

OPEN FORUM : PLATFORM FOR STUDENTS STUDENT RESPONSES - SY B.Ed. 2020-21 SAH

OPEN FORUM

The Open Forum stands for an asynchronous and synchronous mode of platform for sharing of views, suggestions, and ideas. It is based on 3D – Democratic, Decentralized and Dialogue-based. There is an orientation to the process of the open forum and the code of conduct.

The asynchronous mode is through google form and synchronous mode is through open classroom or virtual classroom. For the asynchronous way, at the start of the month, a google form was sent to the students for any observations, comments, suggestions, and grievances to be added as and when the students would like to voice themselves. The suggestions are the addressed in the open forum and if need be, even before that. In the face-to-face mode the open forum, responses are discussed and there is a dialogue stating what can and cannot be done, a collaborative solution is sought. There is a slot in the timetable for every month for open forum where the written responses are discussed and students are encouraged to add any other comment or observation not sent earlier. A student representative from the student council is involved along with the faculty coordinator of the Open Forum.

Features of Open Forum

1. The student can express their grievances, suggestions, and ideas in a democratic way.
2. The student connects to the Institute directly through mail or by presenting their views in the physical or in the on-line mode.
3. The student has a right to be heard in a democratic environment, wherein there are students, teachers, Principal, and student council representatives.
4. The Open Forum assures a patient listening, and can help students to vent out their observations, appreciations, comments, and grievances.
5. The students' expectations and demands are heard and resolves within the limitations of University of Mumbai Regulations and the College Policies.

Objectives of an Open Forum

1. To provide a democratic platform for each student to voice their observations, suggestions, comments, and grievances.
2. To address the concerns of the students, deliberate, address the issues and redress the concerns wherever possible.
3. To support the students during their B.Ed. Program in their academic, co-curricular and professional growth aspects.
4. To exhibit a solidarity and partnership with the student community.
5. To express appreciation along with grievances and suggestions, so as to promote a positive environment.

The Open Forum during the pandemic became a link between the students and the principal, teachers to have a common communication mode. The need of students to

communicate for their emotional support during the uncertain and volatile times of the year was observed.

Amendments:

1. The Open Forum google form allowed the option for the students to be anonymous, but it had to be amended in a unanimous way for more accountability to the comments and observations.
2. The comments, observations, grievances were to be conveyed under proper theme heading.
3. The Code of Conduct was reiterated to the students.

RESPONSE TO THE OPEN FORUM

Open Forum Table: Theme based Summary –

Observations, Suggestions and Comments

1. Internal Assessment Feedback

- a. Feedback for internal assessment and assignment – A more detailed and directional feedback for internal assessment and assignment.
- b. More time for completion of Assignment. Assignments in different courses to be spaced out through the month.

2. Online classes during the pandemic

- a. Screen time increased during the lockdown and online classes, difficulty with the digital data and network.
- b. Recorded lessons to be allowed for all the lessons and live school lessons an option.
- c. During pandemic strain and stress increased on academic, co-curricular aspects. There was emotional and financial tension. Home environment was not conducive for online classes.
- d. Long college hours in timetable to be reduced.
- e. Avoiding unmarked tasks and assignments esp during online mode.
- f. Reduce any extra activities beyond the timetable, more time for self study.

3. Student Health and well being:

A little more sympathetic attitude from the college is expected during the online mode

I have only one suggestion please if possible keep the lecture time only upto 1 as I have to balance the household chores and my classes and moreover after lunch it is sometimes difficult to concentrate in the online mode.

I have only one concern for this month as most students are appearing for CTET . It could have been great if two days were provided for studying. Keeping an assignment submission and Internship a day before the CTET exam is difficult for me. Thank you.

Redressal and Action Taken Report

- a. The Time table was modified with reduced timings, lesser activities beyond syllabus were conducted. Submission time for internship files were extended. Feedback was more elaborate.
- b. Counsellor was available everyday and more so on specific allotted days too.
- c. Gap time was given during peak internship time esp. experiential lessons.

