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SANGAMESHWAR COLLEGE, SOLAPUR

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Best Practice 2: - ORGANIZING ENGLISH PROFICIENCY CONTEST

Objectives of the Practice:

- To increase the English proficiency of the students
- To make English language learning interesting
- To organize an extension activity

The Context:

English is an interdisciplinary subject. It is the language of opportunities. Learning it going beyond the text is the need of the hour. **Students learn when learning is a competition or a fun.** With this in mind, the institution has been organizing University level contest through the **Department of English** and its partner, Sarthi Sunday English Speakers Club.

The Practice:

The Department and the club took special efforts with the help of posters, pamphlets and the social media. The message contained the contest details, registration fee and the prizes. This inter collegiate contest attracted 19 institutions and 210 participants. It was held at the college on a non-working day. There were three eliminating rounds; Students had to appear for the written test first. This test covered questions on English Grammar, comprehension, critical thinking, etc. The students who qualified this test had to participate in Group Discussion which was an important tool for the selection of students for different jobs. Thus, students automatically got acquainted with Group Discussion skills. The final stage was personal interview where students were acquainted with interview skills. Sometimes, extempore speech competitions were also conducted providing students' lot of practice in speaking skills. The first three successful participants were given Cash Prizes, Certificates and Trophies.

The event is the most awaited event for the English language enthusiasts and students preparing for different competitive examinations. The prizes were distributed at the hands of an academician Dr. Deepak Nanaware. His words were inspirational to learn English enthusiastically.

Evidences of Success: No doubt these Tests have proved to be useful for students to train themselves in the proficiency of English and make them employable. The successful selections of the participants during the campus recruitment by the placement cell are the evidence of success.

Problems encountered and resources required:

The activity requires lot of infrastructural and human resource to conduct this activity. Approaching and motivating the participants consumes lot of time. Lot of paper work by the committed coordinator is also essential.