## 7.2.1 TWO BEST INSTITUTIONAL PRACTICES of SOPHIA SMT MANORAMADEVI SOMANI COLLEGE, MUMBAI

The two best practices are as follows:

- 1. Excellent Industry-Institute interface
- 2. Strong mentorship system.

Personnel from the Hospitality industry regularly visit the Hospitality Studies (HAFT) department to conduct special workshops, demonstrations, lectures etc. or as invitees for various events. Due to the excellent relationships our departments share with their respective industries, the industrial training of HAFT students can be done in top hotels of the city. Top hotel groups visit our institution for the recruitment of our graduating students of the HAFT department.

As far as mentorship is concerned, every student is known by name by the staff. In the HAFT department there is a class teacher for every class, and each student also has a mentor teacher. During their industrial training, each student is assigned a mentor teacher. Students in need of financial help are identified by the faculty of the department and referred to our Principal and they are provided with scholarships / financial aid. The College also has a counselor; it has a Dean of Students who coordinates student extra-curricular activities and is available to students in case of need. The College follows an open door policy and students can also approach the Vice-Principal and Principal.