Testimonial

*This month(November) was well planned and organised, appropriate spacing between submissions and few days off was a breather. I appreciate efforts of teachers and student council to make it happen. It will be helpful if December could be the same, with less unmarked work and good spacing.
(Time Table of December as evidence)*

Thank you very much for the adjustment of time table and properly spacing out things thoughtfully.

*Timetable- In this month TT was well paced. Thank so much for not keeping any assignment submissions as there were lot of other activities like internship and campus placements going on simultaneously. Internship- First week of February was quite hectic that is why I would really like to appreciate a gap of one week that was given in between. It helped to reduce the pressure on us. Special Thanks to internship coordinators for being so considerate.
Deep appreciation for the time table incharges, for taking into consideration the week break for internship lessons and the change in timings of lectures*

The teachers are taking a lot of efforts for making this online experience a good experience for us and also taking efforts to teach.

I really appreciate the efforts taken by Internship coordinators for conducting alumni co-teaching lessons. It was very useful. 2. Instructions were very clear while orienting Internship and community work. 3. The SAP activity was done in the start of the month which is appreciable.

Appreciation by the students :

Testimonial

Counselling: SXIE has arranged for a very good counsellor. Dr. Shahana is great and very comfortable to talk to. Prompt arrangements for urgent one-to-one counselling session with counsellor was done by teacher incharge, Principal ma'am. Highly appreciated. Thankyou.

GRATITUDE FOR ORGANIZING GAMES With so much stress from the past few months it was nice of the Student Council members and staff to organize games. It was refreshing, competitive, hilarious and a great bonding experience with a lot of sportsmanship. It was a good way to connect with everyone. The SC members too had a lot of work with organizing the online games so I am extremely grateful for their hardwork.

Appreciate the notes provided by the teachers. The Open Book Class Tests were also well conducted.

Class tests: the questions were very well set and were interesting to answer. Enjoyed answering them.

Hello, this is regarding the class test. (1) The class test was conducted very well, the paper was given little early was very beneficial as we could read and understand the questions without wasting our writing timing. Overall it was a great experience. Thanks to all the concerned teachers and exam coordinators.

Campus placements- 1. Pre-campus mock interview helped in preparation. That guidance was valuable. 2. Campus placement coordinators are working very hard for us. I would like to thank both of them for being so patient with us. Even in this difficult situation of pandemic we are getting chance to present ourselves. I hope that we will still get some more schools on campus. Also I would appreciate if we come to know exact no. of vacancies available at a particular school.

All Programs have been conducted well. Internship, AR, placement, lectures and tests/ assignments have been well planned and executed. Very much all teachers efforts.

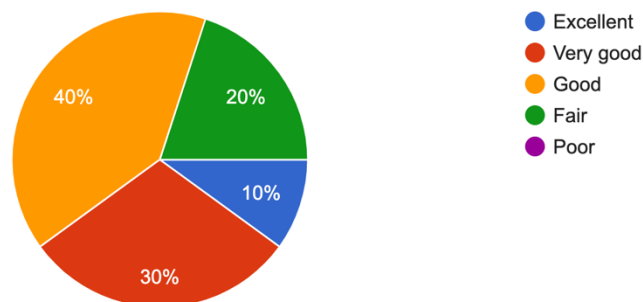
Community Work: I would like to thank the teachers in charge and esp. faculty in charge for my group who was the centre in charge for guiding us at every step and for motivating us to do our best.

NEP INPUT Appreciating the efforts taken by teachers to give an effective input on NEP. It was really helpful to understand various new aspects given in the policy. Thankyou teachers!

Library session: It was good to know our librarian is being so helpful even in these times.

Rate the conduct of the management of the Open Forum Meeting held on 25th Jan 2021 and the resulting action taken on the concerns.

10 responses



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