Kannada and English newspapers clippings service.
- To keep update the job notifications.
- To stay up to date on new books arriving in the library.
- To ensure that library resources are used effectively.
- To reduce the burden on library staff.
- To maintain direct communication with the entire DVS user community.

### 3. Context that required the initiated of the practice:

DVS College of Arts and Science, Shivamogga affiliated to Kuvempu University. Our college library created WhatsApp and Telegram groups to share the current knowledge via smart phone. Every day, student can access the information such as News Papers clippings with current affairs, Current Job notifications, Journal Article alerts, some open source News Papers in Kannada and English language, New Arrival Books alerts and College and Library notices. Through WhatsApp and Telegram students and staff can access the library's current information from anywhere at any time during the day.

### 4. The Practice:

Our librarian created "DVS Library & Information Center" WhatsApp and Telegram group to share the current knowledge, current Job notification, competitive exam question papers with answer and current library and college notification to its group members. In this regard, a WhatsApp and Telegram message has been distributed and students are obliged to join this group without fail. As a result, Student began to join the club at the same time. We changed the group settings to "Admin Only Send Message." As a result, all group members can only see what we have shared. This obviously ensures that superfluous and bothersome communications are avoided. The student flow motivates us to share extremely recent knowledge with the group. Currently, the WhatsApp group has 984 members and Telegram Group 445 Members out of a total of 1600 students. Some student is unable to participate



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since they do not have a smart phone. As a result, we advise those students to visit the library to obtain the same resources in hard form.

We began sharing daily open access news publications clippings in both Kannada and English after first forming the WhatsApp and Telegram groups. Some commerce students requested that information on commerce be shared. As a result, we began sharing Economic Times news pieces on a daily basis. In addition, librarian scan recent material such as political, economic, social, technological, and educational items in both Kannada and English and disseminate it in pdf format in the library WhatsApp and Telegram group. Furthermore, we exchange recent competitive examination question papers and answer information in the Library and information centre groups, which is well-liked by its members.

This WhatsApp and Telegram groups serves as an excellent medium for reaching the college largest community in a direct and quick manner. Any library or college emergency notifications were shared in this group to keep everyone up to date on the latest college news. Constant user feedback motivates us to offer more useful information with the user community.

### 5. Evidence of Success:

We had difficulties with student privacy; several female students were concerned that their cell phone number would be available to everyone in the group. As a result, we advised all students to change their What's app and telegram privacy settings so that unfamiliar people cannot view their profile picture or personal information. Some students report that some undesired and irrelevant content may cause them to run out of internet time. As a result, we advised them to disable the option to download data in either mobile or wifi mode, so that students could pick what content they could download and all.

### 6. Impact of the practice:

This has resulted in a huge rise in student visits to the library. The total number of visitors in 2021 was to be around 4500. However, in 2023, the number of visitors to the library climbed dramatically, reaching 8540. Sharing current information via WhatsApp and Telegram group raises student community understanding of library culture and services.

### 7. Sources:

Smart Phone with internet facility.

WhatsApp and Telegram application in Admin and user mobiles.

Good friend circle to obtain the resources from different sources.

It needs admin/librarian precious time, dedication to share the information.



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### **BEST PRACTICE 2:**

#### **1. Talent Recognition (Merit - reward)-Prathibha Puraskar:**

#### **2. Objectives:**

- To felicitate meritorious students for their fantabulous achievement.
- To promote competitive ability among students to excel in the examinations.
- To encourage the stakeholders to bring in more students to our institution.

#### **3. Context that required the initiated of the practice:**

- Our management is generous enough to provide sizeable support to outstanding performers in all examination and honour them in a grand manner.
- Parents and alumni, media people and educationists are invited to this program.

#### **4. The Practice:**

- The highlights of prathibha puraskar are Rupees 10,000, Rupees 7500, and rupees 5000 cash award to 1st rank, 2nd rank and subsequent rank holders respectively.
- Rupees 5000 cash award from PCMBZ Departments to top scorers in respective subjects.
- Cash Award to top scorers in 2nd and 4th semester.
- Prathibha puraskar is a full day program and can be witnessed by other students as well.
- The details of achievements are presented before handing over the award.
- The following are endowment scholarship instituted in our college since two decades.

#### **5. Evidence of Success:**

- ✓ The vice chancellor of Kuvempu University, The Registrars, Local MP, MLA, MLC, and Joint Director of Collegiate Education are invited to this program.
- ✓ The objectives of Prathibha puraskar are announced in the function and the names of Endowment scholarships will be notified.
- ✓ Invited guests render motivational speeches, the president, the other office bearers and all the directors of board of DVS Management Committee present and management committee takes personal initiative to full fill this public goal for the benefit of student community.



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- ✓ The deputy Commissioner of Shivamogga and Superintendent of police of this region will also be present according as time permits them.

### 6. Impact of the practice and Resources:

- ✓ It is our humble submission in this context that the prathibha puraskar of this nature is being celebrated every year since 1975, thanks to initiative and courtesy of management.
- ✓ In addition many faculty members of science departments make personal contribution to build corpus for distribution among rank holders and merit students.
- ✓ This enables to build harmonies relationship and thick bind between teachers and students.
- ✓ The beneficiaries spare no words to express their gratitude to management and staff members for this outstanding and memorable prathibha puraskar celebration.
- ✓ The heads of neighbouring education institution express their astonishment to this mammoth program.

### 7. Notes:

- We have great element of satisfaction in presenting this event as one of the best practices of our college.
- Supporting Advertisement materials, photos, certificates and relevant documents can accessed in our college website. Video clipping are held in college office as testimony to our organizing ability and our commitment to the cause of higher education.

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