

BEST PRACTICE – 1

Title of the Practice: Eco Friendly

Objectives of the Practice:

- To promote planting of trees as a lifestyle.
- To mobilize resources for the expansion of woodland.
- To monitor and support communal afforestation efforts.
- To reduce carbon dioxide that contributes to global warming.
- To help students to develop the values as well as the positive attitude towards ecology.
- To protect the environment
- To give awareness to the students through add-on-course
- To train nearby villagers from Padur
- To replace chemical fertilizers by using organic manure.
- To develop organic garden to cultivate vegetables and fruits.
- To promote marketing.

The Context:

There is a popular saying that “he who plants a tree plants a hope”. Hindustan College of Arts & Science instilled the hope in the young mind by initiating the project called ‘Viruksha Bandan’ which follows Myawaki afforestation method. This method of plantation incorporates two or four trees per square meter that converts the land into small evergreen forest within a short span of time. Moreover, the density of native trees, helps in reducing the earth temperature. By following this method, about 5000 self-sustaining indigenous saplings were planted inside the campus of HCAS.

The Department of Microbiology, School of Sciences started vermicompost unit in 2014, spending 2.5 lakhs is maintained by two workers Mr. Maharajan(Campus Manager) and Mr. Dhanapal. In continuation to that, research project for PG students also done. The production of vermicompost is 20kg per month. It is sold to staff and students. Through communicative science add-on-course and awareness programs are conducted

The Practice:

Hindustan College of Arts & Science celebrates the birthday of staff by planting a sapling in the college campus. This creates awareness in conserving the environment and it also emphasizes the individual’s social responsibility to the society.

Evidence for Success:

- Healthier soil & natural humidity control
- More natural carbon sinks and reduced greenhouse gases.
- More oxygen in our air.

Problems:

The plants were not watered and maintained properly during the pandemic COVID-19.

Resource Required:

Need more no of saplings to be planted. Also, sufficient manure is required.

Best Practice – II

Community Service to Kaayar village and neighboring community

Context: Extended Auxilium

By getting involved in community service at a young age, student benefits in a lot of ways: Develops an increased sense of social responsibility – a global view of society and a heart for “giving back” and helping others. Provides an opportunity to apply academic learning to real-life events.

Objective:

- To serve the people in Irrular community who are under privileged community.
- To impart social, ethical, and moral education and to the children
- To provide basic need of the community during the time of natural disasters
- To educate people on health and hygiene,

The Practice

For several years, the Irrular tribal community in Kaayar has been demanding basic rights. As most Irulars don't have proper houses, many of them still live in thatched huts in settlements encroaching water bodies. They become victims during rainy seasons. They need support for their basis needs. The college adopted the village and extends all possible support for their livelihood. During floods the college provides them with necessary items and provides moral support. Items such as Groceries, Utensils, clothes, Footwear for children, Sanitary napkins, used banners to cover their houses, food etc.

Commemorating the birthdays of founder Chairman, Chairperson, Director food, clothes and note books distributed to them. Around 200 people get the benefits.

Regular motivation sessions organized among the women, men and children focusing on importance of education. Also conducted stress relief activities. Social messages such as the need to avoid alcohol and tobacco, awareness about laws and their rights help to lead a dignified life.

Also awareness on health and hygiene help them to lead healthily life. Various medical camps organized.

The college also extends support to neighboring villages. The service such as establishment of library, smart rooms and toilet facilities to public schools rendered. Through NSS and other students volunteer cleaning the village, lakes and public places organized. Plantation of trees, regular medical camp and various awareness programmers to educate the public such as environment protection

Obstacles faced:

One of the foremost and common obstacles faced was the time factor. Due to their employment, gathering for awareness programme was difficult.

Impact of the Practice: Uplifting the privileged community through awareness programmes and contribution to support the needy sensitizes the students the challenges of irregular community for the past 30 years and to create a responsibility to serve the society.