

BEST PRACTICE 2:

1. **Title of the practice:** Muller Model United Nations.
2. **Goal:** To provide a platform for the students,
 - a) To develop debating skills.
 - b) To widen their intellectual horizon.
 - c) To use this as a springboard to participate in the political process of the country.

3. **The Context:**

There are many intercollegiate competitions for students to exhibit their intellectual, literary and artistic skills. But, there are very few events which combine intellectual abilities, debating skills and participation in legislative process, which test the student's abilities. Muller Model United Nations is one such event which hopes to achieve all this and to provide an outlet for the students to speak forthrightly on topics of national and international relevance.

4. **The Practice:**

The Muller Model United Nations is a Mock United Nations Session that is conducted in Father Muller Medical College, Mangalore for a period of two days. This is an intercollegiate event open to all colleges of Mangalore. Topics of international importance are elaborately discussed and conclusions are logically drawn by participants who represent delegates of various countries. The two days of intense, nail biting debate is presided over by a Chair, Vice- Chair and a Rapporteur who ensure the topics proceed without any deviation. Conclusions drawn at the end of the deliberations are presented as a detailed draft. Participants are given awards such the 'Best delegate', 'Best crisis Manager' and 'Best speaker'.

The Muller Model United Nations has been conducted for last three consecutive years with many colleges across Mangalore enthusiastically participating in this battle of words. The event conducted on the 21st and 22nd of March 2014 had students from St. Aloysius Degree College, St. Agnes Degree College, SDM Law College, Kasturba Medical College and Fr Muller Medical College of Mangalore, fiercely debating on the topics 'Combating discrimination against sexual orientation' and 'Epidemic & Pandemic diseases and their mitigation'. The Muller Model United Nations conducted on the 27th and 28th of February, 2015 had students from St. Aloysius Degree College, SDM Law College, Kasturba Medical College and Fr Muller Medical College of Mangalore, dynamically discussing the topics 'The Millennium Development Goals' and 'Cyber Terrorism'. In the year 2016, the Muller Model United Nations was conducted on the 4th and 5th of March where Students from St. Aloysius Degree College, SDM Law College, National Institute of Technology Karnataka and Fr Muller Medical College of Mangalore, discussed in detail the topic 'Combating

terrorism with a special focus on the Syrian Crisis'. All three years had the delegates brilliantly speaking out their views on the topics.

5. Evidence of Success:

The Muller Model United Nations has always been a sought after event in Mangalore city, thus ensuring participation of approximately 50 students from Fr Muller Medical College and around 35 students on an average from other colleges. The increasing student attendance every year at the event testifies to its success.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

The first year that the idea was put forth, doubt of its success did persist till the event happened for real and proving all doubts wrong. As part of a very supportive management, the Muller Model United Nations team encountered no major problems in organizing the event thereafter in any aspect, be it finance or human.

7. Notes (Optional):

The Muller Model United Nations is an amazing channel that can be adopted by various institutes to develop the intellectual horizon and confidence in a student. Support of the Institute forms the foundation on which the whole event can be worked on.

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