

Best Practice 1

Title: Clean and Green Campus

Context

The college campus is spread over 12014.22m², out of which 52.11% is covered by open space. Grassland and vegetative area covers 7% of the campus, while the garden area covers 2.71%. The institution promotes environmental awareness among students, teachers and local residents and undertakes initiatives like minimal use of plastic, less use of AC, switching off lights/fans, manage waste, and maintain a clean campus.

Objectives

The main objectives are:

- To organize environmental awareness programs in the college and locality to raise awareness of environmental sustainability.
- To protect and conserve ecological systems and resources within the campus.
- To plant perennial, seasonal and medicinal plants in the campus.
- To focus on making the campus tobacco and plastic –free and proper disposal of various wastes.
- To encourage use of alternate sources of energy.
- To minimize the use of paper in administration.
- To promote use of bio fertilizer in campus gardening.

The Practice

- Different varieties of medicinal and seasonal plant species are planted and maintained in the college campus. Plantation drives are organized by involving students.
- Solar energy plates have been installed and are used for lighting the administrative block.
- Tube lights and bulbs have been replaced with CFL and LED lamps.
- Plants in the campus are watered without wasting the water and water harvesting is done.
- A vermi composting unit has been set up for biodegradable waste management.
- Dustbins have been segregated for biodegradable, plastic and hazardous wastes.
- The college is declared as “Plastic Free Zone” and “Tobacco Free Zone”.
- Celebration of World Environment Day and awareness campaigns.
- Arrangement of Environmental field visits.
- Adopting E-Governance policy.

Evidence of Success

- The green campus concept adopted by the college has helped not only to save the environment, but also to beautify the campus.
- Environmental awareness among the students has increased.
- Chewing of tobacco and pan masala has considerably decreased.
- Installation of the LED bulbs has gradually decreased power consumption.
- Water from harvesting unit is used for different purposes.
- Ban on plastic items, along with the promotion of vermin composting and proper disposal of wastes have made the campus clean and green.
- Digitalization has minimized the use of paper.

Problems Encountered and Resource Required

- Financial constraint to appoint a regular caretaker. So, govt. initiative is required.
- Intermittent power cuts compel the college authority to use diesel-powered generators leading to air pollution.

Notes

- Slogans on environment awareness are displayed in the campus to propagate green campaign successfully.
- Use of paper cups and plates is encouraged and the use of plastic bags and plastic tea cups is banned.
- Paperless communication and correspondence is practiced routinely. Communication through e- mails, e- notice board and social media are encouraged.

Best Practice 2

Best Practice: **Contributing to community development through educational Engagement.**

Context:

Education is considered as a vital building block of any society or community. Knowledge generation and discrimination is crucial for ensuring the growth of conscious and responsible citizens who can contribute to the creation of a developed society. For this, nurturing individuals from a young age through continuous educational means is the duty of every educator as well as every educational institutions.

Objective:

The main objective of the college in adoption and upholding the idea of contribution to Community Development through educational engagement as best practice is to enable young minds to value the role of education in transforming the individual in particular and through them community as well as the world at large. The aim of the college is to help students studying in govt. schools within its locality who are marred by various socio-economic limitations to dream big and transform their dreams into workable realities. The motive is to educate them about various aspects of nation building as well as global realities including challenges and possibilities.

The Practice:

Various departments of the college from time to time carry out various extension activities in the nearby school like observance of Human Rights Day, Constitution Day, Mother Tongue Day etc. to educate students about the importance of their cultural and national identities and how best they can preserve them for ensuring their own essence and dignity.

Along with it occasional tutorials are also provided in the schools wherein the teachers guide the students on various academic subjects like Mathematics, Social Science etc. and how they should study to secure a bright future.

A mentoring programme under the aegis Govt. of Assam called Arohan is also observed where our teachers mentor school students from class IX onwards and provide counseling to help them boost their confidence and eliminate their limitations.

Evidence of Success:

The practice followed by the college has helped earn the confidence of the local community in believing that the institution is working for the greatest good of all. The assistance so provided has helped the schools build an intimate relation with the college and many students have chosen Saraighat College as their institution of higher

education. Our alumni boasts of students who have passed out from the local schools in which the institution had initiated educational engagements.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

The following problems may be encountered when executing this practice:

1. Time constraint and different academic calendars followed by the schools and the college.
2. Facing Community engagement problems.
3. Problems faced for resource mobilization.