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Best Practice-1 **Inter-Collegiate Debate Competition**

Goal:

- 1) To provide a significant training ground for the development of students communicative abilities.
- 2) To provide opportunities for students to practice and share their skill development.

The Context:

The main objective is to dedicate every 29th December, the death anniversary of Late Eknathrao Pawar to the conduct of Inter- Collegiate Marathwada Debate Competition at senior and junior level. We also believe in nurturing good parliamentarian qualities in our students. Our foremost desire in this regard is to provide a cordial atmosphere for students of different colleges to meet, interact, share and exchange ideas. Our main objective therefore is to enhance the communicative skills among the students. The Debate competition is an excellent means of developing speaking skills.

The Practice:

The Convener of the Debating committee is in charge of this Inter- Collegiate Debate Competition. The convener of debating committee takes the topics' name from the faculty and then he and Principal decide on a relevant, contemporary topic. After the selection of the topic, the ball is set rolling for other activities that follow. The card with the topic, date and time is sent to all colleges that come under Marathwada region. The day of the competition begins with registration of participants coming from other colleges, followed by breakfast and the Inaugural ceremony. The highlight of the inauguration is the key-note address by a renowned scholar. Also present on the occasion are two or three well-versed academicians who will judge the competition, usually members from the cream of the society.

The response from the student participants is heartening. The debate is in Marathi language and each college send two participants, one "for" and one "against" the topic. The judges besides selecting the best debaters also provide tips and guidelines to the participants. The competition closes with a small Valediction where the judges give away the prizes.

Evidence of Success:

Through the years, we have been receiving excellent feedback from participating colleges. The very fact that the competition is still going strong after more than 18 years shows not only its popularity but also its relevance. The competition provides a platform for aspiring debaters to voice their opinion on relevant social problems. It is from this platform that many participants have honed their debating skills.

Our students too are benefitted from being exposed to the cream of the student society. The competition has gained immense popularity and the idea is being taken up by many local colleges.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

As most of the students in the college belong to rural community, they come from rural area. Here shyness and stage daring is the main barrier. This is resolved by the faculty members by suitable encouragement. Students with inferiority complex have to be coaxed to take part in events organize.

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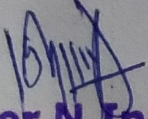
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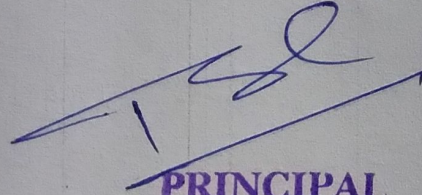
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