

Gujarat Arts & commerce College (Evening), Ahmedabad

Best Practices Year 2021-22

➤ Enrichment Beyond Classroom (EBC)

- **The Context:**

- In current market scenario, students with just bookish knowledge or basic academic skills might find tough to get decent jobs or even if they chose the path of entrepreneurship, lack of basic expression and communication skills would hinder their growth.

- **Objective:**

- The main objective for taking up this Institute had decided to provide platform for an all-round 360 degrees development of students beyond the regular syllabus.

- **Practice:**

The institute enthusiastically implemented following activities into genuine practice with active involvement from students -

- *Finishing School- 80 hours programme for Additional Communicative Skills as well as Personality Development*
- *Digital and Financial Literacy Certificate Programme offered by Commerce Department*
- *Student Visits to Historic and Cultural Heritage Local Places by Arts Department*
- *Active Innovation Club in the College*
- *College Magazine - Samvak*

- **Evidence of Success:**

- In Finishing School 39 students completed the 80 hours Certificate Course during the year and were awarded Certificate for the same.
- Around 40+ students actively participated in the Digital and Financial Literacy Certificate Programme.
- Arts Students and took inspirations from the heritage walk visits to historic places or places rich in terms of cultural/literature heritage.
- Students of the Innovation Club were inspired to take active involvement in various activities organised by KCG, I-hub or Government of Gujarat in context of Student Innovation.
- College Magazine- 'Samvak' acted as a platform to bring out creativity of students as well as faculties and to celebrate the achievements during the year & present the report of all the various activities done by various committees during 2021-22.

- **Problems Encountered:**

- Due to Covid-19 situation, many events and activities where offline participation would bring in better results were either conducted online or postponed

➤ **GO-GREEN INITIATIVES-**

- **The Context:**

With rising water levels along with global temperatures, Gujarat is no different. According to one article, mean temperatures in Gujarat have risen up to a maximum of 2.9 degree Celsius between 1986-2019 and it could rise further by a maximum of 5 degree Celsius by end of 21st century. The Youth of India can be the flag bearer of change in this problem. If they are well aware about the climate change and some of the ways to curb it, even a small effort at institutional level can bring in a wave effect amongst others. With these noble intentions several Green practices were adopted during the year 2021-22

- **Objective:**

The main objective of Green Initiatives was to bring a general awareness amongst the youth of our college and thereby society at large towards Climate Change and Environmental protection through various interventions like tree-plantation drives, waste-management initiatives, campus 'go-green' initiatives, green energy etc.

- **Practice:**

After thorough introspection, college took up several little steps of change for Green In initiatives. Some of them being –

- The distance from main gate of Gujarat College Campus to Gujarat Arts and Commerce College (Evening) building is almost 150 meters plus. The students are not allowed to enter with their vehicles near College Building and are asked to park their vehicles at Student parking next to the main gate. Although minuscule in nature, this initiative serves a dual purpose of 'Saving fuel' as well as 'Saving Nature'.
- Starting from 21-22, it was decided as far as possible, in any college function or event, the guest should be felicitated with a Tulsi-Pot or any Plant with a Pot. Replacing a book/gift with a Plant was indeed need of the hour and hence this green initiative was put into practice by the institute.
- Outside the Campus Green initiatives were taken up by the students of NSS and NCC under various events.
- The college premises was declared as 'No plastic Zone' and students were made well aware about the same.
- The data of Students mode of transportation was collected, and the results showed that almost 70% of our students who took the survey, used public transport for travelling to college. This in itself being a good green practice, was well conveyed back to the students.

- **Evidence of Success:**

Even a smallest step at elementary level to save mother earth would make a bigger impact if the Youth of the country are involved. The college has 3000+ students enrolled in Arts and Commerce programme. The direct reach of any activity or initiative would be indeed exemplary. NSS / NCC students planted trees in plantation drives across the year. The NSS / NCC students also took up 'Puneet Sagar Abhiyan' beyond college campus and **150 NCC and**

NSS students of the college took the initiative of cleaning the places near Ahmedabad city such as Kankariya Lake, Chandola Lake, Sabarmati riverfront, Law Garden till 5th June 2022. Apart from that, the use and throw paper-cups used for serving daily tea/coffee to staff members was replaced by Stainless-Steel cups. Most guests who visited the college complimented the college initiative of gifting them a 'Tulsi pot' (plant-pot) and promised to take due care of the gift along with conscious care of nature.

- **Problems Encountered:**

Mostly, the path of nature doesn't have problems, rather solutions. For outside the campus drives it was difficult to take up all students and hence the support of NSS/NCC students were taken. Across the year it was observed that apart from green initiatives and cleanliness drives, one significantly rising waste content – 'e-waste' deserved further detailed attention. It was decided to take up more initiatives centring e-waste reduction and disposal.