

## 7.2 Best Practices

7.2.1 Describe two best practices successfully implemented by the Institution as per NAAC format provided in the Manual.

Answer: Best Practices of the Institution

### BEST PRACTICES

For any higher educational institution, Best Practices not only cultivate good habits but also give valuable contributions to the society. Best Practices encourage the institution to utilize its resources to the maximum to bring best out of it. In our college, both teachers and students participate in implementing the Best Practices to make them more effective.

As our college has been located amidst lush green surroundings, it has motivated us to sustain natural vegetation by protecting it from hazardous non-biodegradables. As Indian Education aims at cultivating 'human values' and 'critical thinking' - to which NEP-2020 has clear sanction- our institution aspires to inculcate them in its Best Practices.

In our curricular and co-curricular practices, we emphasize and foster 'critical pedagogy', eco-sensitivity, universal values, emancipation of women and marginalized, community responsibility, gender equity, developing skills, consciousness of Rights and Duties, preservation of culture etc. and they have been intertwined in our Best Practices.

#### Two Best Practices of our college:

##### Best Practice I

- **Title of the practice:** *Plastic Free Campus*
- **Objectives of the Practice:**

- To motivate students to adopt eco-friendly practice in their life.
- To encourage students to carry reusable shopping bags (made out of clothes etc.) and to give up the single use plastic bags, materials, bottles, flags, ropes etc. which are made out of plastic.
- To make college campus plastic free and free of environmental pollution.
- To motivate agriculturists to safe-guard their cultivating land from plastic.

- **The context:**

- As our college has been surrounded by greenary, our sincere concern is to protect it from non-biodegradable materials.
- The entire campus is declared 'plastic free zone' by the college authority in order to promote the use of biodegradable materials.
- The students and staff have planted several tree samplings during various 'tree plantation Programmes' like *vanamahotsava* etc. and it has been maintained by both students and staff.

- **The Practice:**

- Having learnt about the initiative taken by the institution of making 'Plastic Free Campus' students and staff of the college willingly participate in the programmes. On special occasions like Gandhi Jayanthi, Independence Day, Republic day and on regular and special programmes of NSS and Scouts and Guides students and teachers take voluntary initiative to collect and dispose plastic and trashes in and outside the college campus.
- As use of plastic damages the natural fertility of the soil, the call for making 'Plastic Free Campus' has environmental and agricultural importance.
- It is our firm belief that in due course we achieve most of our set goals.

- **Evidence of success:**

- NSS, Rangers and Rovers, Eco-club and most of the forums of the college have actively participated in promoting and actualizing this best practice.
- To a great extent we have reduced heaping up of plastic waste and trashes.

- Extensive use of glass and 1 tumblers to drink water and carry water.
- Sustained lush green grass and planted medicinal plants, fruit bearing trees etc. around the campus.
- Reduced the plastic pollution in the campus.

- **Problems encountered and Resource required:**

- Initial set back in using non-plastic (bio-degradable) carry bags and water bottles.
- Discouragement from visitors and public by using/throwing plastic materials in and around the campus.
- Procuring non- plastic dust bins and banners and Eco-friendly stationaries and materials for the office use.

## **Best Practice II**

- **Title of the practice: *No Vehicle Day***

- **Objectives of the Practice:**

- To motivate students to adopt eco-friendly practices in their life.
- To cultivate practice of saving fuel and non-renewable resources.
- To encourage students and teachers to use public transport, bicycles and to walk on foot.
- To reduce air pollution and sound pollution.
- To convey benefits of walking and cycling in keeping sound mind and body.

- **The context:**

- As our college has been surrounded by forest, our sincere concern is to protect it from excess of air pollution in the immediate future.

- As education must foster practices of saving energy and promote projects of using renewable resources we have decided that at least once in a month (first working day of the month) practicing no vehicle day.

To raise environmental sensitivity and awareness among students and staff about the vehicular pollution.

To create awareness about global warming caused by fossil fuel burning and its impact on Indian economy.

To encourage for using the bicycles and public transportation system in reducing the carbon footprints.

- On the scheduled day students and staff use either public vehicles or walk on their foot to come to college to give message to the public that we are standing for the cause of environment.

- **The Practice:**

- Having learnt about the 'No Vehicle Day' (first working day of the month) an initiative is taken by the students and staff of the college to willingly participate in the programme. On the scheduled day many students and staff use public transport and walk on their foot to come to college.

- Car pooling is allowed on that day for those who do not have public transportation facility but vehicle parking is not allowed around the college campus (parking minimum 200mts away from college).

- **Evidence of success:**

-Except physically challenged students all students and staff participate in this Best Practice on the first working day of the month.

-Students and staff enjoy using the bicycles and having a walk to come to the college.

-As many students and staff go to bus stand on the scheduled day it also becomes a public awareness programme on environmental awareness.

-Practice of car-pooling has been encouraged to a great extent. On the scheduled day as walking has been made mandatory (no parking around campus) for minimum 200 meters and many prefer walking from home it is health rewarding and creating public awareness.

- Except on heavy rainy days, since past five years this practice has been consistently practiced in the college.

• **Problems encountered and Resource required:**

- Initial set back due to vehicle inconveniences and topographical reasons to use bicycles.

- As Koppa bus stand is not in a walkable distance and as buses occasionally got over crowded some students and staff to some extent get discouraged.

- We are happy to convey the fact that 'No Vehicle Day' best practice requires no resource but a willing mind to save resource.

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