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Best Practice: 02 GREENARY INITIATIVES

Objectives

- · To create conducive atmosphere.
- To educate students about importance of biodiversity.
- To develop awareness on natural resources.
- To educate students about the importance of medicinal plants.
- · To enlighten students about identification and nomenclature of the plants.
- To prevent the soil erosion.
- · To enhance pollution free campus.
- To attract the students at the entry level.

The Context:

Our college is surrounded with 27 acres of land with the built up area of 39068.67 Sq.mtrs. The Hunagund is a drought prone, arid area, which always suffers with the scarcity of water. Good number of students enrolled hailed from agriculture oriented family but they are lacking the awareness of greenery initiatives. The greenery atmosphere can be created purely based on sufficient water facility through borewell, well, lakes, etc. College is surrounded with 2 borewells with sufficient water flow. College has taken initiatives in forming a cell called Environ, with the core objectives of promoting greenery initiatives and thereby creating

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conducive atmosphere in the campus and attracting good number of fauna to the campus. The Department of Botany taken the initiatives and started educating all the students of the college about greenery initiatives within the campus and beyond the campus.

The Practice:

- With the help of Department of Botany, prepared the ground level by weeding out unwanted plants and trees.
- With the help of Department of Forest, brought good number of saplings to plant in the botanical garden and also surrounding places of the campus.
- College has regularly invited academicians, professionals, officials from forest department for special lecture on greenery initiatives.
- Conducted a rally on Soil Erosion at neighborhood community.
- · Enlighten students about importance of organic farming.
- · Biodegradable waste management has been done by dry leaves compost bin.
- Non degradable waste management done by Municipal Corporation.
- Once in fortnight invited localites to educate the importance of availability
 of medicinal plants and also encouraged them to utilize them for their health
 purposes.

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Evidence of Success:

- The entire campus is surrounded with good number of herbs, shrubs and trees, which attracted various birds.
- The campus has created an conducive atmosphere with greenery atmosphere and thereby good number of localites use for morning jogging and walking.
- Good number of students could able to understand the importance of greenery initiatives and some of them have started sapling of plants at their home.
- College also conducted awareness programmes at NSS special camp on greenery initiatives.
- Successfully created awareness on rain water harvesting, water management, solid waste management, soil erosion.
- Drip irrigation system has been installed at the botanical garden.
- Established Rain Water Harvesting system.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

Initially, other than the science students were hesitant to come forward. However, with the relentless effort of the Department of Botany, almost all the students started actively participating in greenery initiatives. Financial constraint was the greatest challenge in fulfilling the objective of this practice. However, college had to seek support from the Management.

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