

7.2.1. Describe one best practice successfully implemented by the Institution as per NAAC format provided in the Manual.

1. Title of the Practice: Opportunities for learning beyond class room.
2. Objectives of the Practice: To encourage young scholars to develop skills to prepare, present, defend and publish their research before the wider scientific community.
3. The Context: It is mandatory for the students at IIPS to prepare a research paper and/or dissertation on a topic of their choice and present and defend the same before larger audience.
4. The Practice: Students enrolled at IIPS has to expand their horizon of thinking and knowledge; write a research paper/dissertation; present and defend the same; publish research papers; visit other institutions; attend guest lectures, seminar series, memorial lectures, and other commemorative events; organize/facilitate academic events; present their papers in international/national conferences/seminars; undergo internship.
5. Evidence of Success: During 2021-22, **IIPS students have published ____ research papers** in peer reviewed journals; attended international/national conferences; absorbed in research organisations, universities/colleges, NGOs/donor organisations; and occupied key positions in national/international organizations. All these were possible due to their training at IIPS.
6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required: The problems encountered by IIPS are: faculty strength has not increased commensurate to the increase in number of students; and deficiency in its physical infrastructure. These two are immediate requirements.
7. Notes (Optional): IIPS provides excellent research environment which enables the students to publish in peer reviewed journals and excel in their careers. The practices followed at IIPS may be replicated in other Institutions.