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Best Practices 2020-21

1. Title of the Practice

Online Vishwavidyalaya Entrance Test (VET) and Vishwavidyalaya Research Entrance Test (VRET).

2. Objectives of the Practice

Looking into pandemic situation, the university decided to conduct Entrance Exam for admission to various programs (barring professional courses in Engineering) online amid COVID 19 protocols.

3. The Context

Conducting entrance exam online required proctored software to fill form, pay entrance exam fee, download admit card, conduct exam, declare merit, document verification, course fee payment etc., in integrated system.

4. The Practice

The university decided to procure the service of an agency for conduct of online entrance exam in a very short duration, with floating of tender, functionalities verification, tailored modification, software testing, user training etc. which were conducted in a very short duration. Mock sessions for appearing candidates were conducted. The online entrance was first of its kind.

5. Evidence of Success

University conducted Vishwavidyalaya Entrance Test (VET) for admission to UG & PG programs and Vishwavidyalaya Research Entrance Test (VRET) for admission to Ph.D. programs online using services of the proctored software. About 17000 students registered for admission to 3335 seats of VET and 450 seats of VRET. The process, conducted online, resulted in remarkable success.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

Bridging the gap between the stakeholder's requirement and the service providers software development teams was a challenge. There were some issues in implementation and resistance to change.