

Title of the Practice: Green Campus

The Context: Green campus drive is an initiative that contributes to protect the environment of a defined area. A clean and vigorous environment supports effective learning and provides a conducive learning environment. Various efforts do exist to address the different environmental education issues. Amongst them, green audit is the most efficient and ecological way to manage the environmental problems. It is a kind of professional care that forms the responsibility of each individual who form the part of economic, financial, social and environmental factor.

Objective of the Practice: Maintain the Green Campus drive within the College campus and arouse social consciousness of the College students and the society.

Practice: The ICV College campus is lush green with gardens, lawns, flowers, shrubs and age old trees. An initiative to maintain the Green Campus within the ICV College was taken up by the Faculties and College students of ICV College, Belonia. Department of Botany of the College has named all the flora of the campus. Important days like World Environment Day and World Ozone Day etc. are observed through plantation programmes, processions with placards, banners etc. to create awareness in environment protection and conservation. The College observed Swachh Bharat Abhiyan in which around 100 numbers of more saplings were planted within the College campus. The students initiated the process of protecting age old trees by tagging them and protecting the new saplings with Plant Guards. The Environmental Science Department of the College has declared the entire College as a 'No Plastic Zone'. Rain water is harvested and collected in a pond at the far end of the College playground. Non-biodegradable and electronic waste and toxic materials are regularly disposed of.

Evidence of success:

- ❖ Planting and caring of trees is done in and around the campus.
- ❖ The College has turned lush green with gardens, lawns, flowers, shrubs and age old trees.
- ❖ The College has been declared as 'No Plastic Zone'.
- ❖ Disposal of wastes are done in a systematic way.

Problems encountered and resources required:

The main problem in implementing this project is the lack of one's desire to shoulder the social responsibility towards the society and environment. Thus, there is a need for massive awareness amongst the College students who in turn can spread the message across all sections of the society. There lies however a severe fund crunch in organising such programmes pertaining to environmental issues. The issues however if dealt with in a more pragmatic manner can go a long way in addressing the issues and contributing more to the welfare of the society.