



7.2.1 Describe two best practices successfully implemented by the Institution as per NAAC format provided in the Manual

Response:

1. Title of the Practice: “GKCE-Clean and Green campus”: Towards Building a Ecological and Hygienic College Campus

a. Objectives of the Practice

At GKCE, we strive to create a model of education that is based on compassion and mindful living. The Green Campus initiative began with an objective of fostering a culture of eco-friendly practices and making the campus environmentally sustainable. We aim to build a campus that is plastic free, produces minimal waste, and remain clean and green. This is a collective endeavour of our students, staff and neighbouring community in an effort to recognize our place and responsibility on this planet.

b. The Practice

- Cutting trees on campus is strictly prohibited; GKCE plants new trees each year and maintains the green environment.
- The campus is single-use plastic free. Steel crockery is used in the canteen. Environment-friendly, energy-saving electrical appliances that reduce wasteful inefficiencies have been installed. The electrical wiring is protected against leakage.
- College uses CFL and conventional light sources with LED lighting.
- GKCE has been appreciated by ITC Limited for partnering with WOW-Wellbeing out of waste a nationwide recycling initiative of ITC and contributing 5290 Kgs of dry recyclable waste for recycling during 2021-22.
- E-Waste Awareness and Collection campaigns have been organized.

2. Title of the Practice: “Treat Sanitary workers with respect”- Pay respect and gratitude to sanitary workers of GKCE

a. Objectives of the Practice:

Mahatma Gandhi, the father of our Nation and flagbearer of cleanliness once said, “Sanitation is more important than political independence.” GKCE is very keen in maintaining hygienic environment with the support of sanitary workers of the college. In addition to healthcare professionals, there is another of people at the frontlines of the global crisis caused by COVID-19. They put their lives at risk every day and play a critical role in preventing the spread of the virus, by ensuring streets, parks, public spaces, sewers, septic tanks, communities, and public toilets are kept clean and hygienic.

After pandemic GKCE realized the importance of sanitary workers who provide an invaluable service in maintain the campus clean and hygiene. It is decided to honour the sanitary workers since 2020.

b. The Practice

- Get together is arranged and Sanitary employers are honoured with complements every year.
- Competitions like Rangoli, Mahanadi designs are conducted exclusively for sanitary employees of GKCE and prizes have been given.
- Separate rest room is allocated for Sanitary workers.
- Free Bus facility is provided.
- Gloves and masks are provided to keep them away from infections.