

Dealing with the cleaning of the campus, survey of the plants and plantation within College campus

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Objectives of the practice:

A group of students along with the teaching and non-teaching staff members under **Nature's Club** in collaboration with **NSS units** of College is organised to deal with the proper cleaning, maintenance and naming of the plants within the College campus.

Principle objectives of the group:

1. Cleaning of the surrounding areas, nearby college campus.
2. Proper survey of plants within college campus.
3. A one week plantation programme (Vanmahotsav) drive was taken to plant more trees.
4. Enhancing eco-awareness by organizing lectures.

Practice:

Different types of programmes were conducted by the Nature's Club to foster the general awareness to uplift the quality of environment by means of active plantation, proper maintenance and preservation of trees, along with other vegetation. Students were divided in groups under NSS units and a week long programme (20.07.2019 -26.07.2019) was organised under the common platform of Nature's Club with NSS units. The plants were collected and planted by students. In addition to it, college inner area and peripheries were cleaned by the students.

Survey of the plants for their proper maintenance was carried out by Nature's Club team under the guidance of Mr. Bijoy Chakraborti (an eminent person of the locality who has express his suggestions). His knowledge about local flora and being a painter by profession, he has enriched the students to a great extent. Students collected different plants and planted them, cleaned the dropped litter and maintained the gardens within the college campus.

Eco awareness seminars were organised by Nature's Club to instigate and imbibe the core values within the students. Seminars were conducted to celebrate the birthday of eminent environmentalists, such as Gopal Chandra Bhattacharyya on 01.08.2019. Preservation of water resources, avoid wastage, proper drainage and attainment of sustainable source of clean water were key themes of seminar 'JOL' organised by Nature's Club on 20.8.2019. The honourable speakers Dr. Rahuldeb Biswas and Dr. Debabrata Mazumdar gave a keynote message regarding the proper utilization of water as a resource.



Tree plantation programme organised by Nature's Club and NSS units



Participation by students, external Nature's Club member and teachers and staff members



Survey of the plants for their proper maintenance

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Awareness seminars organized by Nature's Club

Women's Cell initiatives promoting gender amity and programmes of women wellbeing

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In its endeavour to empower women, the College has taken a number of initiatives to generate awareness among the girl students of our College by extending helping hands to the poor people of our society, organizing seminars and by celebrating commemorative days, etc.

Goal

The major aims of the practice followed by the institution are-

1. To sensitize all stakeholders of our institution on gender equity through conducting sensitivity programmes like celebrating relevant days, performing gender-centric programmes of wellbeing etc.
2. In order to educate young generations and local community about gender equity;
3. To assist pupils in developing a new perspective and attitude towards women in life;
4. To encourage students to participate in social work.

Context

It is acknowledged that raising the status of women in male-dominated societies can help with a number of issues, including addressing fundamental family needs, advancing society as a whole, and providing high-quality resources to help close the socio-cultural gap. As a subtle kind of gender discrimination that exists within the layers of social existence, women's empowerment has been given special priority in a progressive social construction. Additionally, it has been emphasised that if women's health is promoted, the process of women's empowerment can be properly started. It is now pertinent to say that financial inclusion is crucial for women's empowerment since it has significant advantages for both people and economies.

The practice

The major practices that the institution followed are-

- a. Arrangement of seminars by the women cell of our college by eminent invited speakers to deliver lectures, thereby inculcating valuable knowledge and thoughts in the minds of teachers students and others;

- b. Organizing seminars for generation of awareness regarding issues of girls and women included one of the practices of Women's Cell this session. Our Principal Sir delivered lecture addressing the issue of the declining child sex ratio in our community. Discrimination against girl children, for various demographic and socio-economic factors, has combined with the modern technology resulting increase in abortions of foetuses identified as female during ultrasonic testing. The motto of the seminar was to aware the girl students regarding this social malpractice still running in some corners of our society.

Other speakers of the seminar raised awareness among the girl students by delivering lecture that reflected not only pre-birth gender-biased discrimination, and sex-selective abortion but post-birth discrimination by neglecting mother's health, nutrition, and compulsory educational needs of the girl child also. The speakers further expressed serious concern about the strong intra-family bias for son being the root cause of the problem that is still prevailing in our society. Thirty teachers and one hundred students were present in the seminar.

- c. The Women's Cell of our College has observed International Women's Day on 6th march, 2020 with the presence of Professor Paramita Biswas, founder of Prithischandra Biswas Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Dasghara of Hooghly district. She delivered her precious speech to motivate our students and others present in the seminar. Adwitiya, the Women's Cell wall magazine was published by the invited resource person Prof. Biswas. She really enjoyed the that moment and said, "I am very much impressed to see the fine floral decoration done by the rural girl students." Ten teachers and sixty students were present in the programme.
- d. Another event to distribute clothes to the marginal people by Women's Cell of our institution demands a real credit. On September 30, 2019 five teachers, two non-teaching staff went to Tarakeswar Railway Station to distribute clothing and sanitary napkins to the women living in the adjacent slum. Instead of being an age-old as well as historic rail station, Tarakeswar Rail Station (8 km from college) carries a big slum in its vicinity, where every shadow of poverty is transparent. It is a duty to extend a generous hand to the slum dwellers by distributing clothes and sanitary napkins to them. Generating awareness and educating social as well life skill to the students was a motto of the programme that will surely help them to be a good human-being in near future.

- e. The last but not the least is the event of protesting Dr. Priyanka Reddy rape case by our College Women's Cell, students and teachers, all took part in a rally from our college to the nearby villages.

Evidence of success

1. Many female students are enrolling in the college from nearby and distant areas, indicating that our institution values its female students.
2. As of now, there has not been a single complaint made to a higher authority about the dismal working conditions at the college.

Problems encountered and resource required

More female restrooms and washrooms are currently needed on the college campus. The college authorities is unable to fix the poor infrastructure facility due to a lack of funding. Financial constraints stand in the way of organizing more qualitative gender-centric programmes, introducing vocational training for girl students, organizing awareness-generation workshops, or inviting the resource persons, whatever it is.

Some Glimpses of the Practice



Photo 1. Lecture delivered by Prof. Paramita Biswas on the occasion of International Women's Day at Rabindra Mahavidyalaya, Champadanga



Photo 2. A cordial reception of Prof. Biswas by the student of our College



Photo 3. A cordial reception of Prof. Biswas by Prof. Dr. Papiya Dutta



Photo 4. Women’s Cell Wall Magazine ‘Adwitiya’ waiting to be published by Prof. Biswas on International Women’s Day



Photo 5. Speech delivered by our Principal Dr. Prasanta Bhattacharyya in the “Beti Bachao Beti Padhao” programme



Photo 6. Clothes and sanitary napkin distribution to Tarakeswar slum women by Women's Cell of Rabindra Mahavidyalaya



Photo 7. A protest on Dr. Priyanya Reddy rape case by the Women's Cell



Photo 8. A rally on protest of Dr. Priyanya Reddy rape case by the Women's Cell

- *Publication of Wall Magazine by Prof. Paramita Biswas Video Link*

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- *Celebration of International Women's Day Video Link:*

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- *Link of speech delivery of Prof. Biswas*

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