

Title of the Practice: Environment Consciousness and Sustainability

Objectives of the practice

- To instill environment consciousness among students
- To make the students realize the consequences of climate change and global warming
- To make students as well as the society aware of the benefits of adopting various green practices for reducing carbon footprints.
- To develop required skills and expertise among students to deal with conspicuous environmental challenges
- To design, utilize and sustain such platforms where students can learn and then involve the citizens in various green initiatives.

The Context

The Course of Environment education is also prescribed by the University as a part of the curriculum.

Our students understand the value of clean and green environment. The College has various societies and forums for implementing various green initiatives: NSS, YRC Clubs, NCC, Eco club, etc. These clubs and societies promote sanitation and cleanliness by organizing various awareness drives. Under the aegis of these clubs and forums which were formed on the recommendations of the IQAC, a dedicated team of about 50 students remain active in and outside the college premises for spreading the message of establishing a sustainable environment. College life provides that environment and touches that sensibility in our students so that whatever they become or do in their lives they remain sensitive for their surroundings. That's why Universities provide this platform to all the students of Graduation to make them environmental sensible.

The Practice

Eco Club and other Clubs strive to spread awareness amongst masses by involving them in various green practices. With this commitment, these clubs organize diverse activities on environment related issues such as: Nukkad Natak, Rallies, Door- to -Door campaign, Regular cleanliness drives of the campus, Tree Plantation Drive, Displaying Instructions and Slogan Writing in the campus and outside as well, besides labeling some of the plants and the trees in the college for their identification.

Our college involves students in it through competitions, Women cell and fine arts department take charge of slogan writing and poster making time to time and through these activities students get insight to the challenges of environment and they tried to give solution through their imagination in poster and slogan writing. Nukkar Natak and rallies connect them with the real world and it makes them ready to face real challenges of life under the scorching Sun. Natak is basically a fun way to instill the message in society

in a light manner. Rallies make our students aware that keeping our environment healthy is a team work. We need to collaborate one another to keep college clean. An individual can't complete this task alone but it is an individual who can work like a connector in a chain of protection. A student is that connector who can either be used to keep that chain intact or he can disconnect the entire effort by loosing or stepping back. So the main purpose behind this sensibility is to make our students mentally ready to cooperate for the sake of environment and society.

All conventional lights in the portals of the institution have been replaced by LED bulbs and energy efficient AC Units. Energy consumption in the college has been drastically minimized by arranging awareness programmes on the indispensability and compulsion of energy saving besides putting stickers (Switch-off the equipments and lights when not required!) on switch boards and all connected places. The age old practice of burning waste has long been relegated and proper waste management system is well in place.

Sometimes it becomes an uphill task to convince people including students and staff members regarding the poor air quality and other forms of pollution and their dreadful consequences. Repeated persuasive methods like organizing awareness programmes and carrying out door- to- door campaign helps us to overcome the obstacles.

Evidence of Success

Keeping in view the ever increasing ecological imbalance, poor air quality index and resultant health hazards, the institution is fully aware of its responsibility towards society. It deems it as its paramount duty to make the citizens aware of deteriorating environmental parameters and prodding them to adopt eco-friendly methods to minimize the threat. We aim at sensitizing, training and involving our devoted students in this ecological drive for generating awakening and involving masses for a global cause and for this very purpose students are encouraged to participate in all the college level activities and when they are ready to fly , they are send to district level competitions to get that exposure and grill. We, as facilitators provide that edifice in their lives from where they learn and start implementing it for their future. Over the period of three years in graduation and if a student remains in the college for post graduation so in 5 years we make him ready for all the environmental sensibility through gradual process over the 5 years. All the efforts are reflected in their lives throughout.

Problem Encountered and Resources Required

To create this environmental consciousness among out students the problem we face is time duration of course and financial. At the same time it required concerted effort and effective strategy formulation. Over Population and public health issues are main problems. Students at graduation level are not so sensitive about all these issues and continuous flow of financial aid is required to keep these services

continue. In many cases, there has been a significant discrepancy between the theoretical aspect and of social aspect in academics and we attend to implement them under realistic policy conditions. As a consequence, policies dealing with environmental issues have been of very different quality and effectiveness. The financial resources are managed at the local level and grants are received from government agencies.