

1. Title of the practice: **Pongal Festival (Harvesting Festival)**
2. The context that required the initiation of the practice (100 – 120 words)

Most of the students comes from rural background. To inculcate the connection between the students and the society, their culture and also to thank Mother Nature for bestowing all the good things on the people, Pongal and other festival are celebrated.

3. Objectives of the practice (50 – 60 words)
 - To make students connected to their roots.
 - To preserve the ancient Indian culture.
 - To make the students aware of importance of nature and agriculture.
 - To bring the togetherness atmosphere among the students.
 - To make the students aware of animals like cattle and other domesticated ones which plays an important part in agriculture and everyday life.

4. The Practice (250 – 300 words)

Students of every department form a committee among themselves and planning a programme with the support of faculties. Pongal a sweet dish is cooked in the open ground and a part of it is offered to Mother Nature and shared with fellow students and teachers. This is a way of thanking the nature for providing food to all living things. Because of this activity, togetherness is created irrespective of caste, creed and religion. Friendly competitions are also conducted.

5. Obstacles faced if any and strategies adopted to overcome them (150 – 200 words)

- A one day classes are cancelled for this activity and those hours are compensated with another working day.
- Fire stones and Woods requirements. It is managed through local sources and pruned twigs available as a waste within the campus.

6. Impact of the practice (100 – 120 words)

- Students relate themselves to their culture and roots
- Students are getting experience in organizing an event
- A sense of togetherness is achieved
- Students are highly enthusiastic and motivated
- Depression is relieved and feel relaxed and self-pride among the students is noted.
- Students share the Pongal dish with various departments and an integration is achieved.

7. Resources required

Manpower, Money, Stones, Firewoods

These things were managed through donations from crowd funding, local resources and wastes inside the campus.

8. About the Institution:

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