



## **Best Practices**

### **Green initiatives to inculcate green environmental consciousness in students.**

#### **Goals:**

1. To create a sense of responsibility and Environmental consciousness among students to build eco-friendly campus and keep the campus litter-free and green.
2. As the negative effects of our deteriorating environment are becoming increasingly conspicuous, we plan various activities to perpetuate green consciousness in our students, with a firm belief that these activities will enhance their awareness towards various environmental issues.

#### **Context:**

All the Litter in the Institute is converted into compost and used in gardening. The College has Hi-tech green House and Lavender Garden to create aesthetic sense in students. The institute plans various activities and awareness session about various environmental issues in order to enhance student awareness towards these issues.

#### **Practice:**

This best practice is significant step in involving the students to make the college clean, green and eco-friendly and in turn creating awareness in them about the need for conservation of the environment. Common practices include the plantation drives, awareness rallies, campaign and lectures. These activities are largely carried out by volunteers of science club, NSS, cadets of NCC and Youth Red Cross society. Every year the collage celebrates the “World Arbor Day” on which College practices afforestation drive in collaboration with the Department of Forest, Division Baramulla. Our college is thus having a lush green campus with many indigenous plant and tree species which increases the carbon sequestration and keeps the environment pollution free. Botany department of the college has developed the botanical garden with several and useful medicinal plants. The campus thus has many rare and indigenous species of herbs, plants and trees which

increases the biodiversity of flora and fauna as whole. A beautiful rose garden has also been developed in addition to fully automated Hi-tech Greenhouse. In addition the department of Botany has established a full bloom Lavender Garden in front of the Collage auditorium. Among the practices was one week Environmental programme celebrated in the institution on the eve of world environment day from 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 with the theme “Beat the Air Pollution”. The event witnessed the large scale participation of students in various activities like campus cleaning, painting, quiz and seminar. Local drive was also done where students environmental concerns with people encouraging them for carrying biodegradable carry bags in place of polythene.

**Evidence:**

This is ongoing process of making student aware of current environmental issues and possible disastrous situation that may erupt if we do not take timely steps. These initiatives highlight individual role in protecting environment. These awareness and sensitization to various facets of environment and individuals’ role in boosting environment sustainability will influence their decisions as individual and also in their jobs in future. The campus is now having a well-established Herbal Garden harboring many rare and endangered medicinal plants, Hi-Tech Green house with many tropical plant species, Full bloom Lavender Garden and well maintained lush green gardens across the college campus.

