

## **OBSERVING AND CELEBRATING COMMEMORATIVE DAYS**

### **Context:**

The UGC has taken certain initiatives to empower students with inclusive environment. Our College strictly follows all the initiatives that include observing special days and celebrating religious functions.

### **Objectives of the practice:**

To inculcate tolerance, communal harmony among the students:

1. To familiarize themselves with religious festivals
2. To learn different cultures
3. To recognise the importance of nation's pride and national international commemorative days.

### **The Practice:**

For strengthening the inclusive environment the following activities were arranged:

1. Cultural events
2. Celebrating national/international commemorative days with eminent personalities
3. Social awareness initiatives
4. Street plays
5. Educational tour
6. Motivational lectures
7. Sports activities.

### **Advantages:**

1. Motivational lectures of eminent persons pave way for the all-round development of the students.
2. Sensitizing the students on responsibility towards the constitutional values, rights and duties helps them understand the importance of being responsible citizens.

### **Challenging issues:**

1. Within the frame of academic calendar, celebrating various days and events is a challenging issue.
2. Preparation of plans for each event and estimation (budget) for various activities are challenging.

### **Evidence of Success:**

Thus the initiatives taken by the institutions to organize and celebrate commemorative days helped the students get knowledge about the great personalities in our political, social, cultural and scientific history. Also it stimulates the feelings of oneness, and preservation of our old traditions and customs.

## **ONLINE STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION**

### **The Context:**

- Due to COVID -19 lockdown, it became the need of the day to enable online voting system to form the Student Council.

### **Objectives:**

- To represent students at all levels within the institution.
- To provide a variety of services, facilities and support to students.
- To address student grievances.
- To enhance leadership skills.

### **The Practice:**

- The Student Council Coordinators chalked out a plan at the beginning of the academic year to conduct online Student Council election to select the office bearers of all Associations, Cells and Clubs.
- The e-voting app was developed and all the UG students participated enthusiastically by casting their votes online.

### **Usefulness of the Practice:**

- Electronic voting system enabled to speed up the counting of votes.
- Results were reported and published faster.
- It saved time and cost
- Even COVID-19 lockdown couldn't hinder the students to cast their vote electronically.

### **Evidence of Success:**

- The Student Council was formed successfully.
- Thus the Student Council was able to provide a variety of services to students and to represent students at all levels.

### **Problems Encountered and Resources Required:**

- The Student Council Coordinator faced the problem of collecting the student details due to COVID-19 lockdown.
- There were students who had network issues and could not participate in the voting.