

Best Practices

BEST PRACTISE 1 – International Journal SSR of April 2017.

Best Practice in the College in Research Initiatives

1. Title of the Practice

“International Journal of Research ISSN 2231-6124”

2. Objectives of the Practice:

To encourage researchers, scholars, academicians, professionals, practitioners etc.

To share their innovative research idea, research experience.

3. The Context

Rizvi Education Society was founded by Dr. Akhtar Hasan Rizvi in the year 1982; who set his heart on the realization of the dream “The establishment of a Mini University” catering to diverse educational interests and aspirations. Our college was established in the year 1985-86.

Our college publishes the blind peer reviewed indexed research journal "International Journal of Research" with ISSN 2231-6124 since December, 2011. The journal is published biannually, and is multilingual in nature. The journal is committed to publish high-quality research papers that provide relevant insight into topics of current relevance based on genuine research papers, conceptual articles, and case studies supported by primary/secondary sources. It is a journal of credible repute with strives to implement unique style.

4. The Practice:

1. The publications are invited on the topics having substantial interdisciplinary content both from national and international level.
2. Submission of a Paper/Manuscript should be original which has not been published, accepted or is under review elsewhere in any other journal or magazines.
3. Information on the pattern of submission of Manuscript is available in the “Guidelines for Contributors”.
4. The Editors reserve the right to accept/reject any Manuscript if found not suitable for publication.
5. Research papers/articles are always put before the Editorial board. Selected papers are edited for grammar and spelling errors. The content of the journal is proofread many times and then the journal is sent for printing. The DTP of the journal is done. Each paper has to go through the Plagiarism test. Only those papers who pass through this test are sent for review for different editors. Before printing and after DTP the full content of the journal is proofread. Correspondence and proof for corrections are sent to the first author; only after the final proof and corrections from the respective author the articles are published.
6. Paid subscription (Annual, Lifetime, and Institutional) by each author is compulsory.

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9. The journal is publicized in various conferences and workshops, Teachers group, LinkedIn and also various other platforms for wide awareness.

Details of Publishers and Editors

Rizvi Education Society's Rizvi College of Arts, Science and Commerce

Chief Patron:-Dr. Akhtar Hasan Rizvi (President Rizvi Education Society)

Adv. Mrs.Rubina Akhtar Hasan Rizvi (Director of Rizvi Education Society)

Editor in Chief:-Dr.Ashfaq Khan

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To maintain good quality of papers it was required to add editors from institutes of high rank from all over India and world.

Editorial Board: - 36 Scholars who are Directors, Principals, Chairpersons, Former Deans of various Colleges of University and different cities and states.

5. Evidence of Success

1. Our Journal was listed in UGC (Journal No. 63072, Serial no. -106) in the Multidisciplinary section.
2. It is also listed in the International Database of Scientific Journal of Research.
3. Journal's impact factor is improved year by year 3.508(2015), 4.011 (2016), 5.002(2017), 6.67(2018), 7.006(2019), 7.551(2022), 8.694(2022). Journal details are mentioned in the link <http://sjifactor.com/passport.php?id=19276> on their database.
4. Despite being a paid Journal, the number of researchers/authors/academicians subscribing to the journal has steadily increased vouching for the quality in research.
5. The abstracts of the journal is also uploaded on Google Scholar and are waitlisted to be indexed in US database EBSCO.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

1. The journal is published on a No Loss No Profit basis.

2. We are trying to enlist our journal in the UGC CARE list.
3. The primary hurdle has been funding. We intended our journal to be self-sufficient. The libraries of various institutions have been approached to subscribe the journal. It is extremely important to maintain the quality of the journal. Currently eight libraries have opted for lifetime subscription to our journal and around thirty have yearly subscription to it. We have crossed 300 subscriptions in five years. Our management also generously sponsors the printing cost which is the major cost of our journal. By subscribing to the publication, some of our alumni assisted us with the first edition. We have an exceptional and devoted journal committee that works tirelessly to ensure that our publication is flawless.

