



Sri Meenakshi Government Arts College for Women

(An Autonomous Institution Affiliated to Madurai Kamaraj University)

Re-Accredited with 'A' Grade by NAAC (3rd Cycle)

Madurai - 625 002.



BEST PRACTICE - 1

1. TITLE OF THE PRACTICE:

ONLINE READING FORUM IN REGIONAL LANGUAGE TAMIL "MEENAKSHI INAIYA MUTRAM"

2. The Context that required the Initiation of the practice

During the pandemic when campuses worldwide were closed and online learning blossomed, our institution came up with this impactful idea for installing book reading habits in our students and nurturing them in the right way. While our institution rendered enormous support for the conduct of this programme, students and faculty made it happen as a joyful learning experience. Also, since good presentation skills are needed for employability, this online book reading platform emerged at the click of a mouse.

3. Objectives of the practice

- To hone presentation skills of students
- To accelerate the book reading habit of the young generation, cutting across all disciplines.

4. The practice

Books play an important role in defining one's personality. Book reading enhances a person's understanding of the world. When we turn back the pages of world's history we come to know that Alexander the Great, during his invasion of India, carried with him two books "Iliad" and "Odyssey" and was not accompanied by his teacher Aristotle. Hence a book is placed on a higher pedestal than a teacher. In recent times our former President Late Dr.A.P.J. Abdul Kalam has reiterated the importance of reading books. He has Stated that "Man the Unknown" and "Light from many Lamps " were the books which brought him a change in his life.

Understanding the significance of book reading and availing the luxury of online meeting Platforms, our institution initiated this online book reading forum, which happens twice a month. Students and faculty participated with enthusiasm and the programme has reached a golden milestone.

5. Obstacles faced if any and strategies adopted to overcome them

The programme treaded into a successful path and faced only smaller obstacles like untimely change of resource person, on some occasion and technical snags a few times.

To overcome these issues, an alternate resource person from the host institution was kept ready and utilised if needed .To deal with technical snags,both host and co host were available to conduct and coordinate the meeting.

6. Impact of the practice

Through this online reading platform, hundred books inclusive of Tamil and English have been reviewed, as on 26.09.2023. 50 resource persons encompassing academicians and writers shared their expertise. 50 students expressed their reviews on books through this forum, from the comforts of their home.

Listening capabilities of student audiences are enhanced and the opportunity at a young age to listen to new ideas and to deliver book reviews,has groomed our students well and will imbibe in them societal responsibility, training them into well informed individuals. In total, around 1000 students have been benefited through this programme

7. Resources Required

Mobile /pc with internet connectivity.

8. About the Institution

- i. Name of the Institution : Sri Meenakshi Government Arts College For Women (A),
Madurai.
- ii. Year of Accreditation : 2023
- iii.Address : Sri Meenakshi Government Arts College For Women (A),
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- iv. Grade Awarded by NAAC : A 3rd cycle
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BEST PRACTICE: 2

Title of the Practice: IIT-M DATA SCIENCE COURSE

1. Objective of the practice

The **IIT-M Data Science Course** is designed exclusively for the students of our college with a clear objective to nurture technical skills and empower the final-year postgraduate science students. The course is offered in collaboration with the esteemed faculty members of IIT-M and aims to equip students with the knowledge and skills required to engage in project-based learning within the realm of cutting-edge technology.

2. Context

The mission of the college is deeply rooted in the aspiration "To empower women through higher education and enhance their employability." In this context, the institution is committed to fostering a culture of innovation and personal development, aimed at empowering students through the acquisition of knowledge and skill.

3. Practice

The IIT-M Data Science course was initiated in the year 2021 and has since been consistently active in fostering innovation among students. Selection for this course is based on the student's interest and is open to those pursuing degrees in Computer Applications, Computer Science, Mathematics and Physics. The course comprises 30 hours of intensive training conducted by faculty members of Indian Institute of Technology, Madras. Throughout the course, students are required to submit assignments which form the basis for their internal evaluation. Subsequently, an external examination is conducted by faculty members of the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras and certificates of course completion are awarded to the students.

4. Evidence of success

For the year 2021, **30** students from various eligible postgraduate programmes enrolled in the course and successfully completed it within the stipulated time frame. This additional certification coupled with their academic degree, undoubtedly enhances student's prospects in the job market, particularly in the context of placement opportunities. Moreover it also equips them with valuable skills and knowledge that can be applied to their research endeavors contributing to their overall academic and professional development.

5. Problem Encountered and Research required.

The introduction of the IITM Data Science Course as an additional value-added programme posed certain challenges. Students encountered difficulties in consistently allocating time to the course while managing their regular curriculum and project workloads. Moreover the course necessitates a dependable and robust internet connection to establish a runtime environment for Data Science applications. Exploring strategies to effectively balance such additional courses with existing academic commitments and investigating solutions to address internet connectivity issues warrant further research and consideration.

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