## **Best Practices**

## 1. Title: Educations arrangements and awareness among students during Covid-19 pandemic

**Objective:** During the period of Covid-19 pandemic, College was ready for reopen for education after lockdown. Along with the presence of the students, covid-19 prevention arrangements were also necessary during this period. This global pandemic was a major challenge in front of humanity and the administration was constantly working towards the prevention. Manufacturing of vaccine and its vaccination drive among the people were being done at fast speed. In this special situation, there were two objectives in front of college.

- 1. Safe arrangement for physical classes.
- Awareness among students against covid-19 and encouragement for vaccination so that students and their families can be a part of this vaccination drive to protect themselves and others from covid-19.

**Context:** The College is an institution leading the new generation into a new life, so it is the responsibility of the college to make proper arrangements for the safety and education of the students in this special situation. Along with this, the college has also made arrangements for the implementation of all the guidelines coming from the administration. By marking the guidelines related to covid-19 on the display panel of the main gate of the college, College has advised all the staff, visitors and students to follow the guidance to prevent the covid-19 spread. National service scheme, National cadet corps and other departments helped in arranging the college premises as per covid-19 guidance.

College also formed Covid desk, which was responsible for sanitizing the college premises, measuring the body temperature of everyone upon arrival and making the arrangement of masks and sanitizers. Various departmental activities and programs have been organized to spread the awareness of covid-19 and its prevention, so that the college can execute the education program with mutual cooperation and harmony in this difficult situation.

**Practice:** Covid-19 is darkest days in the human history and in this difficult situation, it is necessary to protect ourselves and others along with humanity. To ensure smooth running of the education system with human values in the college campus, the Covid help desk has worked upon following points.

- 1. Routine cleaning and disinfecting.
- 2. Arrangement of sanitizer at entrance gate for everyone entering the college.
- 3. Arrangement to check the body temperature of the person upon arrival in the college.
- 4. To maintain human goodwill and cooperation in the difficult time of Covid-19.
- 5. Organizing energetic, inspirational programs in collaboration with various departments to maintain mental health during the Covid-19 period.

Apart from this, there are other programs were organized for the prevention of pandemic with the help of NCC, NSS, Eco club and other departments of the college. In the series of various activities & events, there were programs like birth anniversary of legends, Environmental awareness programs, Planation, Indian culture and women empowerment, World AIDS day, World sparrow day etc., were also organized in the college premises. Apart from these educational and cultural activities, programs related to Covid-19 prevention were also organized. National Service scheme tried to spread awareness and prevention from covid-19 via various programs such as covid vaccination, lectures on Covid 19 safety and prevention, workshops and poster competition etc. NSS has also organized camp for covid related programs. In which the students participated and shared their experiences via free speech on the stage.

Individual and group activity performed by students during the covid 19 were shared on the stage, which further inspired the other students. Many students specially Farzana (B.A. 1<sup>st</sup> year) shared their experience of making and distribution of masks, group activity for covid 19 awareness and prevention were very inspiring for other students. Students also presented their sentiments and opinions in front of others by making educational figures and designs on self-made and readymade mask. Apart from this other departments also organized many programs related to covid –19 safety and prevention.

Eco club also tried to connect students and college administration with nature. When college opened after a long lockdown, the college staff participated in gardening and plantation which not only connect them with environment but also helped them by providing mental satisfaction. Mental health strongly affects the physical behavior of human being. To maintain the mental health during this difficult time of pandemic, it is very important to have a strong connection bonding with nature. Nature, in itself is positive. Human bonding with it increases the creativity and peace. Establishing this harmony with nature, various programs were organized by eco club, in which staff and students participated enthusiastically.

**Evidence of Success:** To spread awareness related to Covid-19 pandemic, we have taken a collaboration of two types of mediums.

- 1. First were the programs in the form of various workshops and lectures which were conducted in the college campus. Along with this, an attempt was made to establish dialogue by painting.
- 2. Second type of programs, which were organized by taking other college and schools along.

These programs were done online and offline. Various newspapers like Shahtimes, Buland Sandesh, Pralayanka, Hind Atma, Yug Karvat and Janvani had a great cooperation in taking these activities to other people. Along with this, the publicity of these messages through social media was also done by college. Efforts were also made by the college to spread the covid 19 awareness message to as many people as possible by uploading these programs on YouTube and Facebook. After the covid lockdown college also educated and provided the guidance for safety against covid at every individual level among students and staff. College achieved this with at least 50% attendance among college staff and students.

**Problems Encounted:** Covid-19 pandemic is a special and difficult situation, and running educational system during this difficult situation was a challenge. College has opted various efforts to solve these challenges.

