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Every year, Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Degree College exercises some extracurricular practices to motivate our students and guardians for the betterment of their overall development. Some of the recent practices are given below:

Best Practices I

1. Title of the Practice: Environmental Awareness and sustainability

- 2. **Objectives of the Practice**: To take initiative in creating Environmental awareness about importance of conservation and preservation of environment among students, staff, all stake holders of the college and community by setting our own example.
- The college has its own Green Policy Document for inculcating Environmental awareness among all the stakeholders, conscious use of energy and water resources and making the campus litter free.
- To inculcate environmental values and consciousness amongst students, staff and society.
- To ensure the protection of environment through green energy initiatives and effective waste management measures.
- Awareness is spread through guest lectures, conferences, workshops, poster presentations, rallies etc.

In this regard, the development of Environmental sustainability values among the students and stake holders can play a vital role to protect the world environment and its resources which ultimately leads to sustainable development.

3. The context:

The environment has gone through drastic change due to factors like pollution, over usage of Plastic and mismanagement of natural resources. In order to control the devastating Environmental changes; public awareness regarding environmental issues is served through the Numerous green initiatives and practices taken in the institute. The challenge lies in changing the attitude of the use-and-throw culture; by inculcating the tradition of recycling.

4. The Practice

• Every year on 5th June the world Environment Day is celebrated by the department of Geography and Botany. Through this day, environmental consciousness is developed among various stakeholders of the college.



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- The department of Geography and Botany organized one day workshop on the topic of eco-friendly practices and sustainable development.
- Eco-club in association with the Department of Botany and NSS unit of college organized an event called "One Student One Tree" - Plantation Activity. The purpose of tree plantation is to save the endangered environment and to beautify our life.
- Eco club organized an offline quiz based on Environmental Awareness for faculty and students. This quiz was conducted on 5th June. The quiz received 163 Responses.
- The Institution has installed a solar power generation plant which is upgraded to produce 5 KW energy. This energy is being utilized for tube lights and fans in classrooms, corridors, audio-visual hall, Principal's cabin and administrative office.
- Rain water harvesting, watering the plants through drip irrigation, leakage free pipelines and faucets, e-toilets etc. ensure controlled usage of water. The Institution strives to make the campus a zero-waste zone. 'Reduce, Recover, Recycle and Reuse' is the policy for waste management. The Institution observes NO PLASTIC policy for all stakeholders. The Biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste is collected separately in colour code garbage bins.
- NSS volunteers took out a rally at various villages for awareness of environmental sustainability. All the volunteers went door to door in the village and told people about the importance of environment and tried to develop environmental consciousness through street drama.

5. Evidence of success

This best practice has proven to be successful through the following activities:

- 1. Through periodical tree plantations, flora and fauna on the campus have been enriched, Resulting in the transformation of the campus into an eco-friendly one.
- 2. An awareness campaign for the plastic-free campus through signboards and Display boards has made the campus overall plastic free.
- 3. Through workshops/seminars/NSS/Eco Club, students are made aware of the various environmental issues.



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4. An add on course on environmental awareness at the B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. Level is run by department of Geography.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

While carrying out this practice, the following problems are encountered by the college:

- Green Campus initiatives are challenging, so they require determination and a Long-term commitment from all the stakeholders.
- The Green Campus initiative is a rather expensive practice. It needs expert Advice and an investment of resources.
- Sufficient manpower is needed to sustainably maintain green practices.
- Lesser awareness among the students and community towards environmental issues aggravates the problem levels.



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BEST PRACTICES II

1. Title of the Practice:

Developing creative skills through wall magazine

2. Objectives:

- 1. To initiate writing tendencies in students.
- 2. To Provide a platform to the students to express their creativity.
- 3. To inculcate reading and writing habits among the students.
- 4. To attract students' attention on current incidents.
- 5. To involve each and every department to participate.
- 6. To inform engage, inspire and entertain a diverse readership including alumni, faculty, students, parents and other friends of college.
- 7. To nurture the aesthetic skills among the students.

3. The Context:

Our college is a multi-faculty college, offering different courses in Humanities, Science and Commerce. The students here are from varied academic, economics and regional backgrounds. Most of the students come from nearby rural areas. Many times, there are opportunities in the college for students of varied academic fields to share their knowledge and take part in common areas of interest along with their specific academic courses. Thus, to cater this we started with "Wall Magazine" activity. It is a common platform to let all students knew about the ongoing activities of their respective fields. It also allows students to share and showcase their talents with everyone by taking part in these activities.

4. The Practice:

A Committee comprising faculty members is formed to execute the activity, especially NSS and Mission Shakti cell of the college. The committee has decided the size and general format of wall magazine. At the very beginning of session, a time table for the session is fixed and circulated to all staff members. As per the time table each and every department / teacher has to prepare the



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wall magazine with the help of students and display it on boards, in the corridor. Four wall magazines of different subjects are displayed at time on boards and are kept there for the month, Principal of our college takes special interest in this activity and encourages, guides the students to take part in it. All the staff members, students come, read and also discuss the topics covered in it. During the annual social gathering all the magazines are displayed for reading on single platform.

5. Evidence of Success:

It is observed that students from all the departments and subjects willingly participate in the activity. The topics covered in the textbook are developed in detail, adding new dimension to the content and certain topic can be discussed by regular post on an open section. Students themselves read, discuss on topic selected which helps to increase interaction between students and teachers. Wall Magazine provides an important platform to enable students to express their creativity and inner feelings. It helps to build self-confidence and practical understanding in students, which is not possible through the one side lecture of the teacher in classroom. Above all the magazine endeavors to reflect the values and the quality of college by itself. So, efforts are made in part of students also, to select the topics very cautiously.

6. Problems Encountered

Students' participation in searching on internet is not satisfactory. Many a time student do not show their active willingness in executing the activities.