

Best Practice I: Green Campus Initiatives

1. Title of the Practice

Promoting Environmental Sustainability through Green Campus Initiatives

2. Objectives of the Practice

- To reduce the institution's environmental footprint by adopting sustainable practices.
- To conserve natural resources, such as water and energy, through efficient utilization and management.
- To educate and inspire students and staff to become responsible environmental stewards.
- To enhance the green cover and promote biodiversity on campus.
- To engage with the local community in environmental conservation initiatives.

3. The Context

As climate change and environmental degradation become pressing global issues, it is imperative for educational institutions to take a leadership role in promoting sustainability. The institution identified opportunities to enhance resource efficiency, reduce waste, and create a model for environmental responsibility. This required innovative approaches to water conservation, waste management, and energy efficiency while fostering awareness and participation among stakeholders.

4. The Practice

The institution has implemented the following green initiatives:

- 1. Upgrading to Energy-Efficient Appliances**
 - Replacing outdated appliances with energy-efficient models to reduce energy consumption.
- 2. Rainwater Harvesting**
 - Setting up systems to collect and use rainwater for non-potable purposes like irrigation and cleaning.
- 3. Sustainable Landscaping**
 - Planting trees and maintaining greenery, particularly focusing on restoration after cyclones. Maintenance of Miyawaki forest in the campus
- 4. Recycling and Composting**
 - Establishing composting programs for food scraps and yard waste to minimize landfill use and promote organic recycling.
- 5. Community Engagement**
 - Collaborating with local communities on environmental projects, fostering shared responsibility and impact.

5. Evidence of Success

- **Water Conservation:** Effective use of harvested rainwater has reduced the dependency on external water sources.



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- **Biodiversity Enhancement:** Increase in tree cover and improved campus biodiversity due to consistent replanting efforts.
- **Waste Recycling:** Vermi composting initiatives helps in organic gardening and biogas fuel supplied for canteen utilization
- **Community Impact:** Successful environmental projects have strengthened relationships with local communities and increased awareness about sustainability.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

Problems Encountered:

- Initial financial investment for energy-efficient appliances and rainwater harvesting systems.
- Resistance to behavioral change among some stakeholders.
- Challenges in maintaining the momentum of community collaboration projects.

Resources Required:

- Funding for infrastructure and sustainability projects.
- Technical expertise for the implementation of green initiatives.
- Continuous training and awareness programs for stakeholders.

These initiatives serve as a replicable model for other institutions aiming to promote environmental sustainability. The active participation of students, staff, and the local community is crucial for the long-term success of such programs.

Best Practice I: Service to Community

1. Title of the Practice

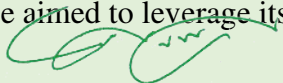
Fostering Community Service through Engagement and Learning

2. Objectives of the Practice

- To address pressing community issues such as healthcare access through medical camps
- To provide educational and career guidance to students in the neighborhood.
- To insist a sense of social responsibility and civic engagement in students and faculty.

3. The Context

In a rapidly evolving society, educational institutions have a significant role in bridging social gaps and addressing the needs of marginalized communities. Recognizing the disparities in healthcare, education, and social welfare, the college aimed to leverage its resources to make


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a meaningful impact. This practice seeks to integrate academic learning with community service to foster holistic development and social empathy.

4. The Practice

The college engages in the following community service activities:

1. **Collaboration with Local Communities**
 - Partnering with local organizations to address critical issues such as healthcare access and social welfare.
2. **"Knowledge Hunt"**
 - Organizing events to connect with local schools, providing educational sessions, and guiding students about opportunities for higher education.
3. **Support for Vulnerable Groups**
 - Pairing students with old age homes and orphanages to offer elder care, tutoring, and career guidance for children.

5. Evidence of Success

- **Improved Awareness:** Enhanced understanding among school students about higher education opportunities, leading to increased enrollment rates.
- **Community Impact:** Positive feedback from local communities for addressing their healthcare and educational needs.
- **Student Growth:** Increased civic engagement, empathy, and leadership skills among students participating in service activities.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

Problems Encountered:

- Limited financial resources to sustain long-term community projects.
- Difficulty in scheduling community service activities without affecting academic commitments.

Resources Required:

- Financial support for organizing Knowledge hunt and community outreach programs.
- Training and orientation sessions for students and faculty on effective community engagement.
- Partnerships with local organizations for logistical and operational support.s

This practice not only benefits the community but also creates an enriching learning environment for students, equipping them with the skills and values needed to become responsible citizens. The model can be adapted and scaled to suit the needs of other institutions aiming to foster social responsibility.



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