

Metric No.	Key Indicator - 7.2 Best Practices
7.2.1 Q ₁ M	<p>Provide the weblink on the Institutional website regarding the Best practices as per the prescribed format of NAAC:</p> <p>Provide web link to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best practices in the Institutional website • Any other relevant information

Title: Indian Geographical Society Talent Test for Young Geographers

Objectives: The primary objective of the Indian Geographical Society (IGS) Talent Test for Young Geographers is to provide students with a platform to assess and apply the knowledge acquired during their undergraduate (UG) and postgraduate (PG) programs in Geography. By participating in this test, students can prepare themselves for State Level and National Level competitive examinations.

Context: Since its inception in 2011, the Indian Geographical Society has been conducting the State-wide Talent Test for Young Geographers exclusively for final-year UG and PG students enrolled in Geography Departments across Tamil Nadu. The Department of Geography takes immense pride in facilitating student participation in this test. This initiative serves as an opportunity for students to engage with their peers, evaluate their geographical knowledge, and bolster their confidence to tackle various competitive exams.

Winners of the talent test receive prestigious cash prizes, while all participants are granted participation certificates. This state-level competition not only enables students to gauge their own proficiency but also equips them to confront future competitive examinations with enhanced assurance. The Talent Test acts as a vital stepping stone for young geographers.

Evidence of Success: The Talent Test provides participants with valuable participation certificates, which acknowledge their involvement and commitment to geographical studies. Additionally, the results of the test offer participants insights into their knowledge levels, thereby empowering them to identify areas for improvement and further enhancement.

Challenges and Resources: Thus far, the initiative has not encountered any significant challenges. To facilitate online administration in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, participants are required to have access to mobile phones to partake in the test. This adaptability underscores the commitment of the Department to providing seamless learning experiences, even in challenging circumstances.

Notes (Optional): The Department of Geography consistently extends the opportunity for its students to take part in the IGS Talent Test each year. This initiative demonstrates the Department's on-going dedication to nurturing and evaluating the geographical expertise of its students.