

# **Best Practice: I.I**

### **TITLE: Green Campus & Cleanliness:**

Since long time, the institution has been striving to promote a clean and green environment both inside and outside the college campus. To achieve this goal, the institution places a great emphasis on maintaining a clean and green campus. The institution adopts new measures from time to time to improve their physical and social environment, which impacts the education system and the student body. The Green Campus & Cleanliness initiative and Anti-Tobacco program are the two best practices adopted by college for the academic session 2017-21.

### **Objectives:**

- To develop a clean and eco-friendly campus.
- Raising awareness among students about environmental issues.
- Improving students' management skills for green campus and cleanliness drive.
- To inculcate inclusiveness in and around the college campus.

### **Context:**

- Providing basic knowledge and understanding to students regarding pollution and cleanliness.
- To develop basic conceptions to cope with the environmental issues.
- Making them realize the social responsibility in terms of a clean environment.
- Making the students as agents of change who can spread further awareness.

The practice is embedded by the context of a rise in awareness and initiative among the masses, inspired by Gandhiji's vision of a Clean India. Environmental problems are definitely on the rise, and even the UNO has put up many ways to combat pollution. The situation needs attention at the grassroots level, and as such, the college has taken up the initiative to be aware of the students.

### **Practice:**

Every year the institution organizes "World Environmental Day." The teachers and the principal himself meet the students frequently together and exchange views on environmental issues. Again the faculty sometimes engaged the students within the college campus in a cleaning program. Again the college prohibits students from bringing motorbikes into the campus and has notified them to park their bikes outside or not to bring them at all. Instead, the college authority has set up a cycle stand for cycle parking and pedestrian-friendly pathways. The NSS Volunteers and the Green Club of the institution take the initiative to plant trees within and outside the college campus.

### **Evidence & Success:**

- It is due to the awareness of the students; the college campus remains neat and clean which is praise by all the visitors to the college.
- The success of the Green Campus & Cleanliness drive is also evident from the initiative of developing a new garden in front of the M.A. building.
- Bamboo-made dustbins were used by students in association with the Nehru Yuva Kendra, Nagaon.
- Tree plantation programs have been adopted by the college authority and the students' Green Club on and outside the college campus.

### **Problems Encountered and Resources Required:**

- Most of the students in college try to avoid the program, but it are negligible.
- Again, during the academic session 2020-2021, the Covid-19 pandemic posed some challenges in successfully implementing the best practices.

### Motivation:

The authority and the college's faculty members consider it of utmost importance to keep the college campus green and clean for convenient teaching-learning avenues.

### **Best Practice II**

### **TITLE: Anti-Tobacco Drive:**

The institution, since long time back, adopts a policy to discourage the use of tobacco product in the college campus among its stakeholders. For creating a tobacco free clean and green campus, the institution forms Anti-Drug and Anti Tobacco cell with faculty and student representation. These cells along with the students association of the college raise awareness among the students' communities about the ill effects of the tobacco. This anti-tobacco drive intends to reduce illness, disability and death related to tobacco use.

### **Objectives:**

- To develop awareness among its stakeholders about the ill effects of the use of Tobacco product.
- To disseminate anti-tobacco messages to adolescents.
- To prevent the initiation of tobacco use among adolescent.

### **Context:**

The program aimed to address the continuous increase in abusive practices and large gatherings of victims and drug addicts in the nearby area. The event sought to raise awareness among the community and students and take steps to contribute to tackling this growing issue. A 10-member volunteer team of students was formed to work in collaboration with the VDP, Chokitup, to check on the growing influence of drug usage and tobacco exploitation. The district administration took an active role and performed a demolition exercise to weed out such nefarious activities and miscreants from the area.

### **Practice:**

To implement the program, all students, faculty members, and stakeholders were informed about the ban on the use of tobacco on the college campus. Sign boards and posters were attached in different locations of the college. Besides that, the college has taken a good deal of initiative to eradicate drug addiction from a section of the people that reside near the college campus fora long time.

## **Evidence of Success:**

- Under the initiative of the district administration, the drug smuggling and addiction zone from the nearby area of the college have been destroyed, and the person engaged in drug smuggling was evicted.
- On March 13, 2021, the Anti-Drug and Tobacco Prevention Cell at Khagarijan College in collaboration with Chokitup VDP conducted an Anti-Tobacco program.
- The program aimed to raise awareness among students and the nearby community about the dangers of tobacco and substance use. The event saw a large turnout of students, faculty, and community members, including family members of afflicted victims.

### **Problems Encountered and Resources Required:**

- Difficulty in implementing the strategy due to law and order situation.
- Despite the fact, the College hopes to organize more awareness programs in the near future for the eradication of tobacco and drugs.

### Motivation:

The college aims to organize awareness programs for students about the harmful effects of drug use. Posters and banners prohibiting objectionable items within the college campus have been placed in different locations.

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