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Best Practices

Practice- I

Title of the practice: No Vehicle Day

Objective:

- For reduction in carbon emission in the environment.
- Taking steps towards minimising the pollution to the environment like reducing the harmful gases.
- Promotion of the use of bicycles.
- Taking initiative to save environmental energy resources.
- To promote environmental sensitivity and awareness among students about the pollution by the vehicles.

The context:

The world is on the verge of a serious crisis of global warming and climate change. There is a need of the hour to spread awareness about global warming and various measures to reduce it. Being an educational institute, it is our moral responsibility to take steps towards reduction in global warming and to motivate the students and society to follow it.

So for promoting road safety and reduction of pollution caused by vehicles, our college observes a 'No vehicle day' once a week. All our students, teaching and non-teaching staff come to the college either by walking or using bicycles on every Saturday. In this way, we celebrate this event.

The practice:

The 'No vehicle day' practice is run by our institute once in a week. This practice is adopted by our students, staff and visitors. Notice reminding of this activity is circulated to staff and students on every Friday. The entry point into the college is closed for vehicles and those who come using vehicles had to park them outside the campus. Many of our students come from nearby villages and they use public transport for coming to the city. Our city's bus stand is just

half kilometres away from college, so outstation students do not find any difficulty coming to the college.

Evidence of the success:

Around 300 vehicles enter in the college on a single day. So by observing the 'No vehicle day' we have successfully minimised the pollution caused by these vehicles on every Saturday. This activity is one of the most important and crucial initiatives taken by the institution in this year.

Problem encountered:

In the beginning, college authorities found it difficult to convince the students and outside visitors for observing 'No vehicle day'. Around 40% of students use vehicles for coming to the college and this activity became difficult to run during exam days and summer days of march and April.

Practice- II

2. Title of the practice: Anti-Plastic and Anti-Tobacco Drive Cum Awareness

Objective:

Plastic is a non-biodegradable material that disrupts our endocrine system and is suspected to cause cancer and many life-threatening diseases. While nicotine is one of the main ingredients which causes cancer. The objective of this practice was to create awareness among the students to go plastic-free and tobacco-free. The agenda of this practice was to brief on the adverse effect of plastic and tobacco on our health and environment.

The context:

Every 3 out of 10 adults is a tobacco user in India which leads to increasing cases of cancer every year. Even the use of tobacco in youth is increasing. So it is our moral responsibility to make aware our students about the harmful effects of tobacco. The handy and cheap price of plastic makes it very difficult to run this practice. However, with positive mind and help of all staff led to the successful completion of this practice.

The practice:

The "Swacch Bharat Abhiyan" mission of the central government and concern for rising numbers of cancer patients in India inspired us to undertake this practice. The program was designed by meetings with our staff members, NSS unit and students.

Evidence of success:

The practice was observed regularly with the collection of plastic waste materials from various blocks of the college campus. All plastic waste collected from the campus was disposed off through a garbage collection van provided by the municipal corporation. Various awareness signboards and display boards were erected at different parts of the campus. The evidence of this practice lies in the negligible amount of plastic waste and stain-free walls in and around the college campus. The results seem to be very positive

Problems encountered:

As we know the use of plastic products is very common, from water bottles to processed food plastic bags, it was near to impossible to go plastic-free. So this practice encountered various problems as we are accustomed to the use of plastic in our day to day life. The replacement of plastic for the biodegradable bags and bottles is expensive as compared to plastic. While the awareness of going tobacco-free did not have much trouble. We have erected various signboards displaying the adverse effects of tobacco use.



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