

7.2.1 - Describe two best practices successfully implemented by the Institution as per NAAC format provided in the Manual.

BEST PRACTICE 1

1. Title of the Practice: Preservation, Innovation and Capacity Building of the Indigenous/Tribal Communities

2. Objectives of the Practice:

The main objective behind this practice is to identify and promote the tribal culture of the state. Documenting the cultural practices and linguistics of the tribal communities as some of the traditions and cultures are on the verge of extinction. Similarly, to work for the overall development of the other weaker sections of the society of the state and the region. Another objective is to provide a platform and to create opportunities to guide the tribal students and students from economically weaker sections to become better citizen of the nation through education and skill development.

3. The Context:

Since, Arunachal Pradesh is one of the most culturally diverse state in the entire country, having twenty six major tribes and more than one hundred small and minor tribal groups sporadically and geographically distributed. Every tribe has their own beliefs, customs, norms, worldviews and dialects etc. The University is also working for the documentation of such unique and beautiful cultural practices of the tribes of the state.

4. The Practice:

The University has been profoundly working towards documenting and promoting the tribal cultures of the region. Arunachal Institute of Tribal Studies (AITS), the Department of Anthropology, the Department of Sociology and the Tribal Research Institute (TRI) of the University are rigorously working among the tribes and the marginalized section of society and their culture since their inception. Departments like Social Work like any other departments of the Social Science faculties are also working in this area. Moreover, the University is also

providing a platform for the tribal students and the students of the weaker section of society to groom and develop themselves through various means such as education and sports.

5. Evidence of Success:

The increasing number of tribal students majority of whom belong to the first or second generation of learners definitely proves that the University is able to achieve the goal. The number of Research Scholars working in various fields and the number of research papers, books etc. that are being published from time to time are also telling evidence of success.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

Infrastructural facilities are one of the major problems that have been encountered while working in this field. Secondly, adequate manpower is also required for proper guidance of the students. Although, the University has a good number of faculties, however, as compared to the increasing number of students it is not adequate. Further, it has been observed that the students in the University are self-sufficient, hardworking and they have a good knowledge of their environment and their livelihood and they are skillfull. Hence, setting up a centre which aims and focuses on skills then, such centres will definitely come out a good number of skilled and self-sustained students. Students may gain quality education, sports, culture and skill for a better future.

BEST PRACTICE 2

1. Title of the Practice: Green and Environment-Friendly Campus

2. Objectives of the Practice:

Awareness generation among the individuals associated with the University for better management of the environment and improvement in the quality of life for all stakeholders associated with the University and its campus. To make the University campus a plastic and pollution-free campus.

3. The Context:

Climate change and health issues due to environmental degradation are a major concern of the hour, for the entire human society. It is high time that higher educational institutions like the Rajiv Gandhi (Central) University, Arunachal Pradesh must look into such social and environmental issues and collectively work for a better and sustainable livelihood.

4. The Practice:

The University has been consciously working towards achieving the goal of a green, clean, sustainable and environment-friendly campus. The University is also focusing on making the campus a plastic-free zone. In addition to this, the University has focused on planting and nurturing more trees within the campus.

5. Evidence of Success:

For the protection and nurturing of the available flora and fauna within the campus and to maintain a green campus the Department of Botany, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh had also carried out a “Green Auditing of Trees in the Campus of Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh” by an Assessment Team comprising Professors, Research Scholars and PG students.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

Arunachal Pradesh is considered rich in bio-diversity and the region is adequately green compared to other parts of the country. Due to urbanization, the environment is also being affected. As the state is witnessing a transitional phase in various aspects, including the environment the people including the students and employees of the University are not realizing the impact of environmental change (degradation) at this moment. Therefore, creating awareness is very challenging. However, Rajiv Gandhi University being one of the pioneer higher educational institutes of the region is working tirelessly towards achieving the goal of a green and environment-friendly campus.