

Rampurhat College

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7.2. Best Practices

Best Practice 1

1. Title of the Practice

'Clean Campus Clean Self. Green Campus Green Mind'

2. Objectives of the Practice

A traditional saying goes like this: "Cleanliness is next to Godliness." Hence is the need for keeping the institutional environment clean. A clean environment means piling of lesser amount of garbage and timely cleaning of the surrounding that leads to a better growth of greenery around the campus. The cleaning of the campus thus results in the growth of a physically sound and mentally energetic generation of human beings among students and other stakeholders of the College. If practised by the students and other stakeholders of this institution, the habit of cleaning the campus will inculcate among them an environmental awareness and will develop as a good habit that will continue even after they leave the campus and thus it will ultimately lead to a betterment of the world through the clean selves and green minds of the budding young generation.

3. The Context

In contemporary world the rapid urbanization and economic globalization leads to speedy extinction of greenery. The receding Nature is taking away all the biodiversity with her. This dire situation calls for the reduction of the use of plastics and fumes of motor vehicles. All these issues are continuously challenging the environment of our Mother Earth. Moreover, the constant piling up of garbage within and outside the college premises may lead to the growth and transmission of infectious diseases. All these problems were addressed through the drive of '**Clean Campus Clean Self, Green Campus Green Minds**' that the college administration has undertaken.

4. The Practice

The college administration has installed multiple waste-bins at different corners of the college so that no garbage is thrown here and there in the college campus and its surroundings. With the help of the students of NSS, the college administration cleans the entire college campus on weekly basis. This practice of cleaning the campus initiated by the college complements the National mission of 'Swaccha Bharat' run by the Govt. of India throughout the country and thus it contributes to the greater National drive towards cleanliness. The college emphasizes on the issues of Environment and Sustainability in the present college curriculum. The syllabi of Botany, Zoology, and Geography focus on climate change and environmental issues. Apart from the above curricular drives the institution conducts regular seminars, sensitization programmes and special lectures on these issues through the various bodies particularly assigned for the same. The semester-I students have to study a full paper along with a project on Environmental Studies. Implantation of saplings is done on various occasions throughout the year. The NSS wing of the institution propagates the motto of 'Clean Campus Clean Self, Green Campus Green Minds' among the staff and students. In 2017 NSS conducted Swacchata Paksha Abhiyan, students participated in Essay and Film Competition on Swacchata. On 19th September, 2018 the Department of English organized a one-day district-level seminar on Literature and Environment titled 'Greening the Canvas'. Students of the department made an active and spontaneous participation in this seminar through creative inputs in an exhibition cum poster presentation titled "Let's Repaint the Earth in Green". The seminar was concluded through the screening of a short documentary film on environmental awareness, *The Forest Man*.

5. Evidence of Success

The College has succeeded in keeping its campus clean and green. At the same time initiative has been taken to make the campus free of plastics and fumes of vehicles by promoting the use of bicycles. The installing of water purifiers at different corners of the college campus could be counted as a part of this drive as well, because the availability of pure drinking water wards off water-borne infections. The results indicate the growth of personal cleanliness and environmental awareness among the staff and students of the institution.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

The college initially needed to campaign among its staff and students to inculcate awareness regarding cleanliness. Later it took initiative to construct cycle stands and install waste-bins with the help of Rampurhat Municipality. Saplings implanted in different places were destroyed by animals and others. Measures had to take to guard the saplings to make the campus green. Resouces were allocated to carry on the practice.

Best Practice 2

1. Title of the Practice

'Plastics will Never Get a Tick: Banning of Plastic Bags within the Campus'

2. Objectives of the Practice

The institution abides by the motto of 'Clean Campus Clean Self, Green Campus Green Minds' to provide its students and staff a better and greener campus. Hence it decided to ban the use and throwing of plastic bags, packets and plastic bottles on the fields and pathways within the campus.

3. The Context

The gradual piling of plastic bags and bottles everywhere around the world has created a major threat to the environment. Plastic bags and bottles are non-bio-degradable materials and hence they are never destroyed. Moreover, polymer reacts with sunlight and creates poisonous compounds that affect the health and ecosystem. Stacking of plastics also affect the sewerage systems of human habitats. Hence is the dire need to check the usage of plastics and the institution conducts the regular safe disposal of polymer-generated wastes within the campus throughout the year.

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5. Evidence of Success

The environment of the college campus has visibly improved to a large extent. The college campus looked cleaner and plastic free. Different sign boards were placed in the campus to inform all the stakeholders that the campus is a plastic free zone.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

The college administration faced the initial problem of making students and staff-members aware of the proper disposal of plastic bags and bottles. However, with the help of NSS students, by organizing frequent awareness camps and by installing multiple waste-bins at different zones of college campus the college administration has succeeded to control the use of plastics and has improved the general environment of the campus.



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