BEST PRACTISE 2 – Covid 19

1. Title of the Practice: Corona virus: How to help and give back.

“Help someone, not for the reward, but for the sake of changing a life”.

To help the society in times of social calamity, tragedy, or pandemic, the institution under our supervision organised vaccination drives and the distribution of medical kits, rations, and food in partnership with the Help Yourself Foundation.

2. Objectives of the Practice:

- ❖ To be of help to the society and develop critical thinking in situations like pandemic and disasters.
- ❖ To help our students to be more responsible citizens and to promote social learning among the students and faculties.
- ❖ To develop leadership, community and team building skills in students.
- ❖ To spread awareness for nurturing social responsibilities.
- ❖ To ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all.

3. The Context:

WHO had first declared COVID-19 as public health emergency and later a pandemic, a world crisis the likes of which hasn't been seen in 100 years. In most of the countries there was a national emergency and lockdown. There was a serious impact on the country's health and economy. Even in India, a complete Lockdown and later on partial lockdown by the Indian government to prevent rise of covid-19 has had a substantial impact on various sections of society.

Human beings are social species which require most satisfying environment with social relationship and physical well beings. But COVID - 19 pandemic has made life difficult for India's poorest, lower and middle-income groups that struggled for survival. The sudden change in their life-style along with the fear of COVID-19 created a discomfort in their life. The spread of disease was still major among poor communities, often living in crammed areas with very poor sanitation and using shared common facilities such as toilets and water points.

While government took steps to act swiftly, and decisively to control the spread, there was a need to assess people's life, especially those most vulnerable. While racing against the clock in a complex and uncertain environment there was requirement to address the well perspective in a holistic and integrated manner.

Many organizations, NGO's, social workers, professionals... helped those in need setting aside all differences & contributed to relief in terms of food, medicines & other essential materials needed for day-to-day life.

Our management believes in "Never be afraid of helping poor and needy people". During the time for teamwork, one of the best ways to be of service is to provide a touchstone for someone during this difficult time.

During a crisis, it is the good Samaritans who step forward and work tirelessly for the cause of the poor. The NGO Help Yourself Foundation is one such disguised angel. Rizvi Group established it as a charity commercial enterprise with the goal of assisting society. It is a Mumbai-based non-governmental organisation (NGO) registered under the Bombay Public Trust Act 1950, Reg. No.: F-75838 (M). The foundation seeks to improve society by assisting and providing solutions to numerous challenges encountered by children, women, and the elderly. They work to promote and enhance the social conditions of society on a large scale in order to make the world a better place for every suffering human being.

4. The Practice:

With the need for time in mind, our primary goal in life is to assist others. As a result, our Management extended assistance and prepared food for those in need. More than 5000 families received assistance with their basic requirements. Inspired by the management's action to assist others, the college's teaching and non-teaching personnel donated Rs. 2,00,034.00 (two lakh thirty four thousand) to the noble cause.

Teaching and non-teaching staff of the college, department of IQAC, NSS and NCC unit in collaboration with Rizvi Group's Help Yourself Foundation, and M.C.G.M. conducted the following activities successfully.

- I. **Free Mega Vaccine Drive:** The Free Mega Vaccination Drive was held (19 and 20, 26 and 27 June 2021) from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm for Covid-19 vaccine (Covishield) for policeman and their family members, media, especially abled and nuns from the missionaries. Municipal Corporate Mrs. Swapna Virendra Mahtre gave a surprise visit and encouraged the students for vaccination. Teaching and Non-teaching staff of the College, NSS, NCC students took active part in free mega vaccination drive.
- II. **Distribution of Medicine:** Due to unavailability of medicines and their high price there was a need of distribution of certain medicines. These medicines were made available at ease to the masses.

