

## 7.2. Best Practices

### # Best Practice 1

#### 1. Title of the Practice

**‘Clean Campus Clean Self. Green Campus Green Mind’**

#### 2. Objectives of the Practice

A traditional saying goes like this: “Cleanliness is next to Godliness.” Hence is the need for keeping the institutional environment clean. A clean environment means piling of lesser amount of garbage and timely cleaning of the surrounding that leads to a better growth of greenery around the campus. The cleaning of the campus thus results in the growth of a physically sound and mentally energetic generation of human beings among students and other stakeholders of the College. If practised by the students and other stakeholders of this institution, the habit of cleaning the campus will inculcate among them an environmental awareness and will develop as a good habit that will continue even after they leave the campus and thus it will ultimately lead to a betterment of the world through the clean selves and green minds of the budding young generation.

#### 3. The Context

In contemporary world the rapid urbanization and economic globalization leads to speedy extinction of greenery. The receding Nature is taking away all the biodiversity with her. This dire situation calls for the reduction of the use of plastics and fumes of motor vehicles. All these issues are continuously challenging the environment of our Mother Earth. Moreover, the constant piling up of garbage within and outside the college premises may lead to the growth and transmission of infectious diseases. All these problems were addressed through the drive of **‘Clean Campus Clean Self, Green Campus Green Minds’** that the college administration has undertaken.

#### **4. The Practice**

The college administration has installed multiple waste-bins at different corners of the college so that no garbage is thrown here and there in the college campus and its surroundings. With the help of the students of NSS, the college administration cleans the entire college campus on weekly basis. This practice of cleaning the campus initiated by the college complements the National mission of 'Swaccha Bharat' run by the Govt. of India throughout the country and thus it contributes to the greater National drive towards cleanliness. The college emphasizes on the issues of Environment and Sustainability in the present college curriculum. The syllabi of Botany, Zoology, and Geography focus on climate change and environmental issues. Apart from the above curricular drives the institution conducts regular seminars, sensitization programmes and special lectures on these issues through the various bodies particularly assigned for the same. The UG Part-III students have to study a full paper along with a project on Environmental Studies. Implantation of saplings is done on various occasions throughout the year. The NSS wing of the institution propagates the motto of 'Clean Campus Clean Self, Green Campus Green Minds' among the staff and students.

#### **5. Evidence of Success**

The College has succeeded in keeping its campus clean and green. At the same time initiative has been taken to make the campus free of plastics and fumes of vehicles by promoting the use of bicycles. The installing of water purifiers at different corners of the college campus could be counted as a part of this drive as well, because the availability of pure drinking water wards off water-borne infections. The results indicate the growth of personal cleanliness and environmental awareness among the staff and students of the institution.

#### **6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required**

The college initially needed to campaign among its staff and students to inculcate awareness regarding cleanliness. Later it took initiative to construct cycle stands and install waste-bins with the help of Rampurhat Municipality. Saplings implanted in different places were destroyed by animals and others. Measures had to take to guard the saplings to make the campus green. Resources were allocated to carry on the practice.



## **# Best Practice 2**

### **1. Title of the Practice**

#### **'Bicycles Bring a Fume-Free Earth'**

### **2. Objectives of the Practice**

In contemporary world the rapid urbanization and economic globalization leads to speedy extinction of greenery. The receding Nature is taking away all the biodiversity with her. This dire situation calls for the reduction of the use of plastics and fumes of motor vehicles. All these issues are continuously challenging the environment of our Mother Earth. Under these circumstances the college encourages the use of bicycles among students as a pollution-free mode of conveyance.

### **3. The Context**

Sound and Air pollution are major environmental issues that are threatening the world and most of these pollutions are caused by automobiles. Hence is the need for the use of environment-friendly modes of conveyance such as bicycles.

### **4. The Practice**

The College has constructed two spacious cycle-stands for keeping bicycles used by students and staff-members. The increase in the use of bicycles has improved the air quality of the college campus by keeping it fume-free. Not only that, the students also understood that they could also save money by moving from the use of motor bike to bicycle. This can also help on their health issue. The college emphasizes on the issues of Environment and Sustainability in the present college curriculum. The syllabi of Botany, Zoology, and Geography focus on climate change and environmental issues. Apart from the above curricular drives the institution conducts regular seminars, sensitization programmes and special lectures on these issues through the various bodies particularly assigned for the same. The UG final year students have to study a paper along with a project work on Environmental Studies. The NSS wing of the institution also propagates the motto of 'Clean Campus, Clean Self Green Campus, Green Minds' among the staff and students.

## 5. Evidence of Success

The College has constructed two spacious cycle-stands for keeping bicycles used by students and staff-members. The increase in the use of bicycles has improved the air quality of the college campus by keeping it fume-free.

## 6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

The college initially needed to campaign among its staff and students to inculcate awareness regarding the use of bicycles. Some students who used to ride motor bikes were not interested to take part in the drive. College administration took repeated attempts to mobilise them. Later it took initiative to construct cycle stands within the premises of the college.



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