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**Practice No. 2 for A.Y 2022-23**

**Title of the practice: Developing Critical Thinking skills through Student Activities as part of adapting to NEP 2020.**

**Objectives:**

1. To develop critical thinking skills through academic, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities.
2. To strengthen the syllabus as per the provisions and guidelines of National Education Policy especially widening the scope of Interdisciplinary learning.
3. To enhance research skills through critical thinking which will develop a research culture at the institute level as per the vision of NEP 2020.
4. To promote and spread awareness of regional languages in terms of the development of critical thinking.

**The Context:**

1. The college promoted critical thinking, one of the important skill sets in the educational contexts of the world through its various forums and platforms. By building these skills, students improve their ability to analyze information and come to the best decision possible.
2. The college conducted activities for developing critical thinking through experiential learning where the ability of students to collect and analyze information to conclude, is realized.
3. The college provides academic courses for students to learn through information, data, statistics, and other details to analyze the challenges of the fast-changing digital and tech-savvy world.

**The Practices :**

The college is proactive in generating and spreading awareness of NEP 2020 through various guest lectures, seminars, and workshops in which the importance of critical thinking along with the Indian Knowledge System was discussed. As a result, the following activities have been conducted:

1. **Additive Manufacturing with Reverse Engineering - 3D Printing:** Additive Manufacturing with reverse Engineering -3D printing" in collaboration with Tata Motors and CIII center MMCOE from 1 June to 14 June 2022. 28 students benefited from critically thinking about the use and application of 3D printing technology.
2. **Celebration of Shiv Swarajya:** The college celebrated Shiv Swarajya on 6th June 2022. The college organized a program on the life journey of the Great Shivaji Maharaj. The importance of managerial skills, planning, and critical thinking were highlighted in the lectures. The lecture was attended by 59 students.
3. **Nirmalya Collection for Eco-Friendly Ganeshotsav August 2022:** The college in collaboration with the Pune Municipal Corporation initiated a drive for Nirnalya (Waste in Festivals). Students thought critically about environmental conservation. 52 student Volunteers participated in this program.
4. **Poster Competition on 'Business Ideas':** The college has organized a poster competition on developing business ideas. It helped them to understand the market problems critically and come up with perfect solutions. 105 students participated in the competition.
5. **Poster Competition to celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav:** Celebration of Indian freedom, students participated in a poster-making competition. The activity boosted their creative and critical thinking skills. 48 Students participated in this competition.
6. **Book Review activities:** In October 2022, a special book review competition was conducted by the college. Students wrote book reviews on a variety of book titles including regional languages. It was organized to develop their ability to think critically.
7. **Mad Ads Competition:** The college has organized a competition to creatively and critically think about a product and service. Students participated and creatively developed advertisements. 30 Students participated in this competition.
8. **Vachana Prerna Diwas (Motivating Reading Culture):** On 15-16 October 2022, the college organized a book exhibition, to motivate students to read. Reading culture develops the ability to think critically.
9. **Life of Bapuji: A paragon (A creative initiative):** On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, the college organized a stage for multi-talents. Students creatively designed posters, projects, and presentations. It has enhanced their critical thinking abilities, the value of non-violence, simple living, and service to mankind. Around 110 students participated in this program.

10. **Folk Fusion:** In the last week of March 2023, the college organized a cultural program. Students performed various folk songs. They critically combined art and culture to make a confluence. More than **150** students participated in this event.

**Evidence of Success:** The holistic approach from the college and the satisfactory response from the students could make every activity successful. More than five hundred students participated in various activities initiated by the college in A.Y 2022-2023. The college has distributed certificates of participation to the students. These activities helped students gain a variety of skills including leadership, rational thinking, teamwork, and critical thinking.

**Problems Encountered and Resources Required:** In the quest for aiding and benefiting students our institution has encountered basic problems as mentioned below.

1. Time management and coordination were a challenge due to the changed academic schedule and examinations.
2. Identification of a best-suited program and activities for the variety of courses becomes a challenge.

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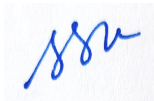
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