

1. Title of the Best Practice

Dissent and Discuss

2. The Context

St. Joseph's College of Commerce believes that every individual has the right to express his/her thoughts. The institution attempts to inculcate a sense of realisation of such rights through its academic and co-curricular activities. Various associations and clubs of the Institution and discussion forums of the departments encourage students to engage in critical thinking, participate in a healthy debate and dialogue and develop a commitment to a democratic way of life. The institution has made an expression of dissent and participation in dialogue as the core values of its holistic education.

3. Objectives of the Practice

- To develop democratic thinking among students and teachers.
- To train students in reflective thinking.
- To inculcate the spirit of tolerance among students

4. The Practice

- The college encourages students to organize debates on various topics of public importance
- Provide the students with a platform for discussion in the various fests, open mics, Comverse and Spotlight sessions conducted during the academic year.
- Inculcating the art of dissent in the students
- Organizing debates as part of classroom assignments and allotting marks for the same.

5. Advantages

- Enhances learning through interesting and interactive ways.
- Enables students to be more attentive and involved in discussions.
- Develops the rational and critical faculty of the students by striking a right balance between reactive and responsive modes of articulation.

6. Challenging issues

- To keep the mode of expression of dissent healthy and creative
- To ensure it is not directed at specific communities and does not personally offend individuals.

7. Evidence of Success

- Students have learnt to express their opinions while at the same time exercising their sensitivity towards various issues
- Students have visibility in various spoken and written public forums such as social media blogs, college fests, open mics, etc.

8. Resources Required

- Common spaces for hosting discussions and dissent
- Support in the form of media publicity for discussion forums

9. Contact Details

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