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Details of Student Centric Methods of Teaching

(Experiential Learning/Participative/Problem Solving Methodologies)

Introduction:

Department of English has introduced many innovative and Student Centric Methods of teaching particularly during the period of CORONA ON-LINE classes to reach the students and to motivate them to keep their interest in learning. They are successful and retained the students' interest in learning English. Of the many innovative practices of Department of English, Departmental Website launching can be considered as the best practice.

Departmental Websites:

Objectives -

- To make students use digital technologies in their day to day life.
- To make students adopt the increasing digital technologies.
- To motivate students to use of their smartphones for retrieving required information in their day to day life.
- To encourage students to use their smartphones for their development rather than for entertainment.

Context -

- Digitization, Digitalization and Digital transformation have been changing the world rapidly.
- COVID situation has pushed everyone into digital transformation.
- Students have first time used their smartphones for online classes and learnt how to use them for their academic activities.
- Both Government and Private sectors have increased their services online.
- If you are not aware of these developments it is equal to illiteracy.
- Hence it is equally important to literate our students in this digital world.
- Students are yet depending on computer service centres like Mee Seva for simple online transactions.
- They are not able to pay their examination fee online through their mobile phones particularly in rural areas.
- They are able to use their smartphones for social media.
- They are afraid of using their smartphones for any other purpose.
- So, there is a space for taking the students into the real digital world.

How long has been in process -

- We have started this process from COVID situation.
- Besides taking online classes through ZOOM, we found that there should be a mechanism to deliver study material to motivate the students.

- Whatsapp groups were not very effective as searching the required information has become very difficult for the students.
- So, we came up with an innovative idea of creating departmental websites where all the required information can be made available and students can access them whenever he/she needs.

Evidence of success -

- Department of English has created websites for each semester for delivering academic activities.
- **The list of the websites prepared for the academic year 2020-21:**
 - [1st Semester Website for 2020-21 Academic Year.](#)
 - [2nd Semester Website for 2020-21 Academic Year](#)
 - [3rd Semester Website for 2020-21 Academic Year](#)
 - [4th Semester Website for 2020-21 Academic Year](#)

Out Comes:

- The students are using these websites for accessing required information.
- They are also surfing the net for extra information.
- They are able to do the given assignments with the help of google.
- Number of students paying the fee online through their mobile phones has increased.
- They are able to browse internet for day to day news and updates.

Resources required:

- Creating website requires lot of patience.
- Lecturers have to digitize their study material systematically and upload them into their websites.
- Every lecturer should have his/her own system with internet facility.
- Students also should have a smart phone with internet facility.

Problems encountered

- Not many students have smartphones.
- Even the lecturers have not acquired laptops or desktops.
- But slowly these problems will be solved.