

## BEST PRACTICE 1:

Title: Activities of students in management of the college campus

Goal:

The objective of this practice is to impart a sense of belonging and responsibility towards the institution and institutional property. It aims at keeping the college campus and the surroundings clean and tidy, and also aims to create a habit among the students to follow norms and responsibilities for proper disposal of waste and keeping an environment friendly campus.

Context:

The College keeps salaried sweeper who cleans the floor and buildings of the college regularly at intervals daily. The principal also notifies the students and staffs, to keep the college campus clean on a regular basis. The NSS cell also takes utmost importance steps to make sure of the cleanliness of the college campus and its surroundings. NSS carries out programmes at intervals to maintain neat and tidy campus. However, since these activities are carried out at intervals, they are not sufficient to maintain a clean campus for a long time as the campus is not free from environmental waste like dry leaves, dust and winds bring some amount of waste every day. There are also factors like students not following proper instructions, writing on college furniture, scribbling on walls, doors, windows, and disposing wastes at improper places. Hence, it is necessary to implement other forms of routine activities and impart good behaviour and norms to the students to keep the educational campus clean on a day to day life.

The Practice:

In the recent years, our College management has evolved to follow a mechanism to adhere strictly to the codes of conduct and rules and regulations, by all the students, staffs, working and non-working members, and visitors. This was achieved by keeping visible sign boards to dispose dry waste, wet waste and food waste at the waste bins kept nearby each classrooms, faculty rooms, science laboratories, hostels, parking area, footpath, playground, assembly area, etc. The college has also adopted a mechanism to change the behaviour of some students who do not follow the norms and regulations. The college principal also strictly notifies the students not to scribble anything on college property including all furniture, walls, doors, windows, pavement area etc. and strict actions will be taken if anyone is found doing so. The college also keeps some key members from each batch of students to lead the batch in contributing to maintain cleanliness of the college and surrounding throughout the year, by regular cleaning and trimming green zones, and

regularly monitoring of anyone not following rules and regulations. The college also built a vermicompost area where students and staff regularly dispose environmental wastes like dry leaves and vegetables in the vermicompost pit. Vermicompost not only helps in disposal of environmental waste, but is also an excellent source of manure for growing plants and vegetables without using chemical fertilizers. The students of Botany and zoology department keeps a close monitor in monitoring the vermicompost and the outcome of the vermicompost is used in growing plants, flowers and vegetables in the college surroundings and thus helps in keeping the environment clean and lively. The excess vermicompost output is also distributed to the localities for their farming purpose.

The college has three main organisations which help in maintaining the college campus – Kakching Khunou College Students' Union (KKCSU), NSS Units and Eco Club. The KKCSU is formed by college elections and they elect their representative who will lead the organisation and is mostly effective during their tenure in the college. All three of these organizations contribute in maintaining a clean college environment throughout the year. They also organize programs to support Swachh Bharat Mission, and make sure of routine disposals of dust bins to the nearby Municipal Council waste collection.

#### Evidence of Success:

The College successfully installed large dust bins at proper places, with the help of students' union and the financial aid from the college management. They also installed sitting slabs near park and playground which are very useful for rest and refreshment of college members in their leisure time. During summer vacation, the three students' organizations jointly work together with many students volunteers in cleaning the college campus and its surroundings. Every year on Gandhi Jayanti, students and faculty members jointly participate in social service activity to clean the college. Department programmes are also organized when the syllabus of the subject is complete and they have some free time.

#### Problems Encountered and Resources required:

1. It is difficult to implement the practice to cover all areas of college campus other than the academic blocks.
2. There have been complaints of students lacking in academic activities due to more involvement in the organization activities.
3. The sign boards are not very attractive and some people do not take them seriously. Hence, it is more convenient to make them digital boards.
4. Lack of resources to maintain the campus regularly as students are mainly involved in their academic activities.

