

BEST PRACTICE I

Eco-Friendly Way of Living

Objectives

The college aims at social progress and equality, environmental protection & conservation of natural resources.

Context

Can one student change the state of the environment?

Well, every student who begins to change their lifestyle in order to protect the environment will be able to make real changes to the overall picture.

Developing this sense of consciousness starts with the awareness to adapt to a more eco-friendly way of living!

Practice

- **Conserve Water and Electricity:** It takes energy to produce fresh water and electricity. Few simple ways like turning off lights when not in use, fixing leakages, proper insulation, using maximum daylight, installing energy efficient windows, purchasing energy efficient gadgets can reduce your daily energy consumption.

- **Tree Plantation Drives:**

Every year tree plantation drives are conducted in the monsoon season within and outside the campus too.

- **Eco-friendly Maghi Ganpati Celebration:**

Maghi Ganpati festival is a two-day festival celebrated to honor God Ganesha's Birthday with earthenware Ganpati murti.

Students, enthusiastic faculty members, and non-teaching staff join together to decorate and manage the event – right from the Aarti to the Naivadyam.

- **Eco-friendly Diwali Celebration:**

Organic rangoli, say no to crackers, eco-friendly gifts and organic diyas were key points in brightening the festivals of lights. Both teaching and non-teaching staff and students celebrate Diwali in an eco-friendly manner.

- **Cleanliness Drives:**

College conducts cleanliness drives near railway stations, and many beaches in and around the areas of Boisar.

Evidence of Success

- The intent is focused on not creating harm to the environment, and to prevent as much harm from occurring to the environment through your interactions with it.
- It goes beyond an idea and extends to actual practices that influence how communities, businesses and individuals conduct themselves.

- Being eco-friendly goes far beyond just turning off lights when you leave the classroom or separating your garbage for recycling – it is about changing the purpose of how you live.
- The aim to understand and prevent this practice
- Students inculcate these values from practicing and implementing in their day to day life and not just by doing in the college.

Problems Encountered

- The challenge of sustainable development is to put this understanding into practice, changing our unsustainable ways into more sustainable ones.
- Many a times, students are not interested in participating in these activities.
- Not all students implement such practices into their day to day activities

