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Title of the Practice:

Facilitating rural students in pursuing Professional Education through CET Workshops

Goal:

Anekant Institute of Management Studies is a student centric Institute. Since inception the Institute has taken enormous efforts to bring the rural and downtrodden classes in mainstay of education. Conducting CET workshops at UG colleges in the vicinity of Baramati is one of such initiatives to support rural students to pursue professional programme like MBA.

Objectives:

1. To create awareness of Management Studies CET schedule and syllabus scheme in UG students.
2. To enhance general aptitude of aspirants required to crack CET.
3. To provide personalised assistance for solving the doubts and queries of students.
4. To create and offer study centre facilities and study material to rural students.

The Context:

Due to many reasons, rural students are devoid of information pertaining to higher education opportunities and procedure to seek professional carrier. Many students are left out from admission procedure due to lack of timely information about CET examinations. Also, during our interaction with UG students we observed that they have phobia about CET examinations.

The Practice:

The Institute has identified the concern of student's fraternity and has come out with unique 'CET Workshop Series' program conducted at UG colleges in the vicinity of Baramati. These workshops are strategically planned and approval is taken with tentative schedule and budgetary provision from the Management. The workshop schedule is confirmed in consultation with the Principal or HOD of UG colleges. The workshop is conducted at the premises of UG colleges on self-finance basis. Institute has created separate study centre facilities at Institute with required study material for interested students.

Evidence of Success:

The success of this activity is evident through the feedback received from participants of workshop. In the last five years, number of students appearing for the CET examination from Baramati vicinity has increased tremendously. More than 1200 students have benefitted from these workshops.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

Convincing the Principals and HoD's of UG colleges for such workshops and making provision of time in their busy schedule was a major problem we faced in initial years. Off late due to the word of mouth by existing beneficiary and the quality of sessions delivered during the workshops, CET workshop series has become so popular in students fraternity that it has resulted in more demand of such workshops from UG College authorities.

