



Criterion 7 - Institutional Values and Best Practices

7.2 Best Practices

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

Response:

Best Practice- 1

Title: Campaign for Greening the Campus & Ecological Sustenance

Objectives:

1. To create an eco-friendly Campus
2. To create awareness among students towards environmental sustainability and the society
3. To organize various activities to sustain an environment

The Context:

The college is located around Goddess Khandoba Temple, the pilgrims across Maharashtra and other States, visit regularly in great numbers. Therefore, to focus on the environmental issue, the college takes efforts to overcome the present problem and decided to solve this problem by planting more trees.

The Practices:

The educational institutions play an eminent role in solving environmental challenges. The students, staff and teachers actively participated in the green campus campaign. The college executed various programmes and activities. The activities organized under this project are:

1. **Tree Plantation:** The College has a total of 13.02 acres of area. To make the campus clean, green and eco-friendly, the NSS Committee, Department of Botany and Nature Club have undertaken the plantation activity. On our campus, we have planted about 2200 saplings and plants of different variety, and organized cleanliness programs for the preservation of the environment.
2. **Plastic free campus:** It is a programme organized in the campus that aims to reduce plastic pollution on college campus with special focus on the reduction and

elimination of plastic bottles, plastic straws and utensils and plastic food packaging. The college organized various programmes such as plastic free campus campaign, recycling plastic campaign and awareness classes on world environment day, world wild life week, world ozone day. Instead of buying bottled water student took initiative to buy refillable to carry around campus and also promoted students to use paper pens. By the initiative of Nature club cloth bags were introduced.

Waste diversion: The College has implemented composting and recycling programmes. Vermicomposting and NADEP plants in college near canteen were constructed to recycle the solid wastes generated on the same. Separate dust bins were provided to collect degradable (wet) and non-degradable (dry) wastes. Wet garbage is used for vermicomposting and remaining will be collected by 'Ghanta-Gadi' of Grampanchayat, Anadur.

4. **Water usage:** Percolated water from **Balubai Lake** and rain water harvesting facilities were established for the effective management of water. The seepage water from the lake was collected in a chamber and released into the reservoir through a pipeline. A water filtration unit implanted in the campus.
5. **Energy management:** Energy management is essential for every institution. The college implemented various methods to save energy. Instead of traditional bulbs/tubes/CFL lamps, LED bulbs were used in the campus
6. **Green auditing:** With the initiative of green auditing cell, the awareness programme was conducted on environmental issues. The cell also examined the effect of green initiative campaign in campus and a review was conducted at end every academic year.

Evidence of Success:

The college has achieved an eco-friendly campus due to these innovative practices. The behaviour of students and surrounding society changed towards environmental issues positively. They have participated in each program to protect the environment. The college has successfully practised all the activities. It has helped to sustain the environment in college and society.

Problem Encountered and Resources Required:

In the beginning, the students and society were not ready to provide positive responses towards environmental issues but after making three years of practice continuously, we could able to divert their minds/attention/attitude towards environmental issues. All the resources are made available by our college and surrounding society.

Best Practice 2

Title: Voting Awareness Campaign (The Sovereign Right- The Democratic Right)

Objectives:

1. To literate the youth about the democratic process.
2. To promote them to enrol and participate in the democratic process.
3. To Increase Voting percentage in upcoming elections.

The Context:

India is the largest democratic country in the world. Democracy is based on the participation of people in the election process. Voters play an integral role in democracy. The success of democracy depends upon the active participation of voters. Department of Political Science of the Institute has been coordinating the 'Voting Awareness Programme'. This is one of the prominent extension activities of the department hence the Institute. In Representative Democracy, the role of the voter in the voting process is very important. So to increase voter numbers and voting percentage, Department takes initiatives.

Practice:

For this purpose, Political Science Department has established a mechanism for Voters' Awareness Programme.

The mechanism works as:

Political Science Department conducts programmes for first-year students to enrol as a voter through the government website

Awareness campaign-

The student enrolling in the 1st-year graduation programme is almost 18 years. Most of them are not enrolled as a voter. Considering this, the cell actively takes initiative to be aware of them the registration process.

- Notification:
- Lectures
- Displaying banner digital board,
- Wallpaper,
- Street Plays, Rallies, Dindi
- Voter awareness lecture by staff and Revenue officers

· Fearless and Honest voter oath

Voting Campaign-

Throughout the year various elections from Gram-panchayat to Parliament take place with due schedule, during this election period our cell takes special efforts to increase involvement in the electoral process of the voter. This extension activity is succeeded with the efforts of students, staff, the election cell, political science department of our College.

Evidence of Success:


As a result of this campaign we registered more than 100 1st-time voters in the year. The remaining students registered in their villages. These fresh electors actively participated in the Local Government Electoral process, and the overall increase in voting percentage is observed during the parliamentary Election.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

we could register only the students who provided updated UDAI numbers.


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