

Best Practice

7.2.1 Q₁ M Describe two best practices successfully implemented by the Institution as per NAAC format provided in the Manual.

1. Title of the Practice: *Green Campus Initiatives*

1. Objectives of the Practice:

We have identified the following objectives which are in tune with the practice

1. To promote awareness of environmental issues among the students, staff and society.
2. To achieve better sustainability on the campus and improve the quality of life of all the stakeholders.
3. To conserve water resources through rainwater harvesting.
4. To plant rare and medicinal/herbal plants on the college campus
5. To implement 3 'R' (Reduce/Reuse/Recycle) policy on the campus.
6. To use renewable energy resources (solar energy).
7. To study and maintain Flora and Fauna on the college campus.
8. To support and implement "*Swachh Bharat Abhiyan*" for healthy India
9. To organize seminars/workshops etc. on environment-related issues.

2. The Context:

A clean environment is a basic necessity of human beings for health and efficiency. The main aim of them practice is to impart knowledge, create awareness and develop an attitude of concern and to nurture necessary skills to handle the environmental issues and challenges. The rural village region and green landscaping of college are the necessary features for shaping and sustaining an eco-friendly campus. The college is spread over 11.96 acres of lush green area.

3. The Practice:

1. The college has developed beautiful campus with Lawns, Botanical Garden.
2. Bore well recharge pits are constructed on the college campus for harvesting the rainwater.
3. The college is using renewable energy like solar energy.
4. Recently college has installed Solar Power Generation Plant of **10 kWh**.
5. The college has preserved **Flora and Fauna** on the campus.
6. Signboards/posters are displayed on the college campus for encouraging ideas of plastic-free campus, noise pollution, and environmental awareness.
7. The college organizes seminars/workshops etc. on environment-related issues.
8. LED bulbs are installed in the college buildings to save electricity.

4. Evidence of the Success:

This best practice has proven to be successful through the following activities:

1. Through periodical tree plantations, Flora and Fauna on the campus has enriched, which has turned into eco-friendly campus.
2. Out of total required, electrical power consumption is met through the use of Solar Energy.
3. Awareness campaign for the plastic-free campus through signboards/display boards made campus plastic free.
4. Through workshops/ seminars/ NSS/Rovers & Rangers activities, students are made aware of environmental issues.
5. Green audit and Energy audit of the campus is done periodically and regularly.
6. A mandatory course on Environmental awareness at B.A/B.Sc. /B. Com level.

5. Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

While carrying out this practice, following problem are encountered by the college.

1. 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.

2-TITLE OF THE PRACTICE: THE DEPARTMENTAL COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

OBJECTIVES OF THE PRACTICE:

1. To provide leadership training to students.
2. Motivate students to be socially aware and responsible citizen.
3. Help to enhance the all-round personality of the students.
4. To promote aesthetic development, character building and organizing capacity.
5. Activities help the talents of the young minds and give them an opportunity to develop their specialized skills.

THE CONTEXT

Each department plans activities which compliment but are not part of the conventional academic curriculum. Participating in them not only develop student's academic potentials but also other aspects of their personality such as self-esteem, self-confidence, social cooperation and leadership skills. Activities should be educationally relevant so that they can associate with it. The sole goal of education should be to ensure the holistic development of students. Holistic development is basically the development of everyone's intellectual, emotional, social, physical, artistic, psychological, creative and religious values. Activities develop hidden skills of students and provide an opportunity to the students to share their creativity. They are also open to students who show exceptional skill in their studies and are able to develop ahead of their peers.

THE PRACTICE

Literary and co-curricular activities are organized by each department for the development of linguistic skill and mental faculties. Debate, discussion, speech, story writing, essay writing are some of the literary and academic activities. Activities supplement and compliment the entire aesthetic as well as spiritual development, which are the essential components of education .It helps in developing features like communication skill, creativity and organizing skills and are a good platform to excel.

EVIDENCE OF SUCCESS

Each year every department forms the departmental council from amongst the students enrolled in that subject position like president, general secretary, class representative etc. Departmental council activities not only make the students active and energetic but also enable to harness the in-depth potential of student. It enhances knowledge in many domains, which benefits the student as well as college; activities are good platform to promote leadership quality. Creativity form of expression serve as nourishment for the soul. Every year each department conducts many programme/activities under association. These activities provide the opportunity to the learner for self-expression. Activities have academic and literary activities like Debates, pot decoration, rangoli, singing develop aesthetic sensibility of the learner. These are helpful in unfolding and extracting the hidden beauty in the mind of students. Cultural activities provide better knowledge and understanding of our rich culture heritage.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AND RESOURCES REQUIRED

Sometimes the enthusiastic participation of the students is not as satisfactory as it expected the girls student especially from the rural background depict some hesitation to participate in such activities.