



POORNAPRAJNA COLLEGE, UDUPI

Institutional Best Practices

Skill Development through Outreach Programs

1. Title of the Practice

Infusing a sense of responsibility, inculcating skill development and inducing sensitivity among students towards the society through outreach programs

2. Objectives of the practice

The purpose of education is not only to benefit oneself but to spread that knowledge and help the society grow. It encourages students to deepen their understanding of leadership, social responsibility and thereby lending a helping hand and serving the society unconditionally.

3. The Context

Besides imparting knowledge, our institution focuses on instilling ethical and moral values in students which helps them develop a positive character, respect, kindness and humility which is very essential in the world today. Outreach programs provide a platform for students to interact and communicate with the

outside world and thereby act as a catalyst in developing the society.

4. The Practice

- Students are provided with opportunities to develop their skills and practical knowledge about research activities by encouraging them conduct surveys
- Providing students with the experience of being teachers by making them explain various experiments, mathematical concepts, astronomical aspects, applications of telescopes, importance of English literature and grammar to high school and PU students
- Encouraging students to express their views and opinions on social issues and creating awareness among young minds
- To make students sensitive to environmental issues through beach cleaning
- Inducing sensitivity among students through blood donation

5. Evidence of Success

- Our students have conducted nearly 22 outreach programs in the year 2021-2022. This has benefited both the students of our institute as well as others. These activities train our students to develop their communication and presentation skills.
- Students learnt to conduct survey of different kinds of street vendors in Udupi, organized the program successfully by demonstrating their leadership qualities
- Several institutions and organizations have been benefitted by the outreach programs which includes teaching of various subjects, languages, awareness of social and health issues and cleanliness drive

- Students created awareness on the adverse effects of social media on youngsters and the harmful effects of plastic products.
- NCC cadets cleaned Malpe beach on 28th December, 2021 and NSS students participated in beach cleaning on 27th August, 2022
- A blood donation camp was organized by NCC on 28th November, 2021 and 34 units of blood was donated.
- Students of Rovers and Rangers assisted the health workers at the Covid (Swab) Test Service Camp from 2-2-22 to 8-2-22
- NSS Volunteers joined hands with Forest Department to plant saplings to improve mangrove forests

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

- The time set aside for these activities doesn't match with the course curriculum, making it difficult to implement the same
- Associations and clubs don't have the provision of funds from state govt. hence are not able to contribute to the society to the fullest

7. Notes (Optional)

The service and contributions of our students to the society and other institutions through these outreach programs has always been highly appreciated. We are constantly approached by other institutions and organizations to disseminate knowledge and skills that we possess.

Skill Training

1. Title of the Practice

Commitments for excellence in everything we do, by transferring this belief to our students, continually striving to reach optimal performance, and to create an environment that fosters creative leadership

2. Objectives of the practice

Our institution aims at the all-round development and overall productivity and performance of students by increasing their level of awareness and skills in one or more areas of expertise. This is achieved by skill training programs and certificate courses.

3. The Context

The institution believes in gifting the society youngsters who are complete in all aspects by imparting in them the skill, competence and confidence required to bring about awareness in varied fields

4. The Practice

- The institute provides opportunities to students to improve their employability skills through banking classes, training for competitive examinations and certificate courses conducted by all the departments
- The certificate course offered by Bajaj Finserv is a self-development training program where students evaluation is done on the basis of mock interview enabling them to have an exposure to the real-world interview and suggesting them ideas for their improvement
- The department of commerce and management in association with the Udupi Branch of SIRC of ICAI trains CA aspirants for CA foundation examination

- Various training programs are arranged to enable students improve their knowledge about facing interviews, group discussions and career opportunities

5. Evidence of Success

- 34 students have been certified by Bajaj Finserv
- 15 students have enrolled for the CA foundation course
- 30 Certificate courses have been offered in the academic year 2021-22
- All the students enroll for certificate courses of their interest irrespective of their streams, learning a new subject and exploring the unknown, enabling them to widen their knowledge in the said field
- Students are guided and mentored to hone their skills and traits and groomed to face the world before them confidently
- 57 students have enrolled for banking classes and efficiently faced competitive examinations.
- Most of the students have experienced job interviews and have been successfully placed in reputed companies.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

- The existing system restricts us to devote enough time to add-on and certificate courses along with EC & CC activities

