

Kurukshetra University Kurukshetra
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Two Best Practices during 2019-20

Best Practice-I

Title of the Practice:

ROSTRUM- Annual Public Speaking Competition

Objectives of the Practice :

- To develop communication skills of the students
- To critically evaluate ideas and to draw logical conclusions on the topic assigned
- To demonstrate the ability to effectively present own views on the topic to an audience.
- To learn effective organization of Ideas

The Context: Expressing one’s views before a audience play a vital role for imparting confidence in the students. Sometimes students are not able to express themselves in spite of the good knowledge of the subject. The ability to progress in the working world is very difficult without communication skills. Speech anxiety is the most common fear among the students everywhere. The students should sharpen their public speaking skills as it can have an enormous impact on the students’ career path and level of success in life. In this context, the University provides an opportunity in the form of ‘ROSTRUM’ to its students to improve their communication skills/public speaking.

The Practice: The ‘ROSTRUM’ competition has been organized in three stages. The stage –I is organized at Hostel/University teaching departments level. The stage –II of the competition is at inter-hostel/faculty level and finally stage-III is organized at University level. The topics for three stages of the competition are provided separately and same are uploaded on University website. The winners of first stage will compete at stage-II and winners of stage-III compete in the final stage III of the competition at University level. The prizes are distributed to the winners by the Vice-Chancellor in a function organized for this purpose.

Evidence of Success: Over the years, the Rostrum competition has generated lot of interest amongst the students and faculty. During this session, 656 students have participated in the competition and 283 were declared as winners at different levels. The competition was attended by 3080 students. An amount of Rs. 3,42,551/- was disbursed to the winners of Stage – I, II and III along with the certificates.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required: There was no major problem encountered. More efforts incentives are required to encourage more students to participate in the competition.

Best Practice-II

Title of the Practice:

Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) for expeditious utilization of grants under RUSA

Objectives of the Practice:

- To ensure professional support to the RUSA Mission Authority in terms of monitoring flow of funds.
- To provide efficient managerial support to the RUSA project.
- To implement RUSA 2.0 and subsequent projects of RUSA seamlessly.

The Context:

Kurukshetra University was selected as one of 10 state Universities of the country to receive a grant of Rs. 100 crores under RUSA 2.0 by MHRD, Govt. of India. MHRD recommended the formation of SPV, a non-profit entity, for the expeditious utilization of grants received under RUSA 2.0 project. It has recommended the formation of SPV either as section 8 company or Society's/trust Acts. Accordingly, the University has formed "Kurukshetra University RUSA Project Society" under the scheme of SPV.

The Practice:

"Kurukshetra University RUSA Project Society" has been formed with office of the Vice-Chancellor, Kurukshetra University as its address. The byelaws of the society have been framed. The society consists of founder members, ordinary members, honorary members. A Project Steering Committee has been constituted for the proper implementation of RUSA 2.0 project. All the proposals submitted under RUSA 2.0 are scrutinized by PSC and forwarded to the

President, Board of Governors for approval. This process has avoided the bureaucratic delays for the proposals under RUSA 2.0. Thus SPV is useful in implementing the RUSA 2.0 project seamlessly.

Evidence of success:

“Kurukshetra University RUSA Project Society” has initiated many activities in the campus including construction of building of the research centre, upgradation of existing laboratories in the departments etc. Five research centres in the field of material research, applied biology, earthquake studies, research on Saraswati river and IT & automation are in the process of development. The ERP solution for the e-governance for all the activities of the University has also started. Also work on centres like incubation centre, corporate resource centre, centre for entrepreneurship, centre for continuing education, centre for skill development, centre for IT and automation is under progress. An amount of Rs. 3.22 crores has been disbursed through online transfer during the session 2019-20. The SPV developed at Kurukshetra University is found to be useful for the implementation of RUSA 2.0 project seamlessly.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required: There was no major problem encountered. However, the progress was bit slowed down due to COVID-19.