III. **Natural Disaster:**

In the month of July 2021 during massive flooding in the Chiplun and Mahad area in the Ratnagiri District of Maharashtra, 2 Lakh Doxycycline Tablets, 500 Ration kits containing 2 Kg Aata, 2 Kg Rice, 1 Kg Daal, 1 Kg Sugar, 1 L Cooking Oil, 1/4 Kg Tea Powder, 500 Daily Needs Kits containing 1 Chatai, 1 Blanket, 1 Dettol Soap, 1 Packet Candles, 1 Matchsticks Packet, 1 Kg Wheel Detergent, 1 Sanitizer Bottle (500 ml), 1 N95 Masks packet (10), 1 Packet Sanitary pad (20) and 1 Packet Band-aids (20) were donated to Mahad and Chiplun towards Konkan Flood Relief.

IV. **Cardiac Ambulance:** On the occasion of 3rd Edition of Saquib Rizvi Memorial Cancer Awareness Marathon (SRMCAM 2021 - Virtual Marathon) on 27th - 28th February 2021, our Management inaugurated and launched a fully equipped Cardiac Ambulance in the interest of needy people of the society.

V. **Medical Camp:** Sahara aur Saath a Free Medical Camp was held during 21st-24th March 2022. This camp was in association with Hope India, Brotherhood, Khidmat-e-Khalq and M.C.G.M. Dr. Bhavna Sharma and her team from M.C.G.M helped to carry out the drive successfully with the help of teaching and non-teaching staff and NSS/NCC volunteers. Following test were conducted in the camp Cataract, Eye checking and Spectacles, OPD, Pathology.

5. **Evidence of Success**

Throughout the pandemic our management and institution strived hard and utilized every opportunity to help the needy. While the impact of this help on the lives of those affected is immeasurable, for practical purpose we have the following record of the beneficiaries:

- For teachers and students the vaccination drive was not free but still 150 Students + 49 Teaching/Non-Teaching of our college got vaccinated.
- 289 Student + 90 Teaching/Non-Teaching staff of Rizvi education Society were vaccinated.
- For left out Students/ Staff free vaccination drive was held again on 30 Oct 2021, and again on 24 and 29 Jan. 2022 (242 students) and 12 Feb 2022 (198 students) were vaccinated.
- 500 POLICE family members + 180 Members of PRESS/Media and Nuns from missionaries were also amongst the beneficiaries.
- **Medicine: 2 lakhs Doxycycline tablets** were also provided.
- **Natural Disaster:** 500 ration kits and 500 daily kits were donated to **Mahad and Chiplun** towards **Konkan Flood Relief**.
- **Medical Camp:** 224 students from both Degree and Junior College took benefits of this Drive on the first day. Following are the beneficiaries for: Cataract -13, OPD – 351, Pathology – 177, Specks – 292

6. **Problems encounter**

- Economic crisis triggered by pandemic limited the donor's capacity and hence one major problem that we have encountered during this pandemic is funding crisis. So the management had to develop an appropriate plan of action and allocate their resources accordingly.

- As the novel corona virus was very infectious, being of help to others without getting infected ourselves was a major cause of concern. Shortage of volunteers, as everyone had fear and was worried about bringing the virus home and passing it on to their family members, elderly parents and new-borns etc.
- There was a shortage of personal protective equipment's like, masks, hand sanitizers, bleach, disinfecting wipes etc.
- The high share of population was unwilling to get vaccinated due to fear and negativity of many illogical belief and reasons. Uncertainty of vaccination and its side effects through various News channels. Lack of complete understanding of corona and its vaccine by the scientific community too, as there was different mutations for this virus that added fear and repelled a common man from vaccination.
- Social isolation was the one of the biggest mutual health challenge during covid-19.

We believe that while caught up in an unforeseen situation, we can together face the challenge and act in cooperation can assure overcoming the challenges. Our management believes that, a person has TWO hands, one for helping HIMSELF, the other for helping OTHERS. When we all help one another everybody wins.