## **BEST PRACTICE 2:**

Title: Initiative of the college to keep the campus green

Goal:

The college believes that a green, eco-friendly and pollution free environment is needed for the effective learning experience and it enriches the minds and souls of the students to learn with a free mind. The college aims to achieve this through keeping the campus green by plantation of various trees and plants in the college campus. This will help in achieving below goals –

1. Create a healthy and clean environment where learning experience becomes interesting.
2. To create awareness on the benefits of plantation on trees.
3. To achieve a pollution-free environment.
4. To improve the visual design and landscapes of the college.

Context:

Since the college is located at the outskirts outside of Imphal city area, there is not much of pollution, hence it is a feasible location to take up initiative to prevent environmental pollution. Green environment enables the institution to conserve natural resources like water, plants and biodiversity, optimize the management of waste, and it also imparts knowledge to the students on the awareness of conservation of the environment for a better future. Green environment also induces better functioning of brain and it helps in both teachers and students to provide a better learning experience. It reduces stress and anxiety and induces positive vibes to human beings. It also helps in maintaining a calm weather and improves the ecological condition.

Practices:

The college plans and notifies the schedule for implementation of tree plantation and the areas are decided with futuristic approach so that it does not disturb the institutional buildings and properties. The work programme and timings are circulated well in advance to all the teachers, teaching and non teaching staff, and students. College also plans which trees to plant based on the benefits and importance of each species. Botany Department and Eco Club contribute a lot in sharing the knowledge about the benefits of each species of plants. World environment day is also observed every year organized by the joint combination of Botany Department and Eco Club. Van Mahotsav is also observed every year by the college. College also emphasizes on indigenous plants to conserve out

traditional trees. Nevertheless, college also make sure that exotic plants which outweigh some indigenous plants are also planted in the campus. Some of the indigenous and exotic plants that are mainly grown inside the college campus are –

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Local Name</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>
1	Yongchak (Tree Bean)	<i>Parkia Roxburghii</i>
2	Heibong (Ficus)	<i>Ficus Glomerata</i>
3	Heinoujom (Carombola)	<i>Averrhoa Carombola</i>
4	Chorphone (Olive)	<i>Elaeocarpus Floribundus</i>
5	Nurahei (Jambolan)	<i>Syzygium cumini</i>
6	Nongleisang	<i>Xylosma Longifolium</i>
7	Heinou (Local mango)	<i>Mangifera Indica</i>
8	Khagi Leihao (Pagoda tree)	<i>Plumeria alba</i>
9	Leihao (Champaka)	<i>Mechelia Champaka</i>
10	Heiyen	<i>Antidesma bunius</i>
11	Heining	<i>Spondias Pinnata</i>
12	Chingonglei (Wang tree)	<i>Acacia farnesiana</i>
13	Singarei (Night Jasmine)	<i>Nyctanthes arbortristis</i>
14	Uchal (Pine Tree)	<i>Pinus Sylvestris</i>
15	Barab lei (Bottle Brush)	<i>Callistemon Speciosus</i>
16	Heijugak (Walnut)	<i>Juglans regia</i>
17	Heitup (Wind Apple)	<i>Pyrus Sylvatica</i>
18	Khongnang (Peepal Tree)	<i>Ficus bengalensis</i>
19	Mange (Tamarind)	<i>Tamarindus Indica</i>
20	Tomal	<i>Dispyros cordifolia</i>

#### Evidence of Success:

College has been successfully able to maintain a green zone and a healthy environment in the campus and surroundings. The pollution level is controlled and it promotes a healthy and feasible environment for students to learn and grow. Students and faculties enjoy the feeling of fresh clean air and utilize the leisure areas which are installed in the playground. The green campus initiative endeavours to extend learning beyond the classrooms and promotes the learning experience by self-learning in their spare times. Overall, it promotes a healthy living experience for everyone in the college and its surroundings.

#### Problems Encountered and Resources required:

1. Regular watering of plants becomes a challenge as it is now manual. For this, we have proposed to install automatic watering sprinklers.
2. During drought season, there is scarcity of water in the college.

3. Maintenance and regular pruning is another challenge.