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AQAR: 2021-2022 BEST PRACTICES

Best Practice: 1

1. Title of the Practice:

Green Campus Initiatives: Save Green to Live Green

2. Objectives of the Practice:

Green campus initiatives are becoming integral part of the modern-day education system and the institutions can act as pioneers in promoting these principles within society. Our college has initiated the green campus program in order to support a sustainable and climate-friendly environment.

- i) To promote sustainable and eco-friendly practices in the campus.
- ii) To take the lead in redefining its environmental culture and developing new paradigms by creating sustainable solutions to environmental, social and economic needs of mankind.
- iii) To sweep away wasteful inefficiencies and use conventional sources of energies for its daily power needs.
- iv) To work out the time bound strategies to implement green campus initiatives which need to be incorporated into the institutional planning and budgeting processes with the aim of developing a clean and green campus.
- v) To foster a culture of self-sustainability and to make the entire campus environmental friendly.

3. The Context

Our main focus behind this Green campus program is to ensure the sustainability of sufficient water, materials and other resources for our future generation. But the main challenge is the proper translation of the education for sustainable development into practice so that it can be more effective. Any new development should consider and maintain the proper balance of economic, social and environmental conditions and the participation of all the staff members



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and students is very important. Our college has tried to implement this program by organization of various programmes. More stress is being given on the proper infrastructure development so as to continue and maintain the green practices. The administration of the college believes that everyone has to follow some strategies to foster a culture of self-sustainability and make the entire college campus eco-friendly and as a living laboratory for innovation.

4. The Practice

Our college has promoted variety of activities to help protect the environment and sustain its natural resources.

- Our College has taken green initiatives in the campus using renewable energy, reducing paper use etc. and so uses electronic method for circulation of information, notices etc.
- The college campus has sufficient space for parking vehicles. Pedestrians can walk safely through pedestrian-friendly pathways.
- The Department of Zoology has started to address the waste disposal problem of the college by initiating vermi-composting. The solid wastes generated from the college canteen are dumped in compost pits to generate compost.
- Through rainwater harvesting system, the roof rain water is collected through fitted pipes in a reservoir for being used later during washing the roads and gardening purpose.
- The college has installed solar panel for street lights.
- The college has also installed LED facilities in the classrooms, laboratories, office, library etc.
- The campus harbours a diverse amount of flora and fauna elements.
- The college has a medicinal plant garden too.
- Mushroom cultivation is being practiced jointly by the Department of Chemistry and Department of Botany.
- The college organizes seminars on environmental related issues.
- The NSS unit of the college deserves a special mention for organizing regular campus cleaning campaigns, awareness program on emerging issues for environmental education.
- The Green audit is also done as a part of environment and energy initiatives.
- The college has a Green committee for monitoring green initiatives.
- The college has an Eco Club also.

5. Evidence of Success

- NSS unit organised a plantation programme in the campus to celebrate Azadi Ki Amrit Mahotsav on 13th August, 2021.



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- An awareness program was conducted by NCC cadets with Poster Campaign on Water Conservation at Women's College Agartala.
- World Ozone Day was observed on 5th October, 2021 through a presentation by expert from Tripura University and was followed by a quiz competition.
- A cleanliness programme was conducted by NSS unit on 18th December, 2021 where most of the stakeholders spontaneously participated.
- Women's College NCC cadets organized a Nukkad Natak to create awareness against the use of plastic in public area on 20th December 2021. They have also cleaned the whole college campus and displayed posters made by the NCC cadets only.
- Two Days Institutional level Workshop on Grafting Techniques was conducted on 27-28 December 2021 with an aim to develop grafting skill among the students.
- National Energy Conservation Day was observed on 6th January, 2022 through popular lecture, speech and quiz competitions. Science Forum and Department of Geography of this college jointly observed World Water Day by organizing poster campaign on 22nd of March, 2022.
- Women's College, Agartala is a recognized SAP (SWACHHTA ACTION PLAN) Institution under MGNCRE, Govt. of India since July, 2020. A Swachhata team has been constituted under guidelines from MGNCRE, Govt. of India to plan and carry out environmental conservation activities in and off campus. The SAP Team looks into aspects related to a) Sanitation and Hygiene b) Waste Management c) Water Management d) Energy Management e) Greenery Management in the college.
- The NSS wing of college also participates actively in all environment related activities in college as well as adopted village. NCC wing of college also participates actively in all environment related activities. Various Environment Related Days are observed in college with focus on creating awareness regarding Environment among students and the general masses.
- The Environment Day programme was jointly organized by NSS, NCC and SAP Committee of college on 6th to 7th June, 2022. Awareness on the environmental issues with focus on "Only One Earth" was done through speech delivered by HoDs of EVS and Geography Departments of the college. An important highlight of the environment day programme was that faculty members from Dept of Sociology, Botany and Environment Studies brought saplings from their home gardens and distributed to other faculty members and students.
- NCC Cadets performed drama in college main gate on the topic of 'Ban on single use plastic'. They also cleaned the NCC Room and nearby areas. They also made posters on 'Save Environment'. NSS conducted awareness among common people through distribution



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of leaflets and explained to them the necessity of throwing garbage only in dustbins. They also cleaned some areas of college campus.

