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Best Practices (2016-2017)

[I] Title of the Practice: Environmental Friendly Campus

The objectives of the Practice: The main objective is to remain environmentally conscious in our everyday life. Being in a rural area, our college is having beautiful green landscape. As such, we are pretty proud of our college landscape and it is our constant endeavour to improve our college landscape further. Our students are well aware of the responsibility towards maintaining and improving the environment surrounding them. The greenery of our college is maintained on a regular basis. That's why we are choosing this practice once again as one of the Best Practices of our College.

The Context: We have tried to make our college such a place where only eco-friendly practices can be followed. We are disengaging from any activity which is detrimental to our environment.

The Practice: To educate our students and people about the environment, we left no stone unturned. A) The entire college campus is turned into a 'No Smoking Zone'. b) The college campus is a 'Plastic Free Zone'. c) Every year we plant saplings in our premises iv) replaced incandescent bulb with LED bulb. d) Limited use of diesel power generator e) servicing the ACs. This year we have planted the saplings on 05.06.2017 in the campus. e) We have some flower pots in our campus. f) Most of our students and faculty members use bicycles or public transport to reach college. g) We have installed several dustbins at different places of the campus in order to collect waste and dispose them eco-friendly way.

Evidence of Success: i) All employees of the institution have abandoned their habit of smoking and eating gutkha. ii) The college strongly discourage the use of plastic bags in the college campus, e.g. in the canteen, tea



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is supplied in a paper cup. iii) Garbage collection and disposal is done every day. iv) All filament bulbs have been replaced with LED bulbs and LED tube lights.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required: I). The main problem encountered in implementing this practice was changing the mindsets of the people associated with the College. But thanks to the continuous efforts of a few teachers and a handful of students, we have succeeded in improving the environment of our college. II). Still, we are trying to make our students properly aware and conscious about the various environmental aspects and laws by observing World Environment Day, Aranya Saptaha and by arranging different seminars and workshops on the environment. We believe that all the people associated with this college will sincerely follow the rules and regulations associated with the conservation of the environment if they become aware about various environmental issues including wildlife and various types of pollutions. III). The college authority is trying to focus on creating an eco-friendly atmosphere on campus and making students aware of sustainable development.

[II] Title of the Practice: Blood donation camp

Objective of the Practice: The main objective of this camp to aware the student the benefits of blood donation in their daily life. Our college is located in the rural backyard of West Bengal. It is pretty common among these rural flock lacking basic knowledge about health and hygiene. Subsequently, they are the prey of many life-threatening diseases. Because of the lack of infrastructure, they have to run around for basic medical needs. Though there is a hospital near the College, but it quite often runs out of blood and plasma. So, medical need of the people in this area is colossal and is increasing exponentially day by day. Our college fraternity organizes blood donation camp every year with the active and enthusiastic participation of the NSS unit of our college.

The context: We try to make our student knowledgeable about the issues affecting our society. As we do not want our student to remain indifferent to various problem plaguing our society. Students are the torch bearer of



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our future generation, so it is paramount they are well versed with the problems as well its solution. The scarcity of blood and its components is a serious problem in almost throughout India and it is difficult to eliminate that problem completely. But it is not impossible to manage this problem in a small area.

Evidence of success: After making well aware of the issue, student and college staff venture into this noble cause, blood donation camp. Every one wholeheartedly welcomed this venture. Firstly, we start campaigning within the campus, later on we move outside the campus regarding our blood donation camp. We asked Blood Bank unit of the Murshidabad Medical College and Hospital to arrange a blood donation camp at our college premises at the scheduled date and time. Head of our college NSS unit, Dr. Swadesh Mondal, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, was in charge of this whole operation. All the necessary arrangements like room decoration, food and refreshment were in place well before the start of the camp. After the arrival of the medical staff, blood collection started. The Blood donation camp was overwhelmingly successful with a large number of students and staffs donating blood.

Problems encountered and the resources required: The college being located in a rural area; financial constraint is always a major issue in any venture. Availability of necessary equipment and sick room in case of emergency is of paramount importance for organizing blood camp. Though we had necessary manpower, financial constraint creates considerable problem while arranging this camp.

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