

Best Practice 1. “Go green by plantation of saplings”

- 1. Goal:** The College is a socially responsible institution, which fully appreciates the imperative to ensure that the environment in the campus and its vicinity is restored to a healthy level and further improved upon from time to time. To achieve this end, stakeholders are to be sufficiently sensitized, educated and actively involved.
- 2. The Context:** Environmental degradation affects all sections of the community and particularly the vulnerable sections that suffer to a debilitating extent. The social costs of environmental degradation are immense in terms of the ill effects on the health of the affected people. The students - as the core part of the future citizenry - need to be not only educated on these issues but also to be meaningfully involved in activities to proactively deal with the related problems.
- 3. The Practice:** The institution surveys the area available for plantation of saplings. This year it was decided to utilize the entire space available on the campus for plantation. 991 saplings in collaboration with forest department, government of Karnataka were planted on the campus. Every student was involved in plantation and nursing the plants
- 4. Evidence of Success:** Though drought condition prevailed in the entire Karnataka state, efforts were made to water the pits. Regular weeding was done. Support poles were given. Pesticides were sprayed to prevent termite infection. Hence, we could nurse the plants 916 (out of 991). We are happy with the success rate.
- 5. Problems encountered and resources required:** No problems were faced
- 6. Notes:** We are happy to mention here that all our stakeholders are enjoying the comfortable stay at the environment friendly campus during working hours
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II. Best Practice “Green Library”

- 1. Goal:** The students with free internet facility on various sim cards can browse different websites for education purpose. Stakeholders need the ideal atmosphere to sit and browse different websites.
- 2. The Context:** Having more than 1200 students on the campus, during free hours, stakeholders can sit at a comfortable place for browsing on the mobiles. Necessity was providing them a suitable platform.
- 3. The Practice:** The institution initiated the steps to convert the front side of the garden as ‘*Green Library*’ with lawns and benches.
- 4. Evidence of Success:** With 16 benches, shade of more than 45 huge - 50-year-old trees, lawn, greenery of palms, students in groups have begun to spend leisure hours for browsing various educational websites.
- 5. Problems encountered and resources required:** No problems were faced
- 6. Notes:** We are happy to mention here that all our stakeholders are making use of our green library apart from physical use of academic library.

SUMMARY: Sitting in the natural environment, more than 60% of our students who have smart phones have been browsing web pages, downloading the important information relevant for their semester syllabus. This new concept is well accepted by our students in general and the public along with parents, alumni have appreciated the effort of KLE management, in particular

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