

Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur

BEST PRACTICES :

As a pioneering institution in the region of Udaipur, Rajasthan, MLSU is consistently involved in making significant contribution to not only the lives of students and its faculty members but also to that of the people located in this unique terrain with special emphasis on rural tribes that make Udaipur and its surroundings a distinct place. In this regard, the institute practices and promotes different kinds of activities in addition to regular modes of teaching and learning to tackle several issues. The idea is to inculcate innovative methods of learning that is interesting and widely profitable to society and environment in the long run.

MLSU takes special pride in its chief but not the only Best Practices that is firstly, of its efforts towards upliftment of the adopted tribal villages and secondly, its Yog-Arogya Centre which is one of its kind as an initiative by any educational institution in this region particularly. In the session 2019-20, under the aegis of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, the students and faculty visited the tribal villages and provided help and guidance with regard to a holistic life. Programs on gender sensitivity, clean and safe drinking water, legal aid etc. have been regularly organized. Employment is a key issue in rural regions. The Textile and Garment department has organized training programs on sewing skills and designing for inculcating employability skills among the rural population especially women. After the onset of the pandemic, the University organized several online activities related to mask preparation and awareness for Covid-19. The Yoga-Arogya Centre has been actively involved in dissemination of importance of Yoga and Vedic knowledge to infuse positivity in current lifestyle scenario. Prof. Neeraj Sharma has been at the forefront of this practice and continued his efforts through the online medium in post-Covid scenario.

Apart from this, the departments of Law and Botany run their own commendable best practices. The Law department ensures that timely legal advice and aid is provided to the local people. It always actively involves its students in these events. The faculty members and the students together visited the nearby rural areas and held several programs to educate the rural people about their legal rights and duties. The emphasis is also on environmental concerns and the law department richly contributes to the plantation programs and cleanliness drives. The Botany department also takes the lead in ensuring encouragement to environment conservation. It runs special skill-based courses in *Forest-Ecology, Biofertilizers, Nursery-Gardens and Green-House* so that students can find relevant and significant jobs in NGOs, industry, nurseries and gardens. In addition to this, the department also decided to introduce the prescribed minor research project in the III semester instead of IV as earlier to inculcate scientific temper among the students. At the end of one year, the students publish their findings through prestigious journals. The department has also named its several labs, seminar rooms etc. after the retired Professors in order to pay tribute to their contribution to the department.

MLSU aims to create a sense of social responsibility among its students. One important practice in this direction is regular organization of Blood Donation Camps in its various constituent colleges. The response each time is over-whelming not just from the students but

also the faculty members. Several local people also contribute to this noble cause in these regular events.