

Best Practice #1:

1. **Title of the Practice: Mid-day meal**
2. **Objectives of the Practice:** To provide free mid-day meal to the economically weak students.
3. **Context:** Most of the students of our College hail from poor and rural background. Most of them are not able to bring food from home, and so the teachers have decided to provide mid-day meal to them. An approximate amount of Rs. 5 lakh was collected as donation from the staff to this purpose.
4. **The Practice:** Applications are invited from needy students and an interview is conducted by a Selection Committee constituted by the Principal to identify poor students who really need the benefit of this scheme.
5. **Evidence of Success:** On experimental basis, the scheme was introduced free of cost for 75 students in the first year, and now there are around 200 students getting this benefit.
6. **Problems Encountered and Resources Required:** There are still some students who need the benefit of this scheme. Due to lack of resources, it is not possible to accommodate all of them. With help of donors, it is planned to extend the scheme to all needy students.

Best Practice #2:

1. **Title of the Practice: Green initiatives**
2. **Objectives of the Practice:** To maintain an eco-friendly campus.
3. **The Context:** Since the College is located in the heart of the city, there are a number of vehicles which ply in and around the campus making difficult to lower the temperature on the college campus.
4. **The Practice:** A holistic education is imperative to create socially responsible individuals. Higher education cannot limit itself to merely providing academic training. It is important that students are made aware of their duties and responsibilities towards society and the world at large. Being sensitive and responsive to the environment is a trait that has to be inculcated in children at a young age in school and reinforced at the level of higher education. To set an example and inspire all stakeholders to opt for environment friendly alternatives, the College has initiated the following practices:
 - **Solar energy and usage of LED bulbs:** The College has installed solar lights in the campus and rooftop solar panels and linked it with the existing Karnataka Electricity Board grid system. It has been initiated to replace all the existing bulbs with LED bulbs to reduce power consumption.
 - **Ban on plastic:** The usage of plastic is completely banned in the college campus.

- **Rainwater harvesting:** The College has initiated the creation of an infrastructure to facilitate rain water harvesting on a large scale. The green grounds around the College building allow the rainwater to percolate through the soil so that the deep water aquifer/underground water reserve gets replenished.
- **Vermicomposting:** It is initialized to set-up a vermicomposting unit in the College, which will help to promote organic gardening.
- **Saving paper:** The College is consciously working towards reducing the use of paper by way of digitalization of documents and introduction of e-academic management system, which involves digital management of students' academic details including marks, attendance, etc. The College also encourages duplex printing and photocopying and recycling of paper.
- **E-waste management:** Repairing and recycling of laptops, computer hardware, and projectors is encouraged and executed frequently. Some departments use overhauled computer peripherals and laptops as a part of this process. Disposal of unusable hardware is achieved through buy-back policies and the money is utilized to get new and upgraded equipment.

5. **Evidence of Success:** Each initiative undertaken by the College is a small step towards the greater good of humankind. It must be understood that these initiatives take time to bring about significant changes, however the efforts are bearing fruit and gradual changes are becoming visible.

- There has been a sharp decline in the total electricity consumption after the installation of solar lights and LED bulbs.
- The construction of tanks for rain water harvesting has been initiated, and it is hoped that by the end of 2020, the project of rain water harvesting will be successfully implemented.
- As hoped for, vermicomposting has been successfully implemented
- By the end of 2020, it has been decided to establish e-academic management system and duplex printing so that the usage of paper is drastically reduced.

6. **Problems Encountered and Resources Required:** Financial constraints remain the biggest problem for expensive green initiatives like rain water harvesting. The College is attempting to raise funds for this through a number of channels. Educating the local community about green initiatives so that they too adopt adequate measures.