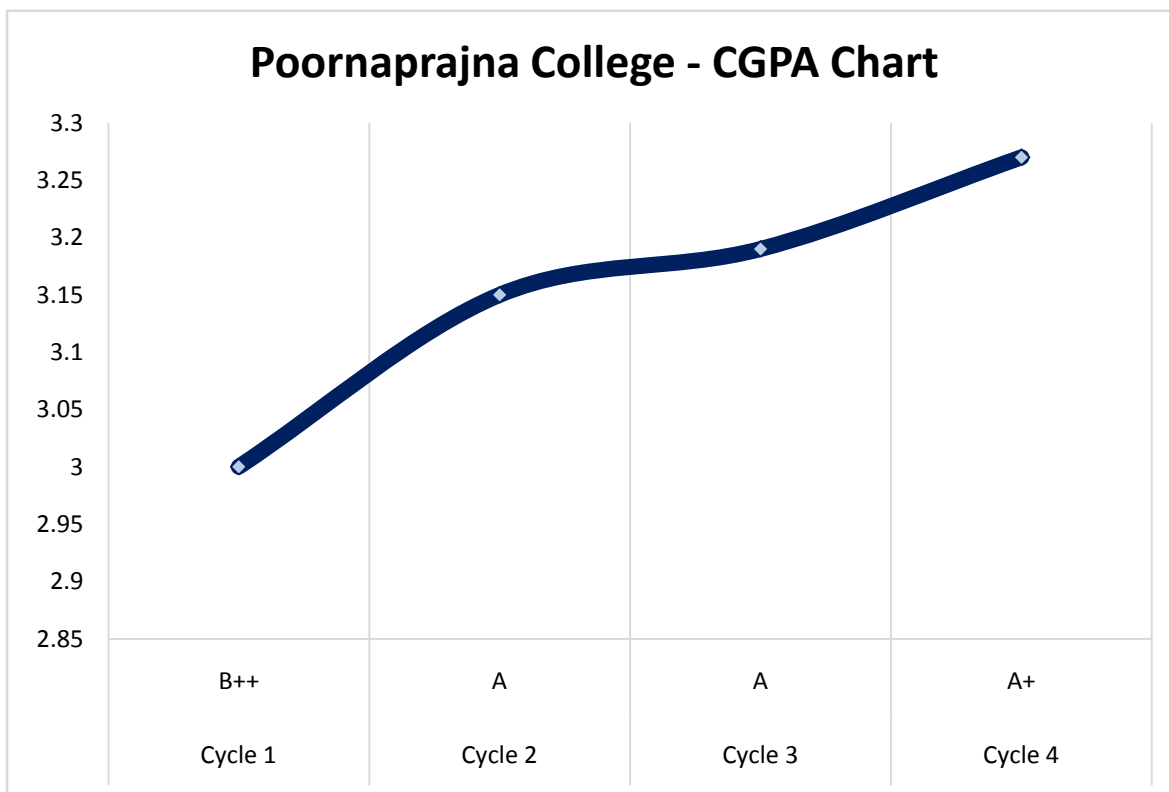
7. Notes (Optional)

This practice is followed under the guidance and supervision of the IQAC as well as the governing council and management. It ensures that we keep improving and updating ourselves to be at par with the competitive world

7.3.1 Institutional Distinctiveness

The distinctiveness of our institute lies in the fact that ours is the only undergraduate college in the coastal belt of Karnataka to have been accredited with A + grade. The reason being our continuous growth and progression in all the aspects an institute needs to focus on. Firstly, our college is strategically located, providing all required facilities to attract a great number of students. Secondly, we have good and well-maintained infrastructure. Thirdly, the education, discipline and values we instill in our students has resulted in their holistic development and has fulfilled the vision of our college. Our students have shown great participation in all areas and achieved success and appreciation be it academics, sports, cultural events, NSS, NCC and EC & CC activities. Needless to mention the efforts of committed faculty members as well as the management whose support is unconditional.

UPWARD TRAJECTORY OF OUR INSTITUTION



The efforts that led to A+ Grade are:

The college hosts students from various districts of the state and many of these students are females. Gender equity is ensured on campus along with an atmosphere of cultural and regional inclusiveness to facilitate education of the students from the various regions

The college offers student-centric education with appropriate pedagogy for arts, commerce, science streams that encompasses learning through participation, experiments, and collaboration. Science Departments make use of experiential and participative learning. Problem-solving method is used by the Department of Commerce, Mathematics and Statistics. Plant collection, Sky watch, Vermiculture, Old age home visits etc. are conducted by various departments. Participative learning like internships, field trips, case studies and role-plays are facilitated. Science students are trained to take up research projects and a few students get selected for summer research projects.

Institution has created an ecosystem for innovations and has initiatives for creation and transfer of knowledge

Democracy is practiced along with decentralization giving an opportunity to stakeholders to voice their opinions in the various decision- making processes, adhering to rules and taking up various duties and responsibilities of execution. Due to decentralization and participative management many events are conducted successfully.