



Vidyawardhini Sabha's
Arts, Commerce and Science College, Dhule

Internal Quality Assurance Cell

Best Practice No.-1

Academic Year- 2017-18

Title of the Practice:

Felicitation of Guests with Plants

1. Objectives of the Practice:

- To create an awareness of the environment
- To initiate plantation to make the eco-friendly and green campus
- To save monetary expenses

2. The Context:

During the academic year-2017-18, various kinds of activities and events like workshops, seminars and competitions etc. have been organized. The various commemorative days are also being organized in the year. In these activities or events, the institution invited the distinguished personalities as the resource person to address and inaugurate the same. The general practice of felicitating the guests or resource persons is by offering coconut, shawl, bouquet or flower. But it is experienced that, at the most of time, the guests do not prefer to carry the same with them. So the institution contemplated over this with its expenses and wastage and decided to felicitate the guests by offering the plants keeping in mind that it might be helpful to bring awareness about the environment. Hence, with this context, the practice was initiated by the institution.

3. The Practice:

In the beginning of the academic year-2017-18, the Principal and IQAC decided to apply this practice of felicitation of guests by offering the plants throughout the year. So the Principal issued notice to all Head of the departments and committee chairmen indicating how to adopt the practice. As per the instructions of the Principal, a day before of every activity or event, the support staff prepared the plants by wrapping them with colorful wasted papers. The plants were also collected from the students of environmental studies as an assessment from FYBA, FYBCom and FYBSc classes. On the day of the event or activity the guests were felicitated with these plants. After the event or activity is over, the guests carried the plants with them. If the guests did not prefer to carry them, it was planted in the campus at their worthy hands. As ours is the higher education institution, it is necessary to imbibe environmental consciousness in the minds of the students, we succeeded with this practice.

4. Evidence of Success :

- The practice benefitted the institution with the monetary savings. Earlier it used to buy coconut, shawl, bouquet or flowers to felicitate the guests and it used to be expensive in compare to this practice.
- It helped to increase floral, medicinal and other botanical plants in the campus.
- Due to plantation, the beautification of the campus is increased.
- The practice motivated the students and teachers to plant the trees in the campus.

5. Problems encountered and Resources required:

A) Problems encountered:

While executing this practice, we did not encounter any problem.

B) Resources required:

- The gardener is required for the proper conservation of plants.
- Proper sowing of bees and their protection.

Felicitation of the Guests by offering the Plants







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Best Practice No.-2

Academic Year- 2020-21

Title of the Practice:

Vehicle Free Day once in a Week

1. Objectives:

- To create an awareness to reduce pollution
- To encourage the students and teachers to use bicycles, public transport or to promote reaching campus by walk whichever is possible
- To inspire the society to save environment and reduce the use of fossil fuel
- To keep campus noise and air pollution free

2. The Context:

The campus of the institution is ecofriendly and it always strives to make the campus green, clean and nature friendly. But at the same time, it is observed that there is a rush of vehicles of the students, teaching and non-teaching staff, parents and visitors. It is conspicuously seen that the vehicles create noise and air pollution in the campus. The parking facility available for teaching, non-teaching staff and students is adjacent to science section, staff room and classrooms. The students and staff requested principal to find possible solution to reduce the movement of vehicles within the campus. The same issue was discussed by principal with management of the institution and unanimously it was decided to practice 'No Vehicle Day once in a Week'.

The fact of the problem and need of an hour forced institution to continue the same activity and fulfill moral responsibility to contribute to curb pollution.

4. The Practice:

As per the discussion of management and Principal, it was decided to practice 'No Vehicle Day once in a Week' i.e. on every Saturday. Accordingly, the Principal issues the notice to circulate among the staff and students to come by public transport or bicycle or as pedestrian on every Saturday. The students and staff follow the notice and they don't use petrol or diesel vehicles on the day. Some of the students and staff come by bicycle, e-bikes and public transport. Some of them come by walk which is feasible for them. If the students belated who come by public transport or by walk, they are allowed to enter the classroom.

5. Evidence of the Success:

The effect of the practice is seen that number of bicycle user students got increased as well as some teaching and non-teaching staff started using bicycle. During this activity, it is not allowed to enter with petrol and diesel vehicles in the campus. The most of the students and staff members started sharing vehicles and carpool practice (for unavoidable conditions) also got increased. It is resulted as a daily practice among the stakeholders. The most of the students prefer to use public transportation. The students who stay within city area use auto-rickshaw and out of city area use buses. The considerable response of use of bus facility is recognized by local MLA and made available bust stop facility close to the campus entrance which became convenient to all. It is also seen that staff purchased new bicycle and e-bike for their own uses. It is observed and felt that the campus became noise and pollution free on every Saturday and the same feedback received from the students, staff and other stakeholders.

6. Problem encountered and Resources required:

A) Problem encountered:

- Most of the students prefer to use vehicles as they reside far away from the campus.
- It is difficult to limit the use of vehicles during examination period.
- Frequency of availability of the public transportation and expensive fares limit the use of public transport.

B) Resources required

The practice does not need any physical, economic or any other kind of resources to execute it.

Parking during Vehicle Free Day once in a Week