- National Webinar on Potentials of Natural Resources , its Utilization and Sustainable Development, Popular talk on Eutrophication- A Global Aquatic Environmental Problem, Popular talk on The role of taxonomy in conserving biodiversity, Popular talk on Taxonomy of Cerambycidae (Longhorned Beetles), Popular talk on Greenhouse effect and its impact on Global Climate, Visit to the Sepahijala Wildlife Sanctuary and Clouded leopard National Park, Tripura was carried out by Department of Zoology during July 2021- June, 2022.
- In collaboration with the “SCIENCE FORUM” of the college, the Department of EVS celebrate important days like, World Environment Day, Ozone Day, Water Day, Earth Day etc

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

- The main problem encountered in the Green campus initiative is development and maintenance of proper infrastructure for the green practices.
- The Green campus program should be considered as a necessity in every institution and separate funds should be allotted for this.
- Implementation of the green practices needs series of awareness programs to educate more people and train them for it.
- Going green not only needs investment in terms of money but also a strong will from all the beneficiaries.

Best Practice: 2

1. Title of the practice:

Extension Activities: Extend Heart to Embrace Hearts

2. Objectives :

- Accomplishment of societal commitment through initiatives of social and economic well being of the rural people by integrating knowledge into practice.
- Instilling a strong sense of ethical and humanitarian values among the students, besides developing leadership quality among them.



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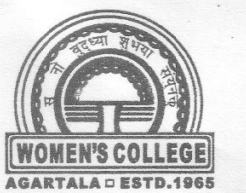
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- To directly help the community by the activities of NCC, NSS, Science Club etc.
 - To create awareness about matters like child labour, diseases, child marriage, importance of health and hygiene etc.
 - To encourage students to participate in such activities which may help in their overall development of personality and skill.
 - To provide opportunities for students and community members to grow.
 - To generate scientific temper and social responsibility among students.
3. **The Context:** Through extension and outreach programs with the slogan 'Extend Hearts to Embrace Hearts', we sensitize the students to develop social values, widen their responsibilities and knowledge in societal issues and problems by making them mingled with the community people. As the college is situated at the centre of the capital city and caters to a student body which has access to education and other basic amenities, it was felt by the institution that students should be made aware of the privileges they enjoy. Simultaneously, the students should be aware of a section of the society which might have difficulty to gain access to the same amenities. Hence, keeping with the vision of the institution, all cells and departments identify activities focussing on the community. Apart from conducting activities which focussed on inclusiveness, environmental consciousness and health of the students, the clubs also conduct activities for the extended community and society. The departments also conducted a few extension activities with the help and coordination of the students.
4. **The Practice:** Extension activities are a strong forte of Women's College which exhibits an enduring commitment to the society as well as the nation. The various programmes initiated by NSS, NCC and different departments go beyond curriculum to foster social empowerment and improvement of the socio-economic standard of the people of the adopted village. The multifaceted initiatives and practices undertaken by different departments, forums and cells of the college in the form of extension and outreach programme depict the ethos of the college. These initiatives blend academics and extracurricular activities to ensure students receive holistic education and value addition. The college



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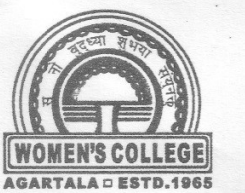
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seeks to align its activities to the national standard through a concerted effort of faculties, students and staff.

Evidence of Success:

- NSS Cell of Women's College provided relief service (groceries, surgical masks), paper, pen, books to the inhabitants of the adopted village on 4th July, 2021.
- NSS volunteers planted saplings in the adopted village on the occasion of 'Vanmohotsav'.
- A Health Awareness Program was organised on 11th September, 2021 at the adopted village by NSS Unit of Women's College.
- An Awareness Programme on HIV/AIDS & Drug was organized by NSS Unit at the adopted village on 19th December, 2021. Leaflets were distributed among the local people to aware them about the deadly impacts of HIV/AIDS.
- Cleanliness Drive and Awareness Programme on 'Negative Impact of Using Plastics' was organized on 23rd April, 2022 at the adopted village by NSS Cell.
- Relief service was done at the adopted village on 28th June, 2022 by NSS Cell.
- Women's College NSS Unit organises special camps every year for 7 days. Activities on Disaster Management, Self Motivation, Awareness on Fitness and Hypo kinetic diseases, Yoga, Health Awareness Program, Plastic Avoidance Program, Water Preservation Program, Personality Development Program, Safai Abhiyan Program and Law Awareness Program are organised.
- Anamika Das was awarded by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tripura with the 'Best NSS Volunteer' award for her outstanding performance towards the society in the session 2021-2022.
- Women's college NCC cadets organized a Nukkad Natak to create awareness against the use of plastic in public area on 20th December 2021.
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- Students with teachers of Department of Education made a visit in slum area (Hrishi Colony, Bhati Abhoynagar, Agartala) on 29th November to assess the improvement of scenario of slum education.
- Geography department also conducts study tour to nearby villages every year to study their socio-economic status.

5. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

- Fund mobilization to organize events is one of the major constraints faced by the college.
- There is a practical difficulty in organizing these programs throughout the year because of paucity of time during regular academic programs.
- Implementation of the practice sometimes requires active collaboration with external agencies, which also faces a few bottlenecks.