

BEST PRACTICE - I

1. Title of the Practice:

Research Excellence of the College Students

2. Objective of the Practice:

The College encourages undergraduate students to participate and present research papers (co-authored with their faculty members acting as mentors) at the International and National conferences. Our students compete with the educators, researchers, and educational administrators of leading institutions, universities and research centers. The students from our College not only excel at these conferences, but also carry the institutions tag thereby bringing a good name to our institution. On some occasions the students have even won the Best Research Paper Awards which in itself speaks volumes in terms of quality of research produced by the young undergraduate students.

3. The Context:

The Implementation of this unique Practice is a part of making the students to work hard in their 5th and 6th Semester's compulsory project work/dissertation. Thus, instead of taking these projects lightly, these are made well researched papers with encouragement from the concerned teachers. Moreover, with Econometrics as a useful research tool already being taught to them as a compulsory/optional paper at the Undergraduate Level, it is not difficult to use and apply these skills in producing an excellent paper which matches the best of the research standards in the country.

4. The Practice:

The practice of making students work hard in publishing research papers also ensures that the students themselves actually present their research papers at the conferences. Students thus, not only get encouragement from college teachers but also are appreciated for their research work from other researchers who are presenting their papers at these conferences. The students share the same platform with other prominent researchers thus inculcating a sense of confidence and this unique experience helps them immensely in all walks of life.

5. Evidence of Success:

The encouragement provided to the college students to participate and present research papers at conferences and also publish high quality research papers (co-authored with their faculty members acting as mentors) has yielded fruitful results. During the academic session 2018-19; eight (8) research papers (with students as the co-authors) were published in peer reviewed/referred Journals. Some of these papers were indexed in Scopus, Web of Science or

managed to achieve 'C' ratings of the ABDC ranking of Australia. The list enclosed below follows the API format:

- a) Shahani, R., & Raghuvansi, K. (2019). Carbon Dioxide Emissions and Economic Growth: A Bivariate Co-integration Analysis for Two Emerging Markets of India and China. *Vision*. (<https://doi.org/10.1177/0972262919855806>).
- b) Shahani, R., Sarin, U., & Malhotra, M. (2019). An Empirical Investigation of the Inter-Linkages Between Different Indices of Multi Commodity Exchange of India. *The IUP Journal of Applied Economics*, XVIII (1), 51-65.
- c) Shahani, R., & Aayushi (2019). Exploring Dynamic Linkages between inward FDI and Economic Growth Jindal Journal of Business Research. *Jindal Journal of Business Research*. (<https://doi.org/10.1177%2F2278682119833194>)
- d) Shahani, R., Khera, G. (2018). Does Futures help in Price Discovery of Spot: An Empirical Analysis of the NSE Spot and Future Index of India. *Business Analyst*, 39(2), 89-107.
- e) Shahani, R., & Sharma, A. (2018). Comparative Analysis of the Seasonal Trends in India and other markets of the BRICS nations. *Effulgence*, XVI(1).
- f) Shahani, R., & Shubham, M. (2018). Did 'BREXIT' lead to a Structural Break in Stock Returns of select EU Countries: A time series econometric investigation. *IUP Journal of Financial Risk Management*, XV (2), 22-36.
- g) Shahani, R., & Rajkamal (2018). An empirical investigation of the inter-linkages between different segments of the financial markets using VAR Methodology. *HSB Research Review*, 13 (2).
- h) Shahani, R., Akriti, & Sharma, S. (2018). Financial Development and Economic Growth Nexus-Empirical Investigation of three South Asian Economies. *Pacific Business Research International*, 11 (2), 69-78.

One student of BBE (Rachna, Batch 016-19) won 2nd best overall award for co-authored research paper titled '*Non Linear Causality and asymmetries in Oil & Gold : An empirical investigation*' in the National Conference on Emerging Trends in Management Practices organized by Rukmini Devi Institute of Advanced Studies (a GGSIPU University affiliated Institution), Delhi on 11-12 April 2019. The paper has also been published in *Effulgence Journal*, Vol. 17(1) (<https://dx.doi.org/10.33601/effulgence.rdias/v17/iSpl2/2019/31-46>)

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

- a) Although, the students have received a lot of encouragement from the faculty, researchers and academicians for presenting papers at conference or writing papers in journals. However, there has been some hesitation on the part of organizers to include their papers for the conference or to include their papers under a different designation (not as a student researcher, but as a research scholar).
- b) There is a special provision from academic bodies like - UGC, ICSSR for funding the faculty and/or research scholars who wish to travel for presenting their research papers in India and even Outside India. But, this facility is not available to

undergraduate students who do not fall in either of the two categories viz. faculty or research scholar.

- c) The infrastructure requirement in colleges for students to conduct research needs to be greatly augmented to encourage research related activities. To this end, it is highly desirable that the colleges which want to promote research amongst students should have a dedicated research lab(s) with all latest softwares installed which is useful in research (e.g. EVIEWS, SPSS, Stata, AMOS etc.)

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