

Two Institutional Best Practices

Title of the Practice: Environment Consciousness Activities Environmental Consciousness has become the need of the hour and sensitization of diverse sections of the society towards it is needed today perhaps more than ever in history of civilization It is a major challenge to life on this planet. .

1. Objectives: • To sensitize students and the neighbourhood community towards environment protection and sustainability • To ensure clean and green campus acting as microcosm for the community • To spread awareness against and suggest solutions for environment pollution

2. Context: Environmental pollution including water pollution, air pollution and noise pollution has increased considerably in past fifty years or so and it has crossed the borders of metropolitans to reach rural areas even. It has also become an uphill task to deal with and safely dispose off the different types of wastes, like liquid waste, solid waste and e-waste. Understanding its responsibility towards the society and the world in general, it works to achieve these objectives.

3. The Practice: The institution tries to minimize environmental pollution by adopting different strategies. It maintains a pollution free campus as plastic and polythene use is widely discouraged. Effort is made on paperless working as much as possible. Safe disposal of Solid waste is achieved through the municipal corporation of the city. Water conservation is ensured by setting up rain harvesting system. Composting pits have been dug beyond college playground to dispose off leaves and other plant remains. Burning of leaves is prohibited in the campus. Efforts are made to generate minimum e-waste and the policy of reuse is adopted at all levels. Activities focusing on student sensitization about Environment Conservation are regularly held both in and outside the campus, with the involvement of neighbourhood community as well. These include poster making, slogan writing and debate and declamation contests on environmental protection, plantation drives, rallies and marches, nukkadnatak and community interaction programmes. These activities remain on the priority lists of institutional bodies such as NCC and NSS units.

Outcome: The College has a beautiful green pollution free campus having a variety of medicinal, flowering and fruiting plants and trees. The college also has a flowering plants nursery of its own. The clean campus stands as an example for neighbouring institution and local community.

2. Title of the Practice: Focus on Education for Women. Women form half of the mankind but educating women is educating the entire mankind. Realising the value of women education, the institution makes particular efforts for education of girls students.

2. Objectives of the Practice: • To ensure employment oriented education for girl students • To equip them with theoretical knowledge and practical skills in their areas of studies • To inculcate employability and entrepreneurial skill in them • To make them economically independent

Context: The college is a co-educational institution. All the academic programmes offered by the institution are co-educational by nature and lead to promotion of education for women in the region.

The Practice: The institution offers various academic programmes to its students who are enrolled without any gender bias. The institution ensures a comfortable and congenial atmosphere for its girls students so as to arm them with knowledge and skill, and inculcate in them a sense of safety and self-confidence. To

promote women education special efforts are made by the college which includes provision of scholarships and concessions, adjustable time-table, gender equity, provision of special physical facilities for girls like separate washrooms, common room, safety measures like CCTV surveillance in campus. For the all-round development of their personality, the institution ensures participation of girls students in co-curricular activities at all levels. Girl students also form an integral part of the NSS and NCC. Outcomes: The success of this practice is evident from the large number of girls opting the college as their place of studies.