

Best Practice 1: VGDC_Library: e-Learning Portal

Objectives:

- To provide remote learning access to students.
- To overcome challenges faced during lockdown and disruption to offline classes.
- To provide access to numerous e-resources to students.

Context:

In the context of COVID-19 pandemic, teaching learning process has been adversely hampered. In order to empower the students and to provide reliable access to knowledge, the Department of Library sciences has designed VGDC_Library: e-Learning Portal.

About the Practice:

Dr. P. Anuradha, Incharge of the Department of Library sciences, initiated the concept of the portal. In this portal, subject wise e-journals, e-books, e-dictionaries, e-encyclopedias, employment newspaper, e-resources for competitive examinations, e-magazines, college newsletters, news clippings, e-atlases, etc. were made available. This initiative enabled the students through remote learning process. In addition, access to different e-learning platforms such as Sodhsindhu, virtual labs, swayam, swayam prabha, NPTEL, etc. is provided in the portal. As the portal has free access to all, it is helpful to not only our students but also other aspiring students from diverse backgrounds.

Providing access to knowledge resources in electronic formats is a prerequisite for moulding youngsters who are well versed with electronic gadgets. This also helps to facelift the image of our college from being a brick and mortar building to a virtual knowledge disseminator.

The VGDC_Library: e-learning portal can be accessed using the link : <https://sites.google.com/view/vgdclibrarye-learningportal/home>

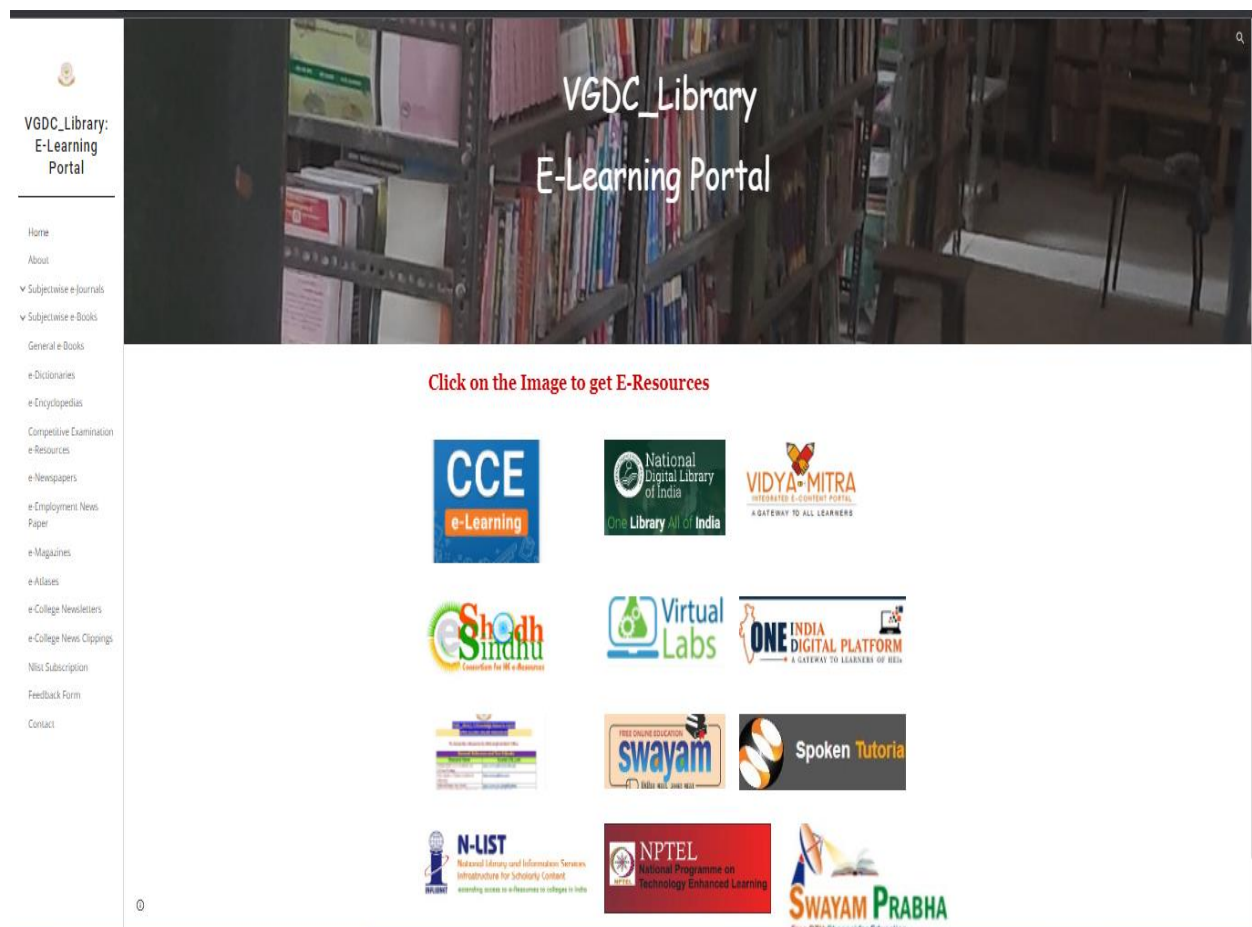
Evidences of success:

The portal became an instant hit among the students. This innovative idea is a first of its kind, ever implemented by an educational institution in the region. Students found this portal to be very helpful as it can be accessed through their smartphones. This portal helped in overcoming the shortage of physical infrastructure in arranging library resources.


Challenges:

Although the portal was effective in fulfilling its objectives, there are certain lacunae in its execution. Firstly, the quantum of e-resources made available to students is limited in terms of curricular content. Most of the resources are of general knowledge based. Secondly, access to steady internet connection for students is another challenge.

However, in the coming days, the portal will be revamped and access to diverse resources will be provided through digitalisation of content.



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Best Practice 2: SAVE TO SERVE

Objectives:

- To support the nearby downtrodden and homeless financially
- To inculcate social service among the students

Context:

Our Venkatagiri region consists of numerous economically weaker section families. Some of such families drop their children from schooling to support the parents financially by working. Though the governments of the centre and state are doing their lot for them, the poor still can't make their both ends meet. The economics department, in this context, has come up with a scheme of Save to Serve an initiative through which the staff and students contribute some amount on monthly basis and utilize it for the nearby needy children

About the Practice:

This program is a voluntary student saving program which helps to save one rupee a day. We provide a "Cash Box" with a lock and protection. On the last week of every month, we open the box under supervision of our principal and hand over the cash to the custodian. We set up a committee which takes full responsibility of the program and the committee is constituted with 5 students and 2 lecturers. The Chair-person of the program is the principal.

COMMITTEE:

CHAIR PERSON: Dr. K.ARUNA KUMAR, Principal.

MEMBERS: 1. Mr. P. HANUMANTHARAO, Lecturer in Economics.
 2. Mr. G.YUGANDHAR, Lecturer in Political Science.

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5. Treasurer : VENKATARAMANAMMA.

Evidence of Success: They are able to collect rs15000/- so far. A book and stationery donation programme was conducted on 13/12/2021.

Problems Encountered and Resources required: We haven't yet faced any problems. We need more funds not just from the students and staff but also from the haves of the vicinity. We will soon plan such fund raising initiatives.

Note: This practice is yet to spread its full wings as it is still in the initial phase. Hope we can reach greater goals.

