

BEST PRACTICES FOR 2018 - 2019

KRISHI VANDAN - ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AND CONSERVATION

Objective - To promote and encourage organic farming and motivate the educated youth to join the agricultural enterprise through a pilot project on organic farming involving a hands on training on eco-friendly agricultural practices. To contribute to community development by the up-gradation of farming skills and techniques with an enhanced awareness for the environment.

Context - All over the world, the imperatives of organic farming have been reassessed and reiterated at every concerned forum. In India it has a special bearing as it is a predominantly agricultural economy with a booming population. Organic farming along with its concomitants and eco-friendly dimensions and quality production is the need of the hour. This college is a part of the rural vicinity and as such, most of its students have an agricultural background. However, there is a tendency of the youth to relinquish farming once they enroll for graduation or after graduating. This has, on the one hand hindered the development of the rural areas and on the other has led to overcrowding in the towns. S.R.L.S. College, Kaladera has taken an initiative to set up an organic Demo Farm under the aegis of Commissionerate College education involving institution like Morarka foundation with a visionary approach of helping students of the institution and the local farmers to switch over to eco-friendly organic practices.

Practice and Evidence of Success - Krishi Vandana Kendra (Demo farm), an organic farming initiative as a joint venture with Morarka Foundation, a pioneer NGO in the field of organic farming has been set up to serve as knowledge and resource center for improving the agricultural economy of the area by linking the national research with extension system and farmers.

This programme is related to organic farming, which includes preparation of land for farming, cultivation and production of vegetables, fruits, flowers etc. As the institution is located in rural area and mainly dependent on farming, through this programme farmers of this area are benefitted. We can help the farmers regarding pesticides, fertilizers, hybrid seeds of fruits and vegetables.

Training to students and faculty members on farming and allied activities was given to promote agro-based learning-earning aptitude among students on the basis of training-cum-practice programme. The first training programme was organized on 13th September 2018 in Jaipur which was attended by faculty and students. Trainings were imparted to the students (mostly belonging to the agrarian and pastoral community) and local farmers on organic farming on various topics like soil fertility management, principles and practices of organic farming, organic input production technologies, use of natural and organic manure, documentation in organic farming and post harvest techniques etc., both at farmer's field and at the Krishi Vandana Kendra in the campus. Environment friendly technologies have been developed to recycle segregated

solid waste and waste water recycling. During the year 2018-19, around 70 farmer families were trained by the enthusiastic students and faculty members of the institution.

HELP - MENTORING THE STUDENTS

Objective – Mentor the students to achieve their potential, ensuring all round development by utilizing all the resources available in the college. The college augments the facilities every year to fulfill this goal.

Context – Located in the rural belt, the role of the college is pertinent as far as higher education is concerned. The students enrolled in this college have a dearth of resources and opportunities. As such this government institution can and has contributed to the development of the students.

Practice and Evidence of Success – Students’ assistance or support centers, inter faculty dialogue forums, basic amenities, classroom teaching related improvement, teacher-student dialogue for help and mentoring beyond classrooms etc. are an integral part of the institutional system. Right from admission till they pass out, the students are constantly under the able guidance of highly qualified faculty dedicated to their growth and evolution into better and responsible citizens. The faculty guides and advises the students. A personal relationship is created which facilitates a better understanding of students’ aspiration, strength and weaknesses. This initiative supports student’s continuous growth, development and building of personal and professional capabilities.

Recognizing the importance of ICT for teaching and learning, the institution has promoted and facilitated it in a big way. Faculty has been encouraged and trained to use ICT for imparting knowledge. It uses audio – visual equipments for power point presentations as well as slides and e-content available on SAKSHAT web portal to teach students. The use of e- content on NPTEL, CEC-UGC, V-Labs, A-view and other related websites not only benefits the students but also broadens the horizons of critical thinking of the faculty.

The use of smart devices such as smartboards, digital cameras, projectors, video conferencing tools, audio recording tools has greatly enhanced the quality of teaching and learning. Tapping on the accessibility of phones, the apps like **Dishari** and **Hello English (UPER)** were developed as a part of the **Navachar** initiatives by the government. These apps greatly facilitate and enhance learning on the go. The students have been motivated to download and use **Dishari** and **Hello English** apps for competitive exams and proficiency in spoken English respectively.

Efforts are made to provide the students with not only an ICT supplementing the conventional teaching- learning experience but also with an exposure to the outside world. An Employment

Fair was held in the college as a part of this endeavour. There is a Placement cell in the institution to provide career guidance.

The college has provided basic infrastructural support along with pedagogical environment and guidance. Lectures on time management, anger management, legal awareness, Indian constitution, CV writing, employability and communication skills, preparing for competitive exams and personality development by experts are organized. Computer education, as part of the course curriculum along with IT enabled teaching has furthered the goal of imparting quality education. The extra - curricular activities like games and sports, quizzes, debates, essay writing, dance, singing, group discussion and extension activities like NSS, NCC are conducted in the college. These provide the forums for molding the personalities of the students into better citizens.