

# J. D. Women's College, Patna

## Best Practices

### **Title of the Practice: "ENVIRONMENTAL CONSCIOUSNESS"**

#### ➤ **Objectives of the Practice:**

- To promote environmental consciousness among all college members.
- To minimize the environmental impacts of all college operations
- To inculcate environmentally safe behaviour among all college members.

#### ➤ **The Context:**

The Climate Changes is causing natural disasters and distresses of unprecedented magnitude and frequency in the World. Moreover, local air, water and food pollutions are also killing. Therefore, we need to essentially practice and promote environmentally safe behaviour. *"Saving the Earth is saving Ourselves."*

#### ➤ **The Practice:**

For achieving the above objectives, we follow "Learning by Doing" principle. Other than classroom focus on environmental issues, frequent pro-environment events are organised in the college campus and beyond. All the girl students have been mandated to participate in such activities. We aim to make them lifelong practitioner and advocates of environmentally safe behaviour. However, financial constrain has been a limiting factor in this endeavour.

#### ➤ **Evidence of Success:**

The college maintains a clean, green, and environmentally safe campus. Carbon footprints of the college has been reduced through the use of solar power and up keep of plants and trees. Water-harvesting is done to recharge the ground water. High creeper fencing saves the campus from air pollution from surrounding roads.

#### ➤ **Problems Encountered and Resources Required:**

The most challenging problem was maintenance of all the pro-environment facilities during vacations. Paucity of adequate finance was another problem.

## **Title of the Practice: "UNITY IN CULTURAL DIVERSITY"**

### ➤ **Objectives of the Practice:**

- To promote unity and integrity in the culturally diverse college population.
- To promote the sense of equality among all students.
- To promote the spiritual value of "Oneness" among all the college members.

### ➤ **The Context:**

In view of cultural frictions happening in the country, the college decided to launch some special programmes to promote tolerance and appreciation towards each other's culture

### ➤ **Practice:**

A focussed and planned effort is made by the college to promote intercultural relations among students. We organise different cultural festivals like Holi, Id, Christmas etc. in the college for this purpose. Spiritual sense of "oneness" is inculcated among them to promote the sense of unity and equality.

### ➤ **Evidence of success:**

Students belonging to different cultures happily participate in each-other's cultural festivals. This testifies cultural harmony in the campus.

### ➤ **Problems Encountered and Resources Required:**

Cultural fundamentalism has been ingrained in the young minds since childhood. It is, therefore, difficult to bring about changes in their subconscious mind. Repeat exposure to intercultural events is the only way to bring about some positive changes therein. However, lack of sufficient fund to frequently organise such events is a serious limiting factor.