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Best Practices Session 2022-23

Title of the Practice "HARIT MEWAT ABHIYAN"

Objective of the practice:-

The objective of the practice is to give a new lease of life to the depleting forest tree cover in the feeding area of the college. This practice was launched not only to preserve and increase the forest and tree cover in the area for conserving the biodiversity, but also to sensitize our students about their responsibilities towards the society and the environment.

The reason which motivated us to take up this abhiyaan is that this college is situated in an area which is surrounded by the big industrial units like Dharuhera, Bhiwadi, Sohna, Neemrana, Manesar and Gurugram. Hence, the air in the area is more polluted than anywhere else in the world. The intended outcome of the practice was to sensitize the students towards this grim reality. The practice also intended to contribute to the efforts which are being taken by the State Government to save environment by encouraging the students to plant at least one tree and nurture it in their respective colony or village.

The context

The main challenges which the college faced in designing and implementing this practice were due to the Covid-19 induced lock-down and resultant SOPs (Standard Operating Producers). Due to the pandemic, there was a sense of fear among the parents as well as the students. Even when the students were willing to step outside their homes for plantation and other such noble purposes like mask distribution, the parents were extremely apprehensive and were not willing to let their wards leave the home. Besides this, there was one more challenge which was due to the poor financial condition of most parents in most of the nearby villages. The parents were not able to provide their wards with facilities like android phones and data packs which were required for the online connectivity between the mentors and mentees to carry out activities during the lockdown.

The Practice:

Haryana is one of the states with the least forest cover in the country, owing to the fact that it is a predominantly agricultural state with about 81% of its area under agriculture, and only 6.8% of its area being under forest and tree cover. It is through this practice that the college wishes to make its own small but meaningful contribution to the ambitious Unnat Haryana Abhiyan started by Department of Higher Education, Haryana to give a new lease of life to the depleting forest cover in the state.

The goal of this practices is to plant at least 500 saplings in the area by engaging students from the institution. Through this initiative, the college aims to preserve and increase the forest and tree cover in the area for biodiversity conservation and healthier air.

To implement this practice in the college Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Extension Lecturer Geography was appointed as nodal officer. Students were assigned to the faculty members for proper implementation vide this office letter no. 3214/2020, dated 28-07-2020. Whatsapp group was created for the proper motivation and guidance of the students for plantation of sapling and further care of the plant.

Evidence of Success

As result of this practices the college planted around 500 saplings with the great effort of students and faculty members and the plants are still being taken care of by them. As per the inputs given by the students, almost 50% of the plants are surviving till date which is quite an encouraging sign.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required

- 1. The quality of land and soil is major concern.
- 2. Regular watering of plants has been an issue since plantation drive.
- 3. Some of the students were not keen enough to preserve the plants.
- 4. Motivation level problems.
- 5. Shifting of students for work/Higher Education etc.



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Title of the Practice "BETI PADHAO, SAMAAJ BACHAAO"

Objective of the practice:-

The objective of the practice is to support and motivate girls towards the Higher Education of the Mewat area where literacy rate for females is only 33.71. The college administration and teaching staff with due support of higher authorities strive to educate the girls of this area by providing different facilities and good & safe learning environment. Though the sex ratio is somewhat better in Mewat area as compared to the rest of the Haryana but education, especially Higher Education for females, is still an area of a major concern which deserves greater attention.

The context

The main challenge which not only the college but the state Government faces regarding female education in Mewat area is that a great majority of the parents are illiterate and it is an uphill task to motivate them to send the girls to schools, especially after primary level. When it comes to Higher Education, the situation gets even graver. Besides the long held religious beliefs, there are many prejudices in the area which work against the idea of female education in general and against higher education in particular.

The Practice:

The college is very sensitive not only to the apprehensions and fears of the parents of female students but also to the inconvenience and the requirements of such students. In order to give a sense of assurance and safety to the students as well as parents, the college has installed CCTV cameras in different parts of the campus. The college has anti ragging and anti-sexual harassment committees to ensure that girls feel safe in the college. College has a separate Girls Common Room and separate Reading Room for girls in the Library. There are particular scholarship schemes which are available to girls only and all UG female students are not required to pay any tuition fee during the entire length of the course. The college has its own "Women Personality Development Cell" which organizes different workshops/ extension

Lectures/ training and health check-up programmes for the girl students. A sanitary napkin vending machine and a decomposition machine for used sanitary pads have been installed to provide hygienic environment to the girl students. Free bus service is also available to the females students so that they may commute from their villages to the college and vice-versa without any difficulty.

Evidence of Success:

The efforts made by the college towards the spread of female education have paid handsomely which gets reflected in the number of female students which shows a steady increase over the last seven years.

Sr. No.	Session	Number of girl students admitted
01	2017-18	117
02	2018-19	157
03	2019-20	196
04	2020-21	206
05	2021-22	248
06	2022-23	257

Problem Encountered and Resources Required

- 1. Long held beliefs and prejudices.
- 2. Low literacy level in the area.
- 3. Lack of PG courses.
- 4. Lack of Social Awareness.
- 5. Lack of interest for higher studies.
- 6. Involvement in household works.

