Best Practice II

1. **Title of the Practice:** Cognitive Exchange-CE (International Collaboration with CE, California)

2. **Objectives of the Practice:**

   (1) The objective of CE is to help students to enhance key life skills like communication, organization, and leadership

   (2) Enable free and critical thinking in the minds of the future citizens through education in speech and debate

   (3) Be the incubator and enabler to help students enhance key life skills like communication, critical thinking, civic awareness, and leadership beyond the academic curriculum.

3. **Goals:** Primary goal of Cognitive Exchange is to help the future citizens of the world to enhance critical and analytical thinking and their ability to influence their ecosystem through public speaking.

4. **The Context:** Cognitive Exchange is a California based organization on the goal of helping students in underserved or impoverished regions learn skills not taught in their countries (such as public speaking, critical thinking, and debating). It promotes free and independent thinking in the minds of the future citizens of the world, through education, speech and debate.

5. **The Practice:** In Cognitive Exchange program, a US based NGO provides a trainer or mentor. This mentor trains our students weekly on following four modules:

   a. Basic Speech
   b. Advanced Speech
   c. Basic Debate
   d. Advanced Debate

   For conducting these sessions college has well equipped separate lab. Students are trained in a batches. Training includes interactive sessions. They are assessed by US mentor. After successful completion of final assessment, students are rewarded with certificates of module completion. Our students gained lot of confidence through this training.

6. **Evidence of Success:** PDEA's College of Engineering's first batch of 22 students received certificate for first Stage of assessment on **Basic Speech**

7. **Problems Encountered and Resources Required:** Not yet encountered. We are planning for battery backup for lab in case of emergency.