- 1. Cleaning and disinfecting of college premises: To run this arrangement smoothly, the college has set up a covid help desk.
- To make every person entering the college aware of the guidelines related to safety from covid 19: Guidelines related to covid-19 has been marked on the display panel of the main gate of the college.
- 3. In order ensure smooth functioning, Instructions has been made to run the classes on 50% capacity.
- 4. To make college accessible to all students: Online contact was made with the students so that the problem of each student could be resolved.
- To follow the administrative guidelines related to Covid-19, Covid help desk has been formed. Whose main responsibility was to ensure the supplies for sanitizers, thermometers and masks etc.
- 6. To make staff and students aware of Covid-19 safety and prevention: To make efforts in this direction, programs and lectures were organized by the college. An attempt was made to spread

- the awareness of the pandemic to every person through masks painted with educational figures and design, poetry, poster and slogan.
- 7. Offline and online programs were organized to spread the message of awareness to reach more and more people.
- 8. Covid-19 awareness programs were done in collaboration with other colleges and schools so that conversations can be made with as many people as possible.

## 2 Title: Environmental conservation

**Objectives:** Environmental balance is presently standing in front of humans as a challenge. Industrial development with the development of human society is the main reason for this environmental imbalance. Being located on National highway no-34, our college is affected by air pollution caused by various resources of the traffic. It is necessary that efforts should be made to balance the environment through the greenery of the school. In order to do so, Eco club has been established in the college. In collaboration with National service scheme and National cadet corps Eco Club is continuously trying to spread Environmental awareness via various programs such as cleanliness, environmental awareness program, Plantation and Gardening programs etc.

Context: Human activities have affected the environmental balance and being a part of environment itself, humans are equally affected by every environmental change. This problem will be the biggest problem for upcoming generations. The college is the institution who continuously works towards the betterment of educational quality and good behavior of students and so Its responsibilities increase to educate students and make them aware of future problems. Time to time our college keep conducting various programs related to cleanliness & environmental health and protection. We also celebrate various days like World water day, World sparrow day and Environmental Day etc. at our college. We also encourage plantation on various important days and occasions. Through it is a small effort in front of a major problem, our college along with staff and students is continuously trying to make it more impactful.

**Practice:** In order to implement environmental protection and awareness, there was a need for a department in the college which would give a concrete shape to such activities. Eco club, NSS & NCC has put a joint effort to conduct various activities which has two mottos. First, to conduct various activities related to cleanliness, plantation and environmental awareness with the help of staff and students. Second, to make environmental awareness a part behavior of students and staff so that they can spread the awareness beyond the college premises. While planning various activities organized in year 2020-21, special attention was paid to the following points by the college:

- 1. Active participation of the students.
- 2. Organizing the trip to nursey for students to encourage home gardening and plantation.
- 3. Ensuring the collective efforts of the students for the garden arrangement and plantation in the college campus.
- 4. To organize a series of programs related to environmental protection in the college. College always put its efforts to make sure the whole college participate in these programs and keep practicing so that the desirable results can be achieved. These results will not only decorate college premises but also home of students and their neighborhood with the beauty of nature, thus finally achieving the environmentally sustainable development. The college staff also put personal efforts

to provide the food to fishes in fishpond, birds and squirrels in garden. All these practices increase the affection between humans and flora & fauna of college.

- Rain water harvesting system: Rain water harvesting system is setup in our college campus. Our college has six lawns. Thus college is saving water in two ways, one through its six lawns and second through the rain water harvesting system
- Composting pits: Biodegradable waste and dry leaves of trees are being collected in composting pit. After 45 days these dry and waste leaves transformed into useful compost. This natural manure is used in the garden of the college campus.

**Evidence of success:** In an effort to create awareness about environmental protection, plantation of Ficus, Acalypha, and Bougainvillea has been done in the college premises which enhanced the beauty of the college today. All the efforts made by college towards the cleanliness and environmental protection is a joint effort of students and staff and it is necessary that this should go beyond the college premises. The feeling of cleanliness and environmental awareness will not only affect the students but will also have positive impact on their family and neighborhoods. Along with this, the college has also spread the message for environmental awareness and cleanliness through the media, especially the newspapers. College has made continuous efforts in this direction through various online newspapers as well. Newspapers like Hind Atma, Pralayankar, Dhara News, Disha Bhoomi, Shah Times, Janwani, Current crimes etc. has talks about our activities in their columns. Pictures are generally mute but very effective in communicating the ideas. For the promotion of environmental sensibility, various painted panels have been created in the college which not only enhance the beauty but also spread the awareness about environmental protection.

**Problems Encounted:** In the context of environmental protection and cleanliness, the college has faced the following problems. College is also continuously trying to resolve the same.

- 1. Fallen leaves during the fall season and other biodegradable waste: College has addressed this problem by converting these leaves and waste to compost, which is further use as fertilizer in the garden.
- 2. Cleanliness for Fishpond: While cleaning the pond, the fish-pond water is used in irrigation of garden. This water is full of minerals.
- 3. Concrete floor: On this part of college a succulent corner is developed.
- 4. Lack of environmental protection knowledge and commitment: College is continuously trying to address this problem by organizing various programs related to environmental awareness.

To summaries the college efforts, the college is making two-way efforts to protect the environment. First, at college level and second, at human behavior level.