

BEST PRACTICE - 2

1. Title of the Practice:

Plastic Free Green Campus

2. Goal

- To inculcate Environmental awareness in students
- To make Environmental consciousness as part the daily life
- To bring a change in attitude towards environmental protection
- To make the campus plastic free, green, litre free
- Effective use of waste management

3. Context

For the past few decades the world has realised the importance of environmental protection and we are witnessing a paradigm shift in almost all discourses towards a better, less polluted, green environment as the pressing need of the hour. Environmental deterioration has reached such an alarming proposition that the only solution is a fundamental shift in attitude. This is where the role of students as the future citizens and the ambassadors of change come in handy. Our college wanted to tap this potential of students and create in them heightened awareness for environmental protection.

4. The practice

A green protocol is implemented in the campus and Green protocol statement is fixed in all the class rooms and other relevant places. Plastic is banned in the campus and steel vessels, glasses, green leaves etc are used. Use of plastic pens is not completely banned but reduced to the maximum extent. Flex boards and thermocol products are also banned. Effective waste management system also implemented by collecting solid waste, bio waste and electronic waste separately,

5. Evidence of Success

Campus has become more clean, litre free and plastic free. There is heightened awareness in students , which is evident in their participation in a number of extension activities related to environment like Save Killiar, Vegetable cultivation, Market cleaning, Puzha nadatham etc.

6.Problems Encountered and Resources Required

Additional cost needed for the implementation of green protocol caused initial problems. Though everyone is aware of the environmental crisis most of them consider it as a distant phenomenon. So implementation of the programme was little bit difficult in the beginning but awareness classes were conducted and class level monitoring committees established and this made a real difference.