

Best Practice — 01

Title: Lecture Series on Nobel Prize Winning Topics.

Objectives:

1. Creating awareness about the contribution of winners of Nobel Prize and other Awards of national and international importance.
2. To create awareness about contemporary research and innovations.
3. To develop a sense of appreciation among students.
4. To motivate students to excel in their field of specialization and interest.
5. To open up areas where students can contribute for the welfare of the society.

The Context:

Most of the Nobel prizes and awards of international level have been received by individuals, groups and institutions from developed countries. Given the talent pool of India, there is a dire need to nurture the young to contribute something unique to the society. Celebrating the Nobel awardees is a small step in the nation-building exercise.

The Practice:

The departments organise seminars, lectures and competitions such as quiz, debate, and essay writing to the students. The nodal department, for example Physics arranges lectures and conduct competitions on Nobel Prize winner in Physics. The invitation is extended to all the departments. The interested students register themselves for the programme. The competitions and lectures are held on a stipulated date. It provides an opportunity to students to know the contribution of these stalwarts.

Evidence of Success:

Many students have shown keen interest in the programmes and competitions. Slowly, the culture is being formed to be inquisitive.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

As it is the new initiative, the initial hiccup of visualising the process was felt. Motivating the student body to participate was a challenge. The faculty members are well-equipped to handle this initiative.