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Key Aspects	Assessment Indicators
<b>1.Mentoring:</b> This program was introduced in the college with the following aspirations:	i.This program has been useful in helping students particularly the de-motivated ones, to change their lackadaisal attitudes towards their academic pursuits. Development of self- esteem and
i.To encourage mentee in his/her academic & personal growth.	confidence level have been observed among such students.
ii.To retain students by meaningful involvement.	ii The dropout rate in the college in the past two years was only 0.04%. Improvement in class attendance particularly in the case of students
iii. To encourage increased participation in co- curricular activities.	having high rate of erstwhile absenteeism.
iv. To pave the way for better understanding of themselves vis-à-vis their society to enable	iii. Students now have greater involvement in co- curricular activities of the college.
them to cope with life after their graduation.	iv. Helped students to make informed choices in later stages.
<ul><li>v. To discover new options and opportunities.</li><li>vi. To set goals for the future.</li></ul>	vi. Helped strengthen teacher-student relationship and established better communication.
The Practice:	Feedback from parents and students regarding this program have been very encouraging.
* Faculty members were divided into 11 groups to mentor 11 sections of the college. Saturdays and free days were engaged for mentoring. This sessions lasts for five months. Mentor sheets are maintained to record all aspects of the mentee-academic co-curricular personal, financial psychological/emotional etc. Mentor report is prepared and submitted to the co-ordinator of the program for follow- up. The Student Counselling Centre of the college works in tandem with this program. In cases of drugs or alcohol abuse, there is an understanding with Kripa Foundation for assistance. *Students desirous of entering service are	Although this program is relatively a new one and still in an experimental stage the practice has yielded almost immediate results and with continued improvement and refinement it can easily qualify as the best practice with value impact on the lives of both students and teachers and on the teaching/learning process of the institute.

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encouraged to enroll in the college's Coaching	
Centre. Others having other aspirations are	
referred to the Career Guidance and	
Placement Cell for advise and Guidance.	
2. Inter-Departmental Seminar	
Inter-Departmental Seminars in the college was	Research practice in the college is in an initial
ntroduced with the following aspirations:	stage; however the initiative taken has shown visible results. Nearly all teachers have already one
i.To make faculty as well as students more	research work to their credit, some of which are
research oriented.	published in the college Journal. Further, quite a
	few of the teachers are registered as PhD scholars.
ii. To join the knowledge race since acquiring	Students are taught the basics of doing research
thorough knowledge is also the power of teaching.	by holding class room seminars.
iii. To organize Seminars/Workshops/Conferences	i.The Research Cell of the college proposes to have
to create a platform for sharing research works.	a one day seminar on Research Process with
	special reference to Citation and Project Proposals
iv. Create new knowledge base in various	in October of this year.
fields/subjects which may help in administrative	
and developmental works, provide database which	ii. Each faculty is compulsorily to write one
can be helpful in formulating Government and	academically inclined research paper to
policies, help in assessment of social, political,	contribute to the college journal Impressions.
economic status/disparities of our state etc.	
	iii. The Research Cell proposes to take up a minor
The Context	project under UGC and encourage individual
	teachers to take up the same.
Quality has become the buzz word for defining	
education today. One of the ways in which	iv. Initiative are being made presently to make the
institutions of higher education can meet the	college Journal available online also to assess its
challenges it poses is through research based	impact factor.
knowledge. Research work carried out by the	
academia is a prime source of knowledge and	The greatest challenge which was to remove
hence it must be made a part of the education	intellectual indifference and fogginess has been
system.	achieved. The languid atmosphere has now given
The present system of imparting education to	way to something more promising and
under graduates in Nagaland is chiefly to transfer	intellectually fruitful.
established text based knowledge and	
information. The biggest challenge of Kohima	
College was that most of the faculty were also indifferent towards research and lacked	
experience in conducting seminars and conferences etc.	

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## The Practice

Having realized that research is a fundamental of both teachers and students, Kohima College has made a humble attempt to create a research atmosphere in the college beginning first with the teachers.

i.Beginning from April 2014, every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month is slotted for holding interdepartmental seminars in which one department is expected to present at least two papers in topics deemed relevant to all other departments. So far five departments have conducted their seminars.