

BEST PRACTICE -I

TITLE OF THE PRACTICE: GCC BLISSFUL GREEN

OBJECTIVES OF THE PRACTICE:

- ✓ To maintain an eco-friendly environment in and around the college campus
- ✓ To create conscious behavior and awareness and amongst the student community and other stakeholders.
- ✓ To act responsibly towards environment and act as a model for the area surrounding the institution for maintaining environment sustainability.

THE CONTEXT AND THE PRACTICE

The World Health Organization (WHO) calls climate change the greatest threat to human health India has put climate change at the Centre of its environment policies 2021,

At this juncture, every step small or big, for protection and sustenance of the environment will count. Environment sustainability and maintaining an eco-friendly environment has been in the top priority list of the institution as has also been enshrined in the NEP 2020. The institution being in the middle of the city with concrete jungle all around, has tried its level best to maintain a proper green and eco-friendly environment in and around the campus. From time to time the institution has initiated various steps for conserving and preserving the available natural resources. The institution has installed solar panels (being pioneers among educational institutions in this part of the country to install solar panels), LED bulbs etc as a step towards energy conservation.

For making the campus green and beautiful, the institution has landscaped it with various trees and plants which include a number of medicinal plants. A Green Belt is also therein the college with various useful trees and plants. To convert the bio degradable waste generated by the college canteen and hostel kitchen, a Vermicomposting unit has been set, which converts the waste into organic fertilizer. The fertilizer is used in the plants and trees which are there in the campus.

The campus is situated in a very Urban locality which intensifies the concrete surrounding. Due to which there is a problem of ground water as due to the concretization the rain water penetration into the ground is less. But the water body and the open ground of the college provides a relief to the surrounding as it facilitates the penetration of rain water into

underground.

Being a hardcore commerce institute and the availability of natural resources, the college has already contemplated on the blue print of Vertical Farming and Bio floe Fish Farming under the supervision of the Environmental Studies department.

The water body present not only contributes positively to the atmosphere but also is the home of local breeds of fish but also attracts birds. The area of wetlands was large in yesteryears and a hub for migratory birds. The college has preserved a small area for the natural cause as rest of the area had to be filled due to expansion program.

The campus is declared as plastic free and tobacco free. In campus and Off campus environment awareness programs along with students are conducted by the institution to enhance knowledge and awareness towards the environment.

One of the biggest challenge or problem encountered by the institution for years was the problem of flood. This problem has been solved by installing pumps and proper drainage system.

EVIDENCE OF SUCCESS

- 1) Lush green environment
- 2) Clean and Cool campus
- 3) Local Fruits (Mango, Guava, Banana, Berry, Amla, etc.), herbs etc. available for the Students, Faculty and Staff
- 4) Lessening of Carbon Footprint
- 5) The Project work, under the Environmental Studies departments, of the students are assigned and completed in the College.
- 6) The college was a home to a lot of migratory birds in yesteryears. But due to urbanization the number has come down but has not become zero.
- 7) The water hyacinth in the water bodies and other growth are used by nearby community rearing cows.
- 8) The Electricity Bill has come down due to the Solar Panels

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AND RESOURCES REQUIRED

Initiation and implementation of every good and noble work doesn't come without different kinds of problems.

Conserving and preserving environment is the urgent need of the day. As such while taking the various initiatives for maintaining a sustainable environment, the following problems are usually

encountered. Due to the location and position of the institution, during rainy season, the institution used to face the problem of water logging and flood. But this problem has been solved by the institution by installing machinery which pumps out the water from the campus and with the help of a proper drainage system. Other than that no major problems have been encountered by the institution in implementing the plans to create an eco-friendly environment. Finance also proves to be a hurdle. The college is mainly dependent on the Fees collected from the student for its sustenance. But the college is facing a financial strain during the last few years due to the Free admission.

Resources are required for maintaining the vermin composting unit, solar panels and the energy saving lighting units. Saplings are sometimes purchased for planting. The garden and the Green Belt are maintained by the college gardener. But during rainy season the growth of weeds are tremendous and such the maintenance of the natural surrounding becomes tedious.

BEST PRACTICE-2

Title: Empowered Knowledge Centre

As the Sanskrit maxim “**BidyayaBimuchyate**” gets enunciated, the notion of knowledge liberating the mankind for its holistic welfare reverberates: the aphorism across the logo of Gauhati Commerce College, thus links itself with how commerce education symbolized by the loaded freight-liner ‘barge’ signifies world economy in its macrocosmic appeal *potraying the spirit of Gauhati Commerce College*. The tree of knowledge along with its diversified leaves of various branches, as displayed in the emblem, is expected to combat the dark winds of ignorance and illusion, thereby ushering in a new horizon of material prosperity and spiritual well-being, ideologically liberating yet socially restrained, strategically progressive yet inherently sanguine.

Standards in any strata articulate expectations of quality or quantity for each evaluation criteria.

Since its inception, Gauhati Commerce College has been a diligent medium to provide the students with the best facilities for expanding their wings of knowledge with the skills of soaring higher in the value oriented sky of entrepreneurship and innovation. The series of programmes conducted by various departments from time to time channelize the students’ potentials in more than one way, especially guiding them through hand on experiments, thereby teaching them both participation and team spirit, ultimately honing up the methodologies for enhancing learning experiences. Emulating the ideology of “It’s all for Students” the institution prepares a fertile ground so as to transport the ideology into “Students for all”, the ground work being prepared by the Programmes as follows:

Gauhati Commerce College has always believed in the holistic development of the student. Teaching-Learning –Evaluation process has been the core, for the functioning of the college.

Effective curriculum delivery is ensured and documented through a well-planned time table, teaching plan, academic calendar, workload distribution and systematic evaluation.

Students being the focal point, learning is made student- centric by adhering to activities like discussion mode of learning, assignments, oral test, class presentation, doubt clearing sessions, remedial classes.

The Classes are conducted with regularity and attendance of students are considered strictly (relaxation was done during the Covid 19 Period). The Faculty was very fast in switching to online mode during the pandemic even with the minimum apparatus. The College opened a Official You Tube Channel to upload classes of different subjects.

For the development of Teaching, staff council meetings are held for reflections and retrospections. Participation in professional development workshops or programs are encouraged. Reflection is done on implementing new methods of teaching or assessing learning or description of instructional improvement projects.

The administration has an innovative method of supervising the conduct of classes (probably the only college with this system) in the institution. A Grade IV staff maintains an official booklet where daily class details are recorded as –how many class were not held (which is very rare as classes of Faculty member who are Absent are always taken up by the colleagues), combined class taken and the reason behind it, proxy teacher and the reason behind it. The booklet is countersigned by the Principal of the college everyday taking note of the events.

Learning is a continuous process. It has been a common phenomenon that reading habit among the young generation is dwindling. In the final semester, during the preparation of the projects, the college has made it a rule that all the students have to visit the library and read books of their project topic.

In this era of GIG economy, skills related to Leadership, negotiation, counselling, communication, public relations, team building, etc. will not serve purpose significantly unless they flow from a value based pure mind.

The college has a large playground for the students with various sports facility, Yoga,, societal involvement, culture, mental wellness are very much emphasised.

In every phase of life, the process of evaluation takes place in one form or the other. Evaluation process is conducted in strict and disciplined manner. The unbroken cycle of social evolution resolves around the evaluation process.

Gauhati Commerce College has its mechanism for internal assessment as per the guidelines of Gauhati University. The College has the provision of transparent Sessional / Internal Examination for every Semester for both UG and PG courses. The college has an established Examination Committee which conducts the Internal Examination (for CBCS 30 Marks and for non- CBCS 20 Marks) of all B.Com students centrally while the Department of MBA, M.Com and BBA conduct examinations of the students respectively. For centrally conducted Internal Examinations, the college has a provision of conducting a meeting of Principal, Vice-Principal, all the Head of the Departments and the Examination-in-Charges for the fixation of dates and other related matters for smooth functioning of the examination. Accordingly the Examination Branch / departments notify the Time Schedule for the examination well in advance for the students and faculty members. Punctuality is strictly encouraged during examination for both faculty members and other staff.

The whole cycle centered around student development can be summarized as:



The College has been found successful in adapting its education system into a hybrid form. It took no time in adopting the online method of imparting knowledge during the Pandemic and had successfully stood up to its motto – “Dissemination of information and knowledge as a Centre of excellence in higher education by imparting quality education and pursuing research studies”.