

## Best Practice - 1

### 1. Title of the Practice - **Response to the Covid-19 Pandemic situation**

### 2. Objectives of the Practice –

- Conducting awareness programs to help people understand Covid19.
- Strengthen existing health care system by providing masks and sanitizers.

### 3. The Context

The Covid-19 virus was first reported in China in December 2019. As time went on, it spread from one country to another and in about 5 to 6 months it spread almost in the entire world. The virus has infected millions of people in each country. Like other countries, the virus reached India in March 2020 and spread from one state to another. The situation in Maharashtra was getting worse day by day. Compared to other districts in Maharashtra, Pune district has come up with a lot more cases. The first public curfew was declared on March 22, 2020, with the state and central governments taking drastic steps to curb the spread of the corona virus. Soon after, a 15-day lockdown was imposed across the country and it continued. The lockdown had been going on for almost a year and a half, causing a lot of hardship to many current jobs, day laborers, street vendors. On the one hand, Covid epidemic was becoming a major threat, so the college had to strengthen the existing health services to meet the health needs. Awareness of covid19 pandemic was made through volunteers and instructions to maintain appropriate behavior and use of mask sanitizer were given.

### 4. The Practice –

Mask distribution was done to the needy people during 1<sup>st</sup> of May to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020. 33 volunteers participated in the activity.

Corona Awareness Programs: The program was organized on 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan. 2021 in which 49 students participated.

Poster Presentation: 63 N.S.S. Volunteers participated in Poster Presentation COVID19 awareness activity during 25<sup>th</sup> Aug. to 30<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2020

Survey Program: (My Family – My responsibility) – The state govt. initiated social awareness campaign was conducted during 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. to 25<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2021. 45 NSS volunteers participated in this activity. The volunteers carried out door to door survey in nine villages in the vicinity.

### **5. Evidence of Success**

- Citizens appreciated this initiative
- The people's representatives of the village thanked the students and professors for this initiative
- Citizens realized the importance of using masks and sanitizers
- The use of masks by citizens increased after this event

### **6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required**

- Corona's fear took time to motivate the students for this event
- Citizens were reluctant to register their participation by keeping safe distance
- Taking care of students regarding corona
- Maintaining safe distance between students

## Best Practice - 2

### 1. Title of the Practice – **Institutionalization of Environment friendly eco-system**

### 2. Objectives of the Practice

- To create awareness about environment conservation among students
- To take environment friendly steps at the institutional level.

### 3. The Context

Amidst the growing fear of global warming, it has become very important to act locally for environment conservation. The college is located in a semi urban area that is witnessing rapid demographic rise. The increasing population has created problems like air, water and noise pollution. It has become very important to make students coming from this background aware about these issues.

### 4. The Practice:

#### 1. **Analysis of institutional status of environment through systematic auditing:**

In order to take effective steps for environment conservation, the institution needs to analyse its environment status on parameters like greenery, energy consumption and environment friendliness. The college carried out Green, Energy and Environment Audits in collaboration with Sustainable Academe Sustainability Department of Greenio Solutions, Naigaon (An environment Design and Consultancy developing Healthy and Sustainable Environments). The Audit certificates and detailed report was submitted to the college.

2. **Vasundhara Pledge:** The government of Maharashtra has initiated the ambitious project of 'Mazi Vasundhara'. The College N.S.S. unit along with Geography dept. has actively participated in this campaign. Vasundhara awareness Pledge was organized on 20/01/2021 in which 45 volunteers participated.

3. **Ozone Day:** The World Ozone Day is celebrated every year in order to inform students about the decline in the Ozone layer and the way it affects nature all over the globe. The day was organized on 16/09/2021 in the college and 45 students participated in it.

4. **Water Day:** The world water day was organized on 22/03/2021 in order to create awareness about issue of water scarcity. 21 students participated in the activity.

**5. Tree plantation:** The college students planted trees at the places of their residence under 'Mazi Vasundhara' campaign on 30/07/2021. 90 students participated in this activity.

### **5. Evidence of Success**

1. There is growing awareness about environment conservation among the college students.
2. The tree plantation activity is appreciated by parents and other stakeholders in the society.
3. The institution has received comprehensive report on Green, Energy and Environment audit. The College can take necessary steps on the basis of the report.
4. The installation of Roof top solar has reduced expenditure on electricity bills.

### **6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required**

Students remain unaware about the issue even though; the college organizes various awareness programs to make students aware about environment conservation.