

## **Best Practices: 1**

### **1. Title of the Practice**

Environmental Awareness and Responsibility

### **2. Objectives of the Practice**

- To spread knowledge about environmental issues and their impacts.
- To encourage students to adopt eco-friendly habits.
- To create awareness of the importance of preserving natural resources.
- To encourage community participation in environmental initiatives and foster a collective approach to addressing environmental challenges.

### **3. The Context**

Situated in the heart of the city with limited expansion space, the college is committed to maintaining an eco-friendly environment and taking significant steps to reduce its carbon footprint and preserve biodiversity. To achieve this, the college has implemented comprehensive mechanisms for waste management, water conservation, compost production, tree plantation, cleanliness drives, and solar energy generation. Additionally, awareness is actively promoted through guest lectures, conferences, and poster competitions.

### **4. The Practice**

Following initiatives has been taken in the college campus to create environmental awareness and responsibility.

- a) To reduce plastic pollution in the college campus with special focus on the reduction and elimination of plastic bottles, a water cooler for drinking water has set up at each floor.
- b) The rain water harvesting system is established in the campus for the effective management of water.
- c) The College implemented various methods to save energy. The LED bulbs are used in the campus. The Solar Energy system is utilized. The college has installed a solar plant with actual power generation capacity of 15 KW which is a very encouraging step towards using renewable and inexhaustible clean energy source. The stickers (Switch-off the equipments and lights when not required!) are put at all connected places.
- d) The NSS department of the college has organized Tree Plantation Drive. All the trees in the campus are labeled for their identification.

The college has undertaken several initiatives to promote environmental awareness and responsibility on campus:

- i. To reduce plastic pollution, especially plastic bottles, water coolers have been installed on each floor for drinking water.
- ii. A rainwater harvesting system has been established for effective water management.
- iii. Various energy-saving methods have been implemented, including the use of LED bulbs and a solar energy system. The college has installed a solar plant with a power generation capacity of 15 KW, promoting renewable and inexhaustible clean energy. Stickers reminding to "Switch off the equipment and lights when not required" are placed at all relevant locations.
- iv. The NSS department has organized a Tree Plantation Drive. The college promotes student engagement and participation in awareness drives through the NSS, NCC, and Green Club.
- v. All trees in the campus are labeled for identification.
- vi. Environmental education is part of the curriculum, and the college organizes expert lecture series on environmental topics. A Memorandum of Understanding with MAESA Foundation, Pune, has been established to enhance environmental awareness among students and staff.
- vii. In collaboration with the Government of Maharashtra and UNICEF for the climate action movement, a Green Club has been established. Activities conducted include:
  - Lecture Series
  - Seminar on Urban Water Crisis: Challenges and Management
  - Online course on Climate Change and Water Management
  - Poster Making Competition on World Water Day

Additionally, environmental instructions are displayed on campus to foster a clean and green environment, instilling the value of sustainability in our students.

#### **5. Evidence of Success**

- The campus has a fully functional rainwater harvesting system.
- LED lights have been installed in classrooms, replacing the old lighting system to increase energy efficiency.
- Expert lectures and seminars on environmental issues have been conducted, raising awareness among students.
- A proper waste management system has been implemented to handle all types of waste produced on campus.

#### **6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required**

Field visits for environmental education are challenging due to sufficient funds, but we motivate students for maximum participation.

## **Best Practices: 2**

### **1. Title of the Practice**

Cultivating and showcasing students' artistic skills and hidden talents through cultural events.

### **2. Objectives of the Practice**

- To focus on developing a cultural legacy.
- To preserve and promote the rich traditions and heritage within our community.
- To create platforms that unleash students' artistic skills and latent qualities, nurturing creativity and self-expression.
- To develop leadership and organizing skills.
- To encourage students to explore and develop their unique talents.

### **3. The Context**

By focusing on developing cultural tradition, we provide platforms that help students discover and enhance their artistic skills and hidden talents, nurturing their creativity and self-expression. This includes organizing cultural festivals, business day, and talent shows in various art forms. These events encourage students to explore and develop their unique abilities, fostering a sense of pride and continuity in our cultural heritage. By participating in these activities, students gain a deeper appreciation for their culture and its significance, while also building confidence and self-awareness.

### **4. The Practice**

The college makes significant efforts to empower students through cultural events. As a result, some of our students become motivated and pursue self-employment opportunities. The College has Art and Culture Committee which takes care of students' participation in Intra and Inter-Collegiate cultural competitions which are held at various colleges.

“JALLOSH” is carnival festive time when students wait eagerly to demonstrate their skills and talents by participating enthusiastically in:

- Different competitions such as Mehendi, Rangoli, Cooking, Statue, Dance, Art and Craft.
- Celebration of Days e.g., Mis-match Day, Different Colour Days, Traditional Day, Retro/ Bollywood Day etc.
- Events like Gurupurnima, Teacher's Day, and Dandiya

The “Miss Huzurpaga” pageant is also organized for TY students. After a number of rounds like the Introduction round, Talent round, Judges Question round; Miss Huzurpaga is selected and crowned.

Every year the college organizes a ‘Social Gathering’ and an ‘Annual Prize Distribution’. It is organized and conducted by the Art and Culture Committee under the guidance of the Principal, and with the support of the teaching and the non-teaching staff. The college in collaboration with the MGE Society arranges a scrumptious lunch for the staff and students.

Achievers from the Academic, Sports and Art and Culture field are felicitated and awards are presented to them during the ‘Social Gathering and Prize Distribution’. After this, a cultural program is held where the students get an opportunity to showcase their talents. The main attraction of this event is the celebrity or a renowned personality, who is invited as the Chief Guest to give away the prizes and guidance.

Students also participated in different Inter-Collegiate, State Level and University Level Competitions:

- Group singing competition
- Astitiva – various Cultural events
- Swararang Youth Festival – Students were participated in 32 Art types at university level. Our team of Mime Act has achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> rank at Zonal Level and qualified for University Level.
- Sakal YIN - various Cultural events
- Sakal Karandak Ekankika (One-Act Play)
- Karmaveer Street Play Competition.

## 5. Evidence of Success

### Art and Cultural Department - Academic Year 2023-2024

#### Committee for Art and Cultural Department

Sr. No.	Name of Faculty In-charge	Name of Student Representatives
1	Dr. Asmita Kulkarni	Ms. Manjiri Parkhe
2	Dr. Gurunath Pawar	Ms. Kalpita Ittam
3		Ms. Shreya Desai
4		Ms. Tejaswini Chokhat

Sr. No	Name of Activity	Date	No. of students
1	On the occasion of Kargil Vijay Divas, August Kranti and Independence Day - <b>Krativeerana Salami</b>	8/12/2023	41
2	On the occasion of birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvpalli Radhakrishnan - <b>Teachers' Day</b>	9/5/2023	35
3	Three days Workshop on Act Play	11-09-2023 to 13-09-2023	15

4	<b>Shivjayanti</b> Celebration Programme - Musical Journey on Shivkalyan Janata Raja	2/22/2024	222
5	<b>Marathi Bhasha Gaurav Din</b> - Essay Competition and Speech by Dr. Smita Pande	2/27/2024	86
6	<b>Farewell</b> for Third year Students	4/10/2024	350

### Intra Collegiate Competitions (Jallosh)

1	Mehendi	8/19/2023	64
2	Rangoli	9/15/2023	39
3	Cooking	10/18/2023	60
4	Dance	12/26/2023	20
5	Statue	12/27/2023	11
6	Fashion Show	12/28/2023	28
7	Business Day	12/29/2023	26
8	Miss Huzurpaga	1/2/2024	32
9	Annual Gathering and Prize Distribution	1/6/2023	68 performers

### Jallosh - Days

1	Mismatch Day	12/21/2023
2	Dhoti-Skirt Day	12/22/2023
3	Black and White Day	12/23/2023
4	Group Day	1/3/2024
5	Traditional Day	1/4/2024

<b>Inter Collegiate Competitions</b>			
1	Group Singing Competition organized by Kamgar Kalyan Kendra	7/8/2023	9
2	Astitva Competition organized by BMCC, Shivajinagar	08 & 09-09-2023	3
3	Swararang 2023 - Yuvak Mahotsav University Level organized by SPPU	9/3/2023	37
4	Swararang 2023 - Yuvak Mahotsav University Zonal Level organized by SPPU	10/7/2023	6
5	Sakal Karandak Natya Sprdha - Name of Play (Tambutala Unta)	10/30/2023	14
6	Street Play Competition organized by Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar College, Aundh; Name of Play - (Balsagar Bharat Hovo)	1/23/2024	8
7	Elocution Competition ("Chala Boluya - Chala Aikuya" : Srujan Vakg Ydnya 2024) - Topic related to the life of Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj organized by Shivrushti, Club Heritage - H. V. Desai College	2/25/2024	1

#### **6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required**

Many students are unaware of their inherent qualities and, as a result, often overlook their own abilities for self-enhancement. Additionally, they lack platforms and sufficient family support to showcase their talents. To address these issues, college provides and offering support which can help bridge the gap and ensure that students receive the encouragement and guidance they need to realize their potential.