FIRST BEST PRACTICE

1. **Title of the Practice:**

Submission of Evaluated answer scripts within 15 days of completion of examination

(Nagaland University though The Academic Council AC:26:11:13 dated 18th December, 2018 has decided that Evaluated answer scripts need to be submitted within 15 days of completion of examination. Departments are expected to submit the mark books and evaluated answer scripts to the Examination Department within 15 days from the last date of examination)

2. **Objectives of the Practice:**
   - This practice is proposed for early declaration of results
   - Early declaration of results would enable the students to plan and prepare for their next semester.
   - Also for outgoing students, it helps the students to apply for admission to different programme in other institute for further higher studies.
   - It helps the students to apply for different jobs, fellowship etc.

3. **TheContext**

Early declaration of results helps the student to plan for the next semester. Earlier students took admission into the next semester without knowing their results and thus participation of the students in the class was not spontaneous. Further, since students need to select choice based elective courses, early declaration of results helps a student to choose the right kind of elective papers.

4. **ThePractice**

To achieve the early declaration of results, departments are asked to submit the evaluated answer scripts within 15 days from the last date of examination. Once the answer scripts are evaluated, mark books and evaluated answer scripts are submitted to examination section by the head of the department. This is possible because evaluation system has become internalized.

The Examination Department prepares PG results using Examination Automation Software and accordingly notify the results which are verified by the concerned Heads and Deans. The mark statements continue to be issued from the Examination Department for each semester. The declaration of results is also shared through Whatsapp group among the university fraternity.

5. **EvidenceofSuccess**

This practice has been very successful in Nagaland University.

   - All the academic departments could get their results ready for declaration within the stipulated time.

- Improved coordination between the Academic Departments and Examination Department.
- Reduction in errors, less complaints and instant corrections are done whenever required.
- Satisfaction on the part of students as stakeholders.
- Department declare error free results.

6. **Problems**

As such there is no particular problem are encountered. However, during odd semesterexamination, exams are normally held till $15^{th}/16^{th}$ of December and university vacation starts from 20th December, it causes some inconvenience to the teachers.

SECOND BEST PRACTICE

1.Title of the Practice:

The library provides remote access to e-resources for all its faculty, staff and students.

2. Objectives of the Practice:

- To provide easy access to e-resources provided by the library.
- To provide a single sign-on access to these subscribed e-resources around the clock.

3. The Context

In the past, students had no option to get access to these e-resources due to the limited IP address access. This rendered the low usage of e-resources since it is only accessible within the University campuses. However, providing remote access to e-resources help the students complete the assignment on time and prepare well for their internal and external examinations.

4. The Practice

The University Library subscribes to various e-resources. The University also gets access toreputed e-resources through the e-ShodhSindhu and the DeLCON DBT consortium. The remote campus access service is provided to the faculty members and registration for the students is conducted at the beginning of the new academic year to provide seamless access to these scholarly e-resources from outside the University campus. A username and password have been provided to all the faculty members, registered students and staff to access the e-resources 24/7 through Shibboleth. The Shibboleth is a single sign-on log-in system for users to connect to particular publishers or e-resources using the Internet. It allows users to sign in using just one identity to various systems run by different e-resources providers.

5. Evidence of Success

This practice has been very successful at Nagaland University.

- Most of the reputed publishers such as Taylor & Francis, Emerald, IEEE, Sage, etc., are successfully integrated into the remote access portal.

- Aggregators such as JSTOR, EBSCO, etc. are included in the remote access portal.

- Bibliographic and citation database like Web of Science (WoS) is successfully integrated intothe remote access portal

6. Problems

Publishers or aggregators or e-resources vendors who cannot supportthe Shibboleth identity authentication systemcannot be incorporated.