2020-2021 Best Practice (2) :

1. Title : Unity in Diversity in College Campus of DCPE

The Degree College of Physical Education under its mother institution is a national icon for unity in diversity among the aspirants of physical education in India. Unity can be defined as oneness. Diversity means differences. Unity in diversity is a long practice of the college since its establishment which refers to a wide range of students from different states of India, different caste and religions, social backgrounds, different spoken languages, different cultures, food habits and attire. Therefore, when we speak of unity in diversity we are referring to the oneness that exists among students of this college in spite of their differences in various aspects of their states. College has a pool of students both boys and girls from 23 different states of India. They live on the college campus through different hostel facilities, eat the same food as served to all other students of the college, and organize different sports, cultural and religious events together on campus. It represents the communal harmony and national integration perspective of the college.

2. Objectives of the Practice:

- 1. To conserve National Integration.
- 2. To support communal harmony.
- 3. To build morale among different students.
- 4. To instill a strong belief in one family and unity.
- 5. To create an atmosphere of working through adversity.
- 6. To constantly communicate the vision and mission of the organization.

3.Context:

College always looks forward to its diverse pool of students in terms of sociocultural, geo-political context to promote students activities through the student council. As entire country is governed by one single constitution, students from different states regardless of their age, gender, caste, religion, class lives and accomplish their studies on campus, this is only due to a binding forces like sports and games, teamwork, atmosphere in campus, their teachers, and coaches and one roof of mother institution. Religion tolerance is the unique feature of religions in India. The college guarantees the freedom of religions and religious practices. Moreover, there is no state religion and all religions have equal preference by states. In-spite of challenges posed by diversity, there can be no doubt on the role played by sociocultural diversity among the students in developing and sustaining the social and cultural aspects of the college. Problem is not the diversity among the students, but the handling of diversity to empower national values, and here institution and its values are acting as guiding principles to instil national values among diverse students.

4. Practice:

Degree College of Physical Education run by mother institution is a home for thousands of students both boys and girls from different states of India like Zarkhand, Bihar, Orisa, Nagaland, Manipur, Andaman & Nicobar Island, Madhyapradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Delhi, Punjab, Hariyana, Uttar Pradesh, Aasam, West Bengal, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh and Maharashtra. Every year thousands of students from different corners of country comes to this college for their undergraduate and postgraduate studies in physical education. They are having diversities like language, food habits, attires, religions and many more issues. But college keep them in one bond through formation of student council of these students .The role of student council is to propose fruitful student activities, events, and programs throughout a year on different state and national celebrations, its planning, participation and representation of students from different states, fund raising from students and staff members, and successful execution of events and programs through teamwork under working guidelines by college. Various sports, cultural, religious and spiritual events are organized throughout the year by students from different states. All these activities conducted by diverse students of this college put the college at reputation and national icon for communal harmony and national integration in the field of physical education and hence is a way-long practice of unity in diversity.

5. Evidence of success:

Success of the practice can be revealed from the following table.

Sr. No.	Name of Event	Organiser	Boys	Girls
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	S	ports Organisation		
1	Tsunami Cup	Andaman and Nicobar Island Students	330	90
2	LateToshi Memorial Volleyball Tournament	Nagaland Students	176	48
3	Rugby Tournament	J&K and Ladakh Students	380	100
4	KANGLEIPAK PUNBA CUP (Sepak Takraw Tournament)	Manipur Students	176	32
5	Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Kabaddi Chashak	Maharashtra Students	260	80
6	Earthquake Cup	Sikkim students	286	112
	Cu	ltural Organisation		
7	Vidyarthi Ganeshotsav	Maharashtra Students	200	90
8	Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti	Maharashtra Students	1300	900
9	Lohri	J&K, Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh Students	200	60
10	Bihu	Assam Students	640	280
11	Saraswati Pooja	Andaman and Nicobar Island, Jharkhand, Bihar, Tripura, West Bengal, Orrisa Students	420	180
12	Maha-Prasad(Bhandara)	Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh Students	360	150
13	Christmas Celebration	DCPE Christians Students	60	25
14	New Year Celebration	B.P.E.S. II	900	300
15	Janmashtami	B.P.E.S. III	900	300
16	Teachers day	M.P.Ed.	800	250
17	Late Jyotikant Memorial Handball Tournament	M.P.Ed.	106	58
18	Independent Cup	M.P.Ed.	252	96

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1	Tribute towards Founder Member Late Ambadaspant Vaidya	All state Students	130 Staff 38	120
2	Webinar on New Education Policy 2020	All state Students	1500 students in Virtual mode	57
3	Vocational courses at DCPE under NSQF	B.Voc, Mvoc students	15 students	15
4	Bhoomipujan of Tennis Court	Delhi, Haryana, Punjab students	10 staff 33 students	
5	Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti	Hostelized students of few states	20 staff 58 students	
6	Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti	Hostelized students of few states	22 staff 30 students	
7	Mahaparinirvana Day	Staff only	0 staff 26 students	
8	Marathi Language Day	Maharashtra students	350 staff 35 students	
9	71th Republic Day	All state students	100 staff 78 students	
10	Gandhiji's Thoughts	Maharashtra students	400 staff 65 students	
11	15th Maharashtra Sports Fitness and hip-hop championship	All state Girls		14
12	130th Birth Anniversary of Dr.Babasaheb Ambedkar	All state , All Courses Students	120 staff 76 students	
13	Sant Gadge Baba Birth Anniversary	All Staff members	Staff 21	

14	Saraswati Pooja	Andaman and Nicobar Island, Jharkhand, Bihar, Tripura, West Bengal, Orrisa Students	62 staff 12 students	
15	One Day Workshop on Yogic philosophy and Indian Society		819 students virtual	
16	National Air Pistol shooting championship New Delhi		01	
17	Blood Donation Camp	All State Students	20 staff 18, citizens 101 students	
18	Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Birth Anniversary	All State Students	22 staff 15 students	
19	7th Convocation Ceremony	All State Students	800 staff 61 students	
20	Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti	Maharashtra, Delhi,Haryana , MP, UP , Punjab Students	50 staff 16 students	
21	National Youth Day	All state Students	110 staff 57 students	
22	Mission Sahasi	All State Students	200 staff 13students	
23	7th International Yoga Day	All State Students	1600 staff 68 students	
24	Tree Plantation Program By NSS students		Staff 4	

*Students were present virtually for most of the listed events due to Covid-19 pandemic guidelines issued by the state and central government.

6.Problems Encountered and Resources required:

- Diversity in students from different parts of the country is not a problem , but handling it with careful tactics is a great effort to build unity in diversity.
- 1.Sometimes conflicts among inter-state students happening in campus places like hostel, mess, canteen, students gatherings etc has to be resolved very carefully and steps to be taken for not to happen next time.
- 2.Conflicts of students from states have sometimes external factors also, like marketplace conflicts that may lead to police enquiry and need proper handling.
- 3. Effective Handling of student differences from multiple states is a high-risk social and national responsibility.
- 4.Groups of students with diverse age groups, gender, class, religion have conflicts on issues like molestation that need proper investigations and confidentiality.
- 5.Principle guidelines, conflict resolution techniques, recreation of students, sports and game facilities, student gatherings, and good organizational communication are some of the best tools required to maintain unity in diversity in college campuses.