BEST PRACTICE 1





TITLE: Obligation to Environment

Objectives of the practices: The College has sustained and taken various promotional efforts to maintain eco-friendly atmosphere within the college premise and its neighbouring areas. The college is situated in rural greenery surroundings. The college has a permanent unit named **Nature Club** led by Dr Biplab Deka, Associate Professor, Department of Assamese. The Nature Club, with the joint effort of Barbhag College Teachers Unit, students, NSS Unit, Ranger Team and College Authority have conducted various activities to create an environment conscious community in the greater Barbhag area. For the better benefit of the society and environment, the nature Club is established on 23rd November, 2003 with a motto ---"Help us to help you, save nature save you"

The objectives of the nature Club are mentioned below:

- 1. To aware the people and students about the relationship between human and nature.
- 2. To aware the people against the environment pollution by mobilising the students.
- 3. To aware the common people as well as students about the bio-diversity, protection of forest and wildlife conservation.
- 4. To identify and protect the medicinal plant of the local area and to make necessary arrangement about its research and use.
- 5. To take field visit programme to the local hotspot of nature and polluted places of cultural heritage.

Context:

Environment degradation is the burning issue in today's life. As an institution of higher Education, it becomes the prime responsibility of the college to work, and to boost up the sustainable activities as well as to create awareness among the students and the community in this regard. For that purpose the college, the nature club and other wings have conducted multiple activities for enhancing sustainable environment. The college has worked different activities regarding environmental issues with the help of the various stakeholders of the college. The approach of working in this sphere is a collective effort where teachers, no-teaching staff and student community engaged themselves in a participatory manner along with the neighbouring community.

Activities in different context:

1. Plantation

- 2. Energy conservation and green practice
- 3. Awareness programme such as eco friendly holi, eco-friendly diwali
- 4. Cleanliness drive

Evidence of Success

- 1. The college has maintained a green campus.
- 2. Satisfactory audit report
- 3. Electricity conservation works-installation of solar system, energy saving electrical gadget, sensor based bulbs, CFL bulbs etc.
- 4. Inclusive tree plantation and awareness programme
- 5. Publication of books, paper, articles on environment.
- 6. Quality of water

Problem Encountered

- ➤ Plantation drive initiatives although has got positive response from the community, yet the awareness for the maintenances of planted trees are still not enough. Repeated awareness programme could minimise the problem and for that college has striving continuous effort.
- Due to scarcity of cost effective alternative restriction, ban on single use plastic could not be implemented properly. Despite this hurdle, the college has taken regular awareness initiative against the use of plastic.

Notes: The College is thinking to make Nature Club as a permanent wing to work in promoting environmental issue with society registration.

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