

SXCS/BP-11

Dissent and Discuss

1. Title of the Best Practice

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2. The Context

SXCS believes that every individual has the right to express his/her thoughts. The institution attempts to inculcate a sense of realisation of such rights through its academic and co-curricular activities. Various associations and clubs of the Institution and discussion forums of the departments encourage students to engage in critical thinking, participate in a healthy debate and dialogue and develop a commitment to a democratic way of life. The institution has made an expression of dissent and participation in dialogue as the core values of its holistic education.

3. Objectives of the Practice

Objectives of this practice are:

- To develop democratic thinking among students and teachers.
- To train students in reflective thinking.
- To inculcate the spirit of tolerance among students To provide expanded opportunities for all students equally

4. The Practice

- The college encourages students to organize debates on various topics of public importance
- Provide the students with a platform for discussion in the various fests, open mics, Comverse and Spotlight sessions conducted during the academic year.
- Inculcating the art of dissent in the students
- Organizing debates as part of classroom assignments and allotting marks for the same.

5. Advantages

- Enhances learning through interesting and interactive ways.
- Enables students to be more attentive and involved in discussions.
- Develops the rational and critical faculty of the students by striking a right balance between reactive and responsive modes of articulation.

6. Challenges

- To keep the mode of expression of dissent healthy and creative
- To ensure it is not directed at specific communities and does not personally offend individuals.

7. Evidences of Success

- Students have learnt to express their opinions while at the same time exercising their sensitivity towards various issues
- Students have visibility in various spoken and written public forums such as social media blogs, college fests, open mics, etc.

8. Resources Required

- Common spaces for hosting discussions and dissent
- Support in the form of media publicity for discussion forums