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BEST PRACTICES

Title of the Practice

1- ENVIRONMENT-FRIENDLY CAMPUS

Objectives: To create a learning conducting atmosphere that empowers students to emerge as crusaders of sustainable living understanding their responsibility towards ecological diversity and inculcate in them a sense of environmental mindfulness through teaching and social activities.

To promote awareness about environmental issues among the students, staff and society

To achieve better sustainability in the campus and improve the quality of life of all the stakeholders

To encourage and inculcate, the environmentally sustainable practices among students in their social world.

To implement 3 'R' (Reduce/Reuse/Recycle) policy on the campus

To support and implement "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan" for healthy India

To organize seminars/workshops etc. on environment-related issues.

The Context: It is universally acknowledged that environmental sustainability is one of the major concerns today. Besides the pursuit of academic excellence, societal and academic reforms are meant to motivate students so that they are able to develop themselves into educated men and women, ready to carve a niche for themselves in society. Keeping the growing ecological concerns in mind, there is a dire need for immediate action to be carried out and promote eco-friendly practices. The college firmly believes that, when it comes to environmental conservation, awareness must be followed by sustainable practices. The rural village region and green landscaping of college are the necessary features for shaping and



sustaining an eco-friendly campus. College has taken the responsibility to nurture and care for the environment and integrate environment-friendly practices with the teaching-learning process.

The Practice: Environment-Friendly Campus Policy was devised to serve as a guiding light for the staff and students to promote an on-campus lifestyle that preserves and protects the environment. The college has developed beautiful campus with Lawns. Signboards/posters are displayed on the college campus for encouraging ideas of plastic-free campus, noise pollution, and environmental awareness. The college organizes seminars/workshops etc. on environment-related issues. LED bulbs are installed in the college buildings to save electricity. Cautionary notes in the washrooms prompt the students to report leaking taps or faucets. Students are promoted to bring lunchbox from home in health perspective and to reduce plastic rappers of chips, biscuits. Cautionary notes are placed in every classroom and staffroom to switch off unused lights and fans.

College promotes the idea of harmonious living with nature. There are varieties of plants that especially attract butterflies and birds to the campus. Most of the students in the college commute by the bicycle or on foot, College provide free parking facility to the bicycle riders. Cycle races are organised to promote the culture of fuel free transportation. Waste management: All plastic, glass, paper, electronic wastes and recyclable waste on campus is mindfully segregated and disposed of accordingly. Paper-saving practices such as retaining e-copies of teaching plans, salary slips, and examination details have reduced the quantum of paper used on campus. Various departments conduct its internal examinations, assignments, and class test in e-mode through Google form.

Evidence of Success:

Through periodical tree plantations, Flora and Fauna on the campus has enriched, which has turned into eco-friendly campus.

Students have become mindful of the environment, and they enthusiastically participate in activities that help sustain the planet.

There is a reduction in the amount of paper used.



More than 80% students use bicycle to reach the college. Few students switch to electric Scootty.

Faculty members have started to work in e mode to reduce paper waste.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required

Green Campus initiatives are challenging so it requires determination and a long-term assurance from all the stakeholders.

2. Green Campus initiative is rather expensive practice. It needs an expert advice and investment of resources.

3. Sufficient manpower to maintain them.

4. Less awareness of students and community towards environmental issues.

A complete ban on the usage of plastic and paper on campus is challenging.

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2 - FOSTERING SOCIAL SENSITIVITY AND A SPIRIT OF COLLECTIVISM

Objectives: To inculcate the necessary skills to direct social action and cultivate a spirit of social responsibility to bring about transformation in society.

Sensitize students to the need of the community, so that they become enthusiastic agents in rendering selfless service to the nation/state, especially in challenging times.

To distil students to constructively support and have unified collaboration with the community.

The Context: The students are the backbone of our society. Youth have a greater responsibility to the nation as future leaders and change agents. The college understands this noble responsibility and puts all efforts to cultivate a community of proactive students equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to effect positive change in society. Its



mission is to nurture girls and boys to become responsible citizens of the nation. Various Programs and activities are introduced and activate by the college for students' learning so that they get involved in community issues, develop compassion for others, and offer hands of support to the needy.

The Practice: The college strives to foster an educated community of accountable citizens equipped with the required skills that may inculcate the spirit to promote the progress of the nation as a whole.

The college conducts sessions related to value education and socially relevant themes. These efforts enable students to understand pertinent issues of society and prepare them to generate a positive transformation.

Students of NSS, and Rovers & Rangers regularly visited the homes of needy people in selected work areas of neighbouring villages, in order to sensitize them to the problems and concerns of the underprivileged. This also instils spirit of social harmony and collectivism among students.

Blood donation camps, talks, and awareness programs on organ/ eye donation are organized.

Regular rallies, door-to-door campaigns, short films, and street plays through the village are also the part of the community welfare measures undertaken by NSS and Rovers & Rangers with the purpose to inform and sensitize the locals on socially relevant issues.

All the staff members contributed one day salary in PM care relief fund for COVID-19 pandemic.

NSS and Rovers & Rangers celebrate various national and international days to create awareness and share social responsibility.

In order to sensitize people towards the problem of pollution and environment protection cleanliness/plastic collection drives are regularly organized in the vicinity and nearby Ganga Ghats.

The college was at front row in tackling the COVID-19 Pandemic:

NSS and Rovers & Rangers students distributed gamchha, mask and hand gloves to the needy during COVID-19 pandemic.



COVID-19 awareness videos were also uploaded on the College Facebook page.

The students of the college participated in various COVID-19 related awareness activities, including making videos and sharing COVID-19 awareness videos on social media, donating face masks, downloading the ArogyaSethu Application, and educating the general public on the use of the application.

Evidence of Success: The administration, Non-Governmental Organizations and the people in general appreciated the social service undertaken by the students and staff of the college.

The local residents of neighbouring villages benefitted from the awareness campaign and other welfare measures taken by the college.

A donation of substantial amount for Covid-19 PM care fund given by the college staff.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required: Undertaking large-scale programs is not feasible due to lecture schedules, continuous academic activities, and financial constraints.

Due to the strong influence of the virtual world, technology, and social media, students are not always receptive to social causes, making it challenging to foster a public spirit.

