

Best Practice 2: Environmental Awareness

Objectives:

- To encourage the students and other social groups to acquire knowledge of pollution and environmental degradation.
- To aware the students and other social groups to acquire sensitivity to the environment and its problems and help them to acquire a set of values for environmental protection.
- To provide students and other social groups with an opportunity to be actively involved in environmental protection.
- To make the surroundings cleaner and greener for the current as well as future generations.
- To aware the surrounding people of the rapidly depleting natural resources and make them contribute to the conservation of the same.

Context

All of us have a moral obligation to protect the environment and elevate the sustainable development of our planet for future generations. The degradation of environment is jeopardising the long-term health and security of almost all the species on the earth. Thus, it becomes necessary that we take notice of the impact of our actions on the environment. In order to spread environmental awareness and protect the nature around us, we need to take certain measures and make efforts to undo some of the damage already caused by humans. Therefore, with the said objectives, the college has initiated various environmental awareness and protection programmes during the academic year 2018-2019.

Practice

The present lifestyle and industrialization has rendered the environment in very pathetic conditions. Working in the direction of the aforementioned objectives, the college is making massive investments in various activities to protect the environment. The first and foremost among the other important ones is the *Havana* that is performed on the very first day, i.e. *Sankranti*, of each *Vikram Sambat* month, which, along with strengthening the spiritual connections, also cleanses the environment. Besides, the college has undertaken various initiatives including the a wide range of activities under NSS, such as tree plantations, rallies, poster making, extension lectures, cleanliness, etc. An extensions lecture on environment by Retd. Prof. Daljit Singh, Govt. College Hoshiarpur on 6/09/18, a workshop on stubble burning and Blood Donation organized by Youth Welfare Services on 5/10/2018 wherein Captain IS Dhami, Asst. Director, youth welfare services addressed 22 nodal officers, Green Diwali Awareness Program in association with Karwat-Ek-Badlaw Society on 2/11/2018, scientific

poster presentation organized by science and environmental club in collaboration with department of biotechnology on 16/3/19, seminar on water conservation on World Water Day on 22/3/19 in the presence of Mr. Avinash Rai Khanna, An intra-college competition named "Re-Generate" on 11/08/2018 wherein students created beautiful models out of waste material, Panel discussion on Sustainable Development on 16/2/19, etc. Apart from the said activities, the faculty members also promote the environmental awareness and protection while teaching their syllabus.

Evidence of Success

The college has ensured the active participation of maximum number of students and other social groups in the initiatives undertaken to protect the environment. To a large extent, it has successfully sensitized the participants towards the issues concerned with the conservation of environment and encouraged them to spread the message of saving the environment and natural resources.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required

Although the said activities were concluded with a great success, yet the journey throughout the year was swarming with various challenges. The major challenge being the channelization of the youth for the aforementioned activities. Most of the students were not interested in the ground level undertakings. Besides, other social groups involved in these activities were least aware of the significance of the same. However, the organizing teams did their best to achieve